

Meeting:	Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Date:	9 March 2006
Subject:	Transport Local Implementation Plan
Responsible Officer:	Executive Director, Urban Living
Contact Officer:	Tunde Raji
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor O'Dell, Environment and Transport
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public

Section 1: Summary

The report provides the committee with an update on the preparation of the Local Implementation Plan (LIP).

Decision Required

To note the revised Local Implementation Plan (LIP) following the results of public consultation summarised and set out in Appendix 1.

Reason for report

The LIP is a statutory plan prepared under Section 145 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 ("the GLA Act"). It sets out Harrow Council's proposals for implementing the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy at the local level.

Benefits

This LIP addresses the council's obligations under the GLA Act to prepare a plan to implement the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy.

Transport activities and programmes included within the LIP have crosscutting impacts across all corporate priorities.

Cost of Proposals

The cost of preparing the LIP has been met partly from the council's £179,300 capital funding spread over two years (2004/05 and 2005/06) and partly from Transport for London's (TfL's) support for the borough in 2004/05 (£50,000) and 2005/06 (£20,000).

The cost of delivering the LIP's programmes will run into several million of pounds over the next five years (see Appendix 2 for details). The plan will be used as a basis for planning investment during the plan period and, as a basis of accessing external funding (in excess of £4 million per year) from Transport for London.

Risks

- TfL are not able to confirm funding availability over the lifetime of the LIP and therefore the programmes may not be implemented. As this will be a public document, this may raise public expectations to a level that cannot be realised.
- If the Mayor of London does not approve the LIP he has the powers to prepare a plan on behalf of the council and recover his costs.
- The quality of the LIP and the degree to which it delivers the Mayor of London's priorities will influence the level of funding allocated to the council.
- Once approved by the Mayor of London, the procedure for changing the LIP is uncertain if the council's priorities and programmes change. The status or likelihood of TfL funding new proposals that are not included in the plan is uncertain. TfL has indicated, however, that all future changes to the LIP and approval of those changes will be undertaken through submission of an annual progress report. TfL has not yet defined the process or the content of this annual progress report.
- If the council fails to implement any proposal in the LIP, the Mayor of London may do it on the council's behalf and charge reasonable expenses.

Implications if recommendations rejected

If rejected, it would prejudice the chances of meeting the deadline for submitting the LIP to the timetable specified by TfL on behalf of the Mayor of London. If the LIP is not submitted within a "reasonable" time frame, the Mayor of London will have the statutory right to prepare a plan on behalf of the borough and to recover his costs for doing so from the borough (Section 147 of the GLA Act 1999). TfL has indicated that the Mayor of London would consider issuing a Direction under Section 153 of the GLA Act if any borough failed to comply with agreed timetable.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

The Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting of 30 November 2004 noted Part 1 of a report containing a brief outline of the contents of the draft Local Implementation Plan and its development process.

A draft LIP was produced and approved for consultation by Cabinet on 16 December 2004.

An extensive public consultation on the draft LIP and a summary leaflet took place between the beginning of March and the 16 May, with TfL comments being provided on 26 August 2005. TfL provided a detailed analysis of the document and as for all London boroughs was 125 pages long.

During this consultation and in order to scrutinize the process and preparation of the statutory plan, a supplemental Scrutiny Sub-Committee was held on 19 April 2005. An additional meeting was considered necessary as the draft LIP was in excess of 300 pages.

During the supplemental meeting, all chapters of the Draft LIP were discussed in detail and a submission based on the issues discussed was then submitted to the consultation as the view of the Sub-Committee on the Draft LIP. These comments were all considered in preparation of the final LIP.

The final LIP is to be submitted to Cabinet on 16 March and is intended to be referred to Council on 27th April for adoption. A copy of the report to Cabinet is appended. This sets out details of the process, the consultation and the changes made as a result of consultation (summarised in section 3 of Appendix 1).

The LIP document itself is over 500 pages and has therefore not been circulated with this report. Copies will be deposited in the group offices and are available on request.

2.3 Consultation

See the attached report to Cabinet. A detailed summary of the consultation findings and of the proposed changes is set out in Appendix 1. In addition, this report highlights the most significant changes made as a result of the consultation in section 3 of Appendix 1.

2.4 Financial Implications

See attached Cabinet report.

2.5 Legal Implications

See attached Cabinet report.

2.6 Equalities Impact

See attached Cabinet report.

2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

See attached Cabinet report.

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Appendix: Draft Report to 16th March Cabinet "Transport Local Implementation Plan"

Background Documents:

The Mayor's Transport Plan, GLA, July 2001

Transport for London (TfL) Final Guidance for LIPs, July 2004

Harrow Council, Consultation Draft LIP, March 2005

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee Special minutes, April 2005

Consultation responses

Please note that the hardcopy of the final LIP is some 500 pages long and will be placed in the group offices.