

LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND UPDATE

Summary

- 1 This report updates the Joint Committee on background to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, funding secured as part of the first phase and progress on the second phase bid.

Background

- 2 In January 2011 the Government announced the details of a £560 million Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) for 2011/12 to 2014/15 specifically for packages of transport measures that support economic growth and reduce carbon in their communities.
- 3 The Authorities have submitted a Nottingham Urban Area bid in partnership with the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership (GNTP), Sustrans, NHS Nottingham City and Derbyshire County Council along with other partners. The bids were prepared in two stages reflecting the bid application process:
- 4 A **£5 million Phase 1 Key Component bid** was submitted in April 2011. On 5th July 2011 the Secretary of State for Transport announced the successful award of £4.925 million (£3.85 million revenue and £1.075 million capital) to deliver the core foundation elements of the LSTF programme. Delivery commenced in September 2011 across four broad work areas including: developing the existing Citycard into an integrated smartcard available for use on bus, tram and local train services for all operators, improving multi-modal integration at public transport interchanges through secure cycle parking facilities, establishing the first community smarter travel hub in Bulwell providing sustainable travel support to local communities, the expansion of the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership business support activities and the continuation and expansion of the Ucycle programme to Universities and 16-19 colleges.
- 5 An **£11 million Phase 2 Main Bid business case** was submitted in December 2011. The work areas in the Main Bid will build on the key component work programme by offering an enhanced range of public transport products available on the Citycard e.g. cycle hire and on-street and off-street parking payments, the establishment of further community hubs across the wider urban area with a programme of 20mph limits to be implemented across the city, introduction of hybrid electric vehicles and infrastructure for the Linkbus network, on-road strategic cycle corridors, smarter choices and low carbon infrastructure to support businesses and a coordinated programme of

cycling training package aimed at schools, colleges and universities supported by an area-wide calendar of active travel events.

- 6 The LSTF bid aims to establish Nottingham as a national leader for integrated sustainable transport. The bid presents a unique opportunity to local citizens and the business community by supporting economic growth and improving access to local jobs and training. The package has been developed to maintain economic competitiveness and create the capacity for growth of Nottingham. Key proposals will improve access to employment and services and help link people to good jobs by addressing affordability barriers and supporting the sustainable travel needs of the business community to make businesses more accessible to the labour market and for visitors and customers.
- 7 The package is consistent with Local Transport Plans 2011 – 2026 however as a revenue led programme the LSTF funding will complement significant capital schemes such as Nottingham Express Transit Phase Two and the Station Hub by supporting promotion and engagement activities to maximise the value of the infrastructure investment secured through LTP and other capital funding programmes. It also complements the introduction of the Workplace Parking Levy in the city. The bid will support sustainable development patterns in alignment with the Core Strategy by making low carbon travel options practical and realistic choices for people living and working in the Nottingham Urban Area.
- 8 The bid partnership submitted a Full Business Case for the Main Bid to DfT on 20th December 2011. Announcements on successful bids will be announced in June 2012.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

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