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Briefing Note Prepared by Divisional Director Planning & Transport Development

Removal of the BTP from the JLTP3

The BTP is a significant element in the JLTP3. To make such a fundamental change at this stage would have the following implications:-

- The JLTP could not be adopted at this point and it would require review/rewriting and this would cause some disruption to partner authorities in the rest of the West of England partnership.
- It would also cause difficulties and some loss of credibility at a time when the West of England are in a bidding process for five transport schemes that may attract a very large government grant.
- Funding for BTP is highly likely to be lost because this Council's transport policy would no longer support the BTP.
- DfT have indicated that there are no funds available for further capital projects until at least 2014/15.

Without the BTP it will be extremely challenging to deliver planned housing, economic development including jobs, and improvements to congestion and air quality as set out in the Council's draft Core Strategy.