

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director for Place

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Cabinet
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Agenda
Item No.

Information report on Review of Local Transport Plan 3 document

Place Scrutiny Committee
Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Members about the minor revision of the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3), and the introduction of a new Implementation Plan for years 2015/16 – 2020/21.

2. Recommendations

- 1. To agree the amendments and revised LTP3 Statutory Document to reflect current Government legislation.**
- 2. To agree the Implementation Plan for years 2015/16 – 2020/21 which will replace the current plan, which finishes on 31st March 2015.**
- 3. That delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, Waste and Transport to make any minor variations to the LTP3 Implementation Plan.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The 3rd Local Transport Plan (LTP3) which is a statutory document was adopted by the Council in March 2011.
- 3.2 The Transport Act 2000 requires that Local Transport Plans (LTP) contain a **strategy and an implementation plan** (the proposals for delivery of the policies contained in the strategy).
- 3.3 The LTP3 is Southend's 15 year transport strategy covering 2011/12 – 2025/26. The Implementation Plan is a four period from 2011/12 – 2014/15, which coincides with the Government's spending plans that were announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20th October 2010.

- 3.4 In the report that went to Cabinet in March 2011, Members were advised that the LTP3 would be kept under review and may need to be revised in the event of changes to national policy or wider local priorities, or in the light of how the strategy is performing.
- 3.5 It is in this light that the LTP3 has been reviewed to take into account changes to legislation and to update the Government's policies and plans especially where they have been revoked.
- 3.6 Members should also be aware that the Implementation Plan (IP) will expire 31st March 2015, and in order to take forward the policies within the Strategy a new IP is required, which should align with the current Government fiscal plans for 2015/16 – 2020/21.
- 3.7 A full list of changes are detailed in the appendices. Appendix 2 details the changes to LTP3, whilst Appendix 4 details the changes to the Implementation Plan.
- 3.8 An example of the type of changes being proposed is removing some words such as 'MoveEasy' and replacing with 'IdeasinMotion' or update to acts of Parliament (where the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) has been replaced with the Equality Act 2010), updating on Central Government policies. The summaries (listed as appendices) to both documents give a fuller explanation attached to this report.
- 3.9 The final Strategy and Implementation Documents will be made available on the Council's website as from 1st April 2015. There is no requirement to submit these formally to the Department for Transport, but notification of the update will be sent to all the Council's transport stakeholders including DfT. The content of these documents is relevant to transport Business Case development and applications for funding.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 One option would be to continue with the existing documents, however, if the revised LTP3 and IP is not agreed the Council will not meet its statutory obligation and this could affect future funding. The Strategy Document has outdated polices contained within it, and the LTP3 is also used as a bidding document for funding applications for transport related schemes.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 The Council needs to ensure that it has an up-to-date transport strategy and it is fit for purpose, therefore it is essential that the strategy document and any associated documents reflect this.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 *Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities*

6.1.1 The Third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) 2011/12 – 2025/26 aims to deliver the Council's vision, as reflected in the Corporate Plan, of 'Creating a better Southend' and supports its' 5 aims.

6.2 Financial Implications

6.2.1 If an up-to-date LTP and IP is not in place the Council will not be able to successfully bid for funding from Government and other sources, for example SELEP funds. The LTP3 helps secure future funding for transport infrastructure projects in the Borough.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 The LTP3 is a legal requirement under The Transport Act 2000 which requires that Local Transport Plans (LTPs) contain a strategy and an implementation plan (the proposals for delivery of the policies contained in the strategy).

6.4 People Implications

6.4.1 Transport issues, as addressed in LTP3, have a universal impact on those who live, work or visit the Borough.

6.5 Property Implications

6.5.1 There are no direct property implications as a result of this report.

6.6 Consultation

6.6.1 Members are reminded that a consultation exercise took place when the LTP3 Strategy Document was being written, however this time no consultation is required because the LTP3 is not having a major revision, rather it is an update to reflect the changes to Government policies.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

6.7.1 Transport and accessibility is a key consideration in terms of meeting equality and diversity issues e.g people with disabilities depend on an efficient transport network, therefore it is important to have an up-to-date LTP in place.

6.8 Risk Assessment

6.8.1 There is a risk to funding and a breach of legislation if the Council does not have an up-to-date LTP.

6.9 Value for Money

6.9.1 All projects / schemes that happen as a result of the LTP3 implementation plan will be required to adhere to procedure rules. VfM is an explicit funding requirement to secure government funding.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

6.10.1 Assessments will be carried out as part of the process. Individual projects will be safety audited and consulted on as part of the scheme process and design.

6.11 Environmental Impact

6.11.1 A Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out as required by European legislation, there are no major changes to the LTP, it is a policy update to reflect revised Government policies.

7. Background Papers

7.1 Local Transport Plan 3 Statutory Document 2011- 2026 March 2011

7.2 Local Transport Plan 3 Implementation Plan 2011/12 – 2014/15 March 2011

7.3 Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) and Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) report to Cabinet 15th March 2011

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 - Revised Local Transport Plan 3 Strategy Document

8.1.1 Appendix 2 - LTP3 Changes Summary

8.2 Appendix 3 - Revised Implementation Plan 2015/16 – 2020/21 Document

8.2.1 Appendix 4 - Implementation Plan Changes Summary