

Meeting: Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Date: 10 March 2005

Subject: Transport Local Implementation Plan

Responsible Officer: Interim Head of Environment and Transport

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Portfolio Holder: Environment and Transport

Key Decision: No

Status: Part 1

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

To comment on the draft Local Implementation Plan

Reason for report

To scrutinise the process and preparation of this statutory Plan

Benefits

To ensure the preparation of an acceptable Local Implementation Plan to meet community and strategic needs as well as the Statutory requirements and to act as a basis for planning and securing further transport funding.

Cost of Proposals

The council has approved £180, 000 capital funding for the preparation of this plan over the years 2004-5 and 2005-6. TfL has allocated a further £50,000 for this work. The funding includes the use of consultants, the cost of consultation and development of the transport section of the council's website.

The plan will also be used as a basis for planning investment in transport over the next 4-6 years and crucially, as a basis of accessing external funding (in excess of £10 million) from Transport for London.

Risks

- If the Mayor of London does not approve the plan he may prepare a plan on behalf of the council and recover his costs.
- The quality of the plan and the degree to which it delivers the Mayor of London's priorities will influence the level of funding allocated to the council.
- The procedure for changing the plan is uncertain if the council's priorities and programmes change following adoption, submission and approval of the plan. The status and likelihood of TfL funding for new proposals not included in the plan is also uncertain.
- If the council fails to implement any proposal in the plan, the Mayor of London may do it on the council's behalf and charge reasonable expenses.
- The workload demand of preparing the plan will adversely affect other transportation service delivery.

Implications if recommendations rejected

The programme and deadlines for preparing the plan are fixed and tight. Any changes or additional requirements would need to be assessed against the programme deadlines.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

2.1.1 The Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-committee meeting of 30 November noted Part 1 of a report containing a brief outline of the contents of the draft Local Implementation Plan and its development process. Since then, the full draft plan and a summary consultation leaflet have been produced and are currently being consulted on. See 2.3 below.

2.1.2 As reported previously, the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) is a statutory document required by the Mayor of London containing all transport programmes and activities, both those funded by TfL and those funded

from other sources. Once submitted, Transport for London will advise the Mayor on whether or no to approve the LIP.

2.1.3 During the consultation process, the full draft LIP, which is over 300 pages long, and the accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be available in all Harrow libraries, at the Civic Centre and on Harrow's website.

2.1.4 A separate meeting to inform all members about the draft LIP and the SEA is scheduled for April 05.

2.2 Options considered

N/A

2.3 Consultation

2.3.1 The consultation closes on 16 May. The following activities are included as part of the consultation:

- 2,000 consultation leaflets being mailed out to Council stakeholders – this includes cyclists, pedestrians, residents, schools, environmentalists, town centre representatives, disabled groups, community sector groups
- Adverts or features in local papers, in Harrow Magazine, Area Newsletter etc.
- Harrow website

2.3.2 Stakeholder meetings will take place with the following groups:

Town Centre Management Forum - completed
HA21 Transport and Air Pollution Group - completed
POP (Partnership with Older People) transport group
Bus Liaison Meeting
Rail Liaison Meeting
Safer Harrow Management Group
Voluntary Community Sector Forum
Harrow Public Transport Users Association
HAD (Harrow Association of Disabled people)
Living Streets

2.3.3 In addition to the above a Members seminar is scheduled to take place on 5 April 05.

2.3.4 Following the closure of the consultation, the timetable of remaining activities is as follows:

Modify LIP in light of consultation	May – July 05
Cabinet approval of final LIP	July or September 05
Council adopts final LIP	October 05
Submit final LIP to Mayor	October 05
TfL / Mayor approves LIP	October 05

2.3.5 The dates have slipped from the previous report presented to the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-committee. This delay was because it was thought that TfL would provide further clarification on levels of funding. In the continuing absence of this information it has been decided to proceed to consultation using best assumptions.

2.3.6 TfL are a key consultee and it is expected that they will provide extensive comments on the draft plan.

2.4 Financial Implications

See Cost of Proposal above

2.5 Legal Implications

2.5.1 Production of a LIP is a requirement of the GLA Act 1999. The timetable is set by the Mayor of London. The GLA Act states:

- Local authorities shall have regard to the Mayor's transport strategy.
- Local authorities shall have regard to LIP guidance issued by the Mayor.
- Local authorities shall prepare a LIP setting out its proposals for implementing the (Mayor's) transport strategy in its area.
- The Mayor shall not approve a LIP unless it is consistent with his strategy.
- Where the Mayor refuses to agree a LIP he may require revisions or prepare one on behalf of the Council and recover his costs from the Council.
- Where the Mayor has approved a LIP the Council shall implement it in accordance with the stated timetable and dates. If it fails, the Mayor may do it on their behalf and recover his costs from the Council.

2.6 Equalities Impact

The Plan contains an Equalities Impact Assessment. No disbenefits to any groups have been identified. Specific benefits have been identified to the following minority groups:

- Those with mobility difficulties
- People pushing pushchairs or shopping trolleys
- Vulnerable road users who feel unsafe in the Borough
- Younger People
- Older People
- Those reliant on carers and health visitors

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Background documents

- Report to the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-committee of 30 November, agenda Item 14

Appendix A

- LIP Consultation leaflet

Available on Request

Draft Local Implementation Plan (over 300 pages)