



Welcome to the first edition of the Local Transport Plan guidance bulletin. If you have a specific query email us at: [lt.plans@dft.gov.uk](mailto:lt.plans@dft.gov.uk)

## Local Transport Plans

We will be renewing the focus on Local Transport Plans (LTPs) by publishing updated guidance. There will not be new policy in the guidance, but it will provide a much-needed holistic view of what the government is expecting local transport authorities (LTAs) to deliver.

This will set the ball rolling on refreshed local transport plans this parliament that are in line with government priorities and deliver on local ambitions. These updated plans should put places in a position to make a stronger strategic case for transport investment and form a compelling basis for responding to future funding opportunities.

Our team will undertake targeted engagement with stakeholders in advance of a formal public consultation later this year. Gathering stakeholder views will be essential to ensure that the guidance leads to improved LTPs that help local authorities deliver for local people.

## Decarbonisation commitments

In the department's Transport Decarbonisation Plan (2021) we committed to driving decarbonisation at a local level by requiring LTAs to make quantifiable carbon reductions (QCRs) a fundamental part of local transport planning. LTPs will need to set out how local areas will deliver ambitious QCRs in transport. We will publish technical guidance on QCRs alongside the new LTP guidance.

We have worked hard to understand the current capability across LTAs in

this area and have scoped out existing methodologies, toolkits and datasets available to LTAs. We will continue to work with sub-national transport bodies in the development of this guidance, building on encouraging work they have been doing with local authorities and the private sector.

## Progress so far

Early drafting of the new LTP and QCR guidance has commenced. Since the stakeholder workshop at the end of last year, the focus has been scoping out the relevant transport and cross government policies that will be covered by the new guidance.

## New EV charging strategy

The guidance will set out the government's key priorities for LTAs, including EV charging.

By 2030 the UK government has committed to end the sale of new petrol and diesel cars. DfT has identified a need for there to be adequate public charge point provision ahead of demand, as the lack of public charge points is a critical barrier to switching to electric vehicles.

EV charging strategy was published in March 2022 and highlights the importance of local authorities in planning and delivering EV charging infrastructure. New LTP guidance will therefore place emphasis on future LTPs assessing the need for chargepoints in their area and producing local strategies for EV charging infrastructure.

## LTP development grant

In April, 71 LTAs across England received a share of £12.5m for

preparation work to create/update LTPs in line with the upcoming guidance. This expands support for longer-term local transport planning and delivery beyond the LTAs in receipt of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement.

## FAQs

### What will be in the new guidance?

The new guidance will provide a high-level overview of what should be included in a LTP, including legal requirements of an LTP and other key requirements such as quantifying carbon reductions.

### We have recently updated our LTP, do we have to update it again?

We appreciate that some LTAs will have updated their LTPs recently. It is ultimately the responsibility of the LTA to consider whether their LTP aligns with the new guidance and whether their plans would benefit from partial or wholesale updates.

## Timeline

