

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
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<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Draft Joint Local Transport Plan 3 2011 -2026.</p> <p>Appendix A. JLTP3 Engagement Summary</p> <p>For further information in the JLTP3, including the draft Supplementary Documents, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Engagement Report visit the travelplus website: <a href="http://travelplus.org.uk/our-vision/joint-local-transport-plan-3">http://travelplus.org.uk/our-vision/joint-local-transport-plan-3</a></p>	

## 1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The purpose of the report is present the Joint Local Transport Plan (3) final draft for approval and adoption by the Council.

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## 2 RECOMMENDATION

Council is asked to agree that:

2.1 the final draft of the Joint Local Transport Plan (3) be approved and adopted.

## 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The JLTP3 is based around funding guidelines presented in the Comprehensive Spending Review of October 2010. As the levels and type of future funding are confirmed by the Government the first three year Delivery Plan 2012/13 to 2014/15 will be published as a sister document to the JLTP3 as a part of an early refresh of the JLTP3 in late 2011. Meanwhile an interim one year delivery plan for 2011/12 will be produced.

## 4. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4.1 The JLTP3 will help make Bath & North East Somerset a better place to live, work and visit and in particular will impact on the achievement of the Council's priorities as set out below. The JLTP3 also sets out how it will deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy drivers for change.

Sustainable Growth	Supports the Core Strategy and identifies the transport requirements to support economic growth whilst taking into account the district's unique built and natural environment
Addressing the causes and effects of Climate Change	Sets out transport measures for responding to climate change and mitigating the impacts of climate change including making transport infrastructure more resilient to extreme weather events.
Improving transport and the public realm	Plays a critical role in improving transport investment and improvements to the public realm
Building communities where people feel safe and secure	Plays a central role in reducing road accident casualties and supports community safety on the transport network.
Promoting the independence of older people	Supports access for older people to education, health and employment opportunities.
Improving the chances of disadvantaged teenagers and young people	Supports access for disadvantaged teenagers and young people to education and employment opportunities.

## 5. THE REPORT

5.1 The JLTP3 will cover the period from 2011 to 2026 and replaces the current Joint Local Transport Plan which sets the transport policy for the four authorities in the West of England. It reflects national goals as well as the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy, draft Core Strategy, Economic Strategy and Public Realm and Movement Strategy.

5.2 It has been developed in partnership with Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils under the guidance of the Joint Transport Executive Committee. Reports and presentations have been made to the Council's Safer & Stronger Communities and Economic & Enterprise O&S panels and parish cluster meetings. All Members were informed of the Public Engagement period between July and October 2010.

5.3 The vision for the JLTP3 is for an affordable, low carbon, accessible, integrated, efficient and reliable transport network supporting our economy and communities.

5.4 The JLTP3 is based around the five key transport goals:

- Reduce carbon emissions
- Support economic growth
- Promote accessibility

- Contribute to better safety, security and health
- Improve quality of life and a healthy natural environment.

5.5 These goals replaced the four shared priorities of congestion, accessibility, road safety and air quality in the current JLTP. The Coalition Government has placed particular emphasis on supporting economic growth and reducing carbon emissions, a view shared by the LSP.

5.6 The JLTP3 will be in three parts with:

1. Strategy taking the long term policy view 2011 to 2026. This is a longer term view than the current JLTP, which as a 5 year Plan. The Strategy includes a chapter on Major Transport Scheme. These are based on the previous RFA schemes, including Bath Transportation Package. The Strategy links to and has been developed alongside our Core Strategy.
2. Outline Delivery Plan setting out implementation themes over the shorter term.
3. Draft Supplementary Documents covering walking, parking, public transport, traffic management and freight, smarter choices, road safety, cycling and rural transport in more detail.

5.7 A key part of producing the JLTP3 is the Strategic Environmental Assessment. This looks at what impact the JLTP3 will have on the environment. A full Environmental Report with the results of this assessment is published alongside the JLTP3. Individual major schemes are still required to undertake their own Environmental Impact Assessment.

5.8 With the uncertainty over funding and emerging Government policy, for example the Transport White Paper expected in 2011, Department for Transport value for money indicators, revised national road safety strategy and the new Local Sustainable Transport Fund, it is proposed to undertake an early refresh of the JLTP3 for Autumn 2011. The three year Delivery Plan with indicators/targets and risk assessment will be produced at the same time.

## 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6.2 The production and publication by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 of the JLTP3 is a statutory requirement. It should be approved by full Council in January in order to meet the statutory timescales.

6.3 Following the CSR, there remains some uncertainty and risk over the full impact of recent government grant settlements. A one year Delivery Plan for 2011/12 is therefore proposed with headline figures only, with a full three year Delivery Plan for 2012/13 to 2014/15 produced by the Autumn 2011.

6.5 Potential additional risks that could hinder our progress to towards targets and which will need to be avoided or mitigated include:

- Bus and rail fares increasing faster than the cost of motoring
- Escalating costs reduce the number of deliverable schemes within budget constraints.
- Extreme weather conditions cause road surfaces to deteriorate at a quicker pace
- Increasing cost of bus service provision prohibit the expansion of services
- Major transport schemes delayed or not implemented.

6.6 Indicators will be used to measure and monitor progress towards meeting the JLTP3 objectives. Suitable targets may in due course accompany each indicator. As with the Delivery Plan, uncertainty over funding means it is not possible to set indicators as this stage. Chapter 12 in the JLTP3 sets out a possible range of indicators which will be firmed up as part of the Autumn refresh. A risk assessment will be undertaken as part of this process.

## 7 EQUALITIES

7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) was carried out along side the JLTP3. Overall the EqIA found the JLTP3 should have a positive impact for everyone living, working or visiting the West of England. Some of the area's most vulnerable groups will benefit especially people without access to a car and deprived communities. No significant adverse impact was identified. Suggested mitigation ideas have been incorporated into the JLTP3 in Chapter 4.

## 8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Ward Councillor; Cabinet Member; Parish Council; Town Council; Trades Unions; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer

8.2 All B&NES Members and Parish Council Members were alerted to the public engagement on the JLTP3 through invitations to both Joint Transport Forums in July and September 2010.

8.3 The development of the JLTP3 has involved:

- Work by the Transport Plan Commission, independently chaired and comprising strategic partners and major stakeholders.
- Statutory public consultation and engagement
- West of England Partnership Joint Scrutiny Committee
- Safer & Stronger Communities and Enterprise & Economic Development O/S panels
- Joint Transport Forums, parish cluster meetings and Member workshops
- Analysis of completed JLTP3 Consultation Document questionnaires, letters and emails.
- Presentations to special interest groups
- Newspaper and petrol pump advertising.
- Focus Groups held including Bath and Midsomer Norton

8.4 The conclusions of the Engagement Report were that the majority of respondents chose supporting economic growth and reducing carbon emissions as their short and long term preferences. Public transport was considered the most important investment decision. Public transport issues including fares, services, access and routes dominate the comments and forum responses.

- 41% focus on support economic growth in the first three years
- 31% focus on carbon reduction as most important for future
- 27% focus investment on public transport (largest response)
- Focus groups made investing in public transport their top priority

The JLTP3 has been revised following the engagement process. See appendix A for more details

## 9 REACHING THE DECISION

9.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations

## 10 ADVICE SOUGHT

10.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	For background papers please visit the West of England website below:  <a href="http://travelplus.org.uk/our-vision/joint-local-transport-plan-3">http://travelplus.org.uk/our-vision/joint-local-transport-plan-3</a>
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