
Economic & City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee **28th January 2015**

Report of the Director of City & Environmental Services

An Update Report on Major Transport Initiatives in York

Summary

1. This report provides Members of the Economic & City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview and update in relation to the major transport initiatives in the city currently being progressed.

Major Transport Initiatives

2. Separate reports on individual transport schemes are presented to the Cabinet Member for Transport on a regular basis. The overall capital programme is monitored through the year with the latest report submitted to the October Cabinet Member Decision Session.

Local Transport Plan (LTP)

3. The city's third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) sets out the transport strategy for the city and the measures to be progressed in the short-term (2011-2015), medium-term (2015-2021) and long-term (2021 -2031), under the following strategic themes:
 - Provide Quality Alternatives (to the car).
 - Provide Strategic Links
 - Implement and Support Behavioural Change.
 - Tackle Transport Emissions.
 - Improve Public Streets and Spaces
4. The Council has set 'Get York Moving' as a key priority for the City being delivered under the following initiatives - more detail is provided in Annex A:
 - Expanding Park and Ride Services

- Improving Bus Services
- Developing York's Cycling and Pedestrian Network
- Improving Movement in the City Centre
- Establishing 20mph Speed Limits in York's Residential Areas
- Winning Hearts and Minds

Traffic Congestion Commission

5. A Traffic Congestion Commission is proposed to be set up to investigate options for addressing congestion issues in the city.
6. The objectives and protocols for the establishment of the commission are currently being developed with group leaders. The current expectation is that a report identifying the Commission's remit and governance will be presented to a future Cabinet meeting. If a decision to progress was taken shortly to commence then a final decision on the recommendations could be made by the Council in September/October 2015.

Update on Transport Activities

7. The Transport Service is currently progressing a wide range of transport initiatives and improvements across the city using Local Transport Plan, Local Sustainable Transport Fund, Better Bus Area Fund and Council resources. The main headings are identified in the list below with further information against the key Council Plan themes

Major Transport Schemes

- Access York – New Park & Ride services at Askham Bar and Poppleton Bar
- A19 Pinch Point – Bus priority and highway improvements on the A19 south of York.

Cycling/Walking

- Haxby to Clifton Moor Cycle Route
- University Road Cycle Route
- Rural and Urban Cycle Guides
- Festival of Cycling

Public Transport

- Exhibition Square – Bus stop upgrades
- Smart Ticketing
- Electric Buses
- Bus information

Travel Planning and Sustainable Transport Promotion

- Local Sustainable Transport Fund - £1m of further funding received for 2015/16
- Personal Travel Planning
- Business Travel Planning
- itravelyork – website

Road Safety and Speed Management

- 20 mph Limits in residential areas
- Local Safety Schemes
- Danger Reduction Schemes

Parking Initiatives

- Minster Card
- Free Parking
- Pay on Exit

Event Planning

- Tour de France
- Sky Ride
- York Marathon
- Tour de Yorkshire

Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2014/15

8. The city's Transport improvement schemes are delivered using funds from the Integrated Transport Capital Programme. The current 2014/15 capital budget is approximately £13m including carryover of funding from 2013/14.
9. Details of the 2014/15 programme are reported through the Corporate Monitoring reports.

10. The key schemes that are being progressed in 2014/15 are indicated below.
- Access York phase 1 – completion of P&R sites at Poppleton and Askham, improvements to the A59/A1237 roundabout and new traffic signals at A59 Poppleton.
 - Public Transport schemes. City centre bus stop improvements, off bus ticket machines, interchange improvements, Real Time Information provision.
 - Clarence Street – road layout changes and associated traffic signal priorities – start delayed by utility diversions
 - Cycle schemes including: University Road cycle lane, Haxby to Clifton Moor cycle route and a number of network priority schemes.
 - Safety and Accessibility Schemes – Schemes to address local safety, danger reduction and speed management issues.
 - Safe Routes to School Programme – Rolling programme of improvements to improve sustainable access to schools.
 - 20mph speed limit roll-out
11. An overview of progress against significant schemes is contained in Annex A.

Consultation

12. Not applicable as this item is for information only

Options

13. Not applicable as this item is for information only

Council Priorities

14. These transport initiatives accord with the Council's priorities relating in particular to Get York Moving, Building Strong Communities and Create Jobs & grow the economy.

Implications

15. There are no financial, human resources, crime and disorder, information technology, property or other implications directly associated with this information only report.

Risk management

16. Not applicable as this is an item for information only.

Recommendations

17. That the Committee note the present position in relation to major transport initiatives in the city.

Reason: To keep the Committee informed about major transport initiatives.

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Annexes

Annex A - Overview of progress against significant schemes