

# DECISION OF COUNCILLOR ELFAN AP REES

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, HIGHWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING.

# WITH ADVICE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

#### **DECISION NO 15/16 DE 277**

**SUBJECT:** Joint Local Transport Plan, 3 Year Implementation Programme.

#### **Background:**

The Joint Local Transport Plan 3 (JLTP3) for the West of England sub-region covers a fifteen year period from 2011 to 2026 with a requirement for Local Authorities to meet the policies and objectives that are set out in the JLTP3.

In July 2014 DfT confirmed the council's settlement for 2015/16 to 2017/18 and indicative allocations for 2018/19 to 2020/21 for the Integrated Transport element.

Allocated funding for 2016/17 onwards is shown below against previous year as a comparison:

|                      | 2014/15  | 2015/16  | 2016/17  | 2017/18  | 2018/19  |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                      | Historio | Historic | Final    | Final    | Final    |
| Integrated Transport | £1.018m  | £0,972m  | £0.875m  | £0.875m  | £0.875m  |
| Maintenance          | £3,399m  | E4,012m  | £3.901m* | £3.868m* | £3.699m* |

<sup>\*</sup> Assumes 10% top slice is reinstated

The programme is also funded by NSC capital and revenue budgets as well as funding from other sources.

The total allocated funding for 2016/17 is as follows:

LTP Integrated Transport £0.875m LTP Maintenance £3.901m

Other funding sources:

£ 2,500k NSC Capital NSC Capital NSC Revenue £ 1,181k Major Transport Scheme £ 14,449 £ 5,260k City Deal LGF £ 1.537k Invest to save £ 350k S106 contributions £ 408k £ 38k Other

The detailed programme for highway maintenance has been derived from asset management principles using data from road condition surveys, officer inspection and customer reports. The level of spend on A and B roads is based on maintaining their overall current condition with the remaining additional funding focussed on minor road network so as to make a significant difference in its condition. 3.5 The programme has been prepared in accordance with the objectives of the JLTP3 and to help meet local priorities recognising where progress has been made against previous JLTP targets.

The Integrated Transport programme has been prepared in accordance with the objectives of the JLTP3 and to help meet local priorities recognising where progress has been made against previous JLTP targets. The programme includes schemes for capital works, to improve highway safety, safer routes to school, public transport, pedestrian and cycling links and schemes to relieve traffic congestion.

#### **DECISION:**

That the Executive Member approves the 2016/17 to 2018/19 Joint Local Transport Plan, 3 year Implementation Programme.

#### Reasons:

The implementation programme arises from the priorities and objectives of the Joint Local Transport Plan 3 (JLTP3) covering the years 2011- 2026 which was approved at North Somerset Full Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and was implemented in April 2011. It is a statutory document that the authority has a duty to produce and review.

#### **Other Alternatives Considered:**

The schemes that have been entered onto the programme have been prioritised according to:

- Contribution towards meeting JLTP3 objectives
- Contribution towards meeting Corporate Plan objectives
- Risk element for not undertaking the work
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Benefit to the community
- Deliverability
- Overall value for money

Other schemes have been considered but have not been included as they do not contribute so highly to the above criteria.

## Risk Assessment:

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

| Risk Threat/<br>Opportunity   | Likelihood<br>(1-4) | Impact<br>(1-4) | Inherent<br>Risk<br>Score* | Risk Summary<br>Risk Control<br>Measures  | likelihood<br>reduction | Impact<br>reduction | Residual<br>Risk<br>Score | Risk<br>Owner<br>Directorate        |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Availability of staff to implement schemes                              | 3                   | 4               | 12                         | Use term consultants and contract staff to manage peaks in workload.                            | 1                       | 4                   | 4                         | Highways<br>and<br>Transport<br>D&E |
| Scheme cost inflation (Integrated Transport)                            | 3                   | 3               | 9                          | Allow for cost inflations within budgets  | 3                       | 2                   | 6                         | Highways<br>and<br>Transport<br>D&E |
| Insufficient<br>project<br>management<br>resources                      | 3                   | 3               | 9                          | Ensure officers<br>have sufficient<br>Continued<br>Professional<br>Development                  | 2                       | 3                   | 6                         | Highways<br>and<br>Transport<br>D&E |
| Insufficient<br>funding for<br>consultant<br>support                    | 3                   | 3               | 9                          | Maximise in-<br>house expertise<br>and resource   | 2                       | 2                   | 4                         | Highways<br>and<br>Transport<br>D&E |
| Scheme cost inflation (maintenance)                                     | 3                   | 3               | 9                          | Develop joint procurement with JLTP partners  | 3                       | 2                   | 6                         | Highways<br>and<br>Transport<br>D&E |
| Deterioration<br>in condition of<br>network due<br>to severe<br>weather | 4                   | 4               | 16                         | Maintenance<br>programme<br>based on road<br>condition<br>surveys<br>following severe<br>winter | 2                       | 3                   | 6                         | Highways<br>and<br>Transport<br>D&E |
| Term<br>maintenance<br>contract ends                                    | 3                   | 3               | 9                          | Investigate alternatives  | 3                       | 1                   | 3                         | Highways<br>and<br>Transport<br>D&E |

#### **Financial Implications:**

Implications for Future Years:

The Maintenance Programme for 2016/17 is fully funded whilst the Integrated Transport Programme is intentionally over-committed by £28k. Experience suggests that the programme will evolve during the year to reflect changes or delays to individual schemes. It is recommended that the programme be approved over budget at this stage so that when individual schemes are delayed or do not go ahead it will reduce the likelihood of an under spend at the end of the programme. The programme will be regularly monitored to ensure that it comes in on budget and where scheme changes are required, Executive Member approval will be sought for the changes at such time as is necessary.

The maintenance programme for 2017/18and 2018/19 is over-committed by £560k and £1070k respectively. The final programme will be dependent on annual condition surveys and final budgets. Similarly the Integrated Transport programme for the same period is currently over-committed by £530k and £420k respectively. Each will be reviewed in the light of current circumstances at the time for the Executive Member approval of a 3 year forward programme.

| Detailed above  |
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| Signed The Executive Member for Strategic Planning Highways, Economic Development and Housing |
| Dated. 1/4/16   |
| Confirmation of Advice Given  |
| Signed Mulli Director of Development & Environment  |
| Dated 1/4/16  |