

Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

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## **TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To update the Committee on key sustainable transport issues for the Greater Nottingham area.

### **D2N2 Growth Deal outcomes**

2. On 7 July 2014, the Government announced a series of Growth Deals with Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs) across the country for 2015/16 and beyond through the Local Growth Fund. The first £6 billion of local projects has been announced to go towards transport improvements, associated infrastructure projects including housing and support for businesses to create new jobs and improve skills.
3. The Growth Deal for the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire (D2N2) LEP sets out £174.3 million secured from the Government's Local Growth Fund to support economic growth - £31.6m of new funding confirmed for 2015/16 and £69.5m for 2016/17 to 2020/21. This includes £42.8m of funding the Government has previously committed as part of the LGF process (i.e. Local Transport Board prioritised schemes) and a £30.4m indicative award of further of funding for projects commencing in 2016 and beyond. Successful Nottingham/Nottinghamshire transport schemes were:
  - Broadmarsh/Southern Gateway - £10.3m (£3m in 2015/16)
  - Cycle City Ambition Package - £6.1m (£3m in 2015/16)
  - Harworth access road improvements - £1.1m (£0.6m in 2015/16)
  - Newark Southern Link Road - £7m (£1m in 2015/16)
  - Nottingham enterprise zone sustainable transport package £6m (in 2016/17 and beyond)
  - D2N2 sustainable travel programme £5.8m (2016/17 and beyond) - the process for awarding allocations to individual authorities to be agreed
  - Rolls Royce, Hucknall - £5.8m (2016/17 and beyond)

Further details on all of the schemes and the process are set out on the LEP's website: <http://www.d2n2lep.org/Growth>

4. The local authorities are progressing plans to procure resources and set tasks in motion to kickstart delivery from April 2015.

#### **Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2015 – 2016 revenue outcome**

5. Aligned to the Growth Deal announcements in July 2014, successful bids to the Department for Transport's LSTF revenue competition were announced. The Nottingham LSTF programme to provide "sustainable access to employment, skills and training" was successful in securing £1.180m revenue for 2015/16. Detailed plans and procurement arrangements are being progressed to commence delivery from April 2015. The programme will deliver two complementary workstrands:

##### **A. Community Smarter Travel Initiatives to promote travel options to individuals and households to access employment opportunities:**

- Neighbourhood based coordinators will provide specialist services via a community hubs approach e.g. personalised journey planning and cycle training to local job seekers;
- Targeted Kangaroo smarter travel support package for low income groups;
- A community wide active travel support programme.

##### **B. Worksmart Business Travel Support Package for employers to promote business growth and sustainable travel:**

- Bespoke advice and one-to-one support to businesses complementing the Workplace Parking Levy business support package;
  - Continuation of GNTF Business Club travel planning and smarter choices activities;
  - Promotion of strategic cycle corridors linked to infrastructure improvements targeted at commuters to support sustainable commuting.
6. Delivery will be aligned to support the implementation of the major infrastructure projects such as the NET tram expansion completion and the cycle city ambition package.

#### **Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2011 – 2015**

7. Good progress continues to be made with delivery of the programme as it enters its final year of the current round. Key highlights under each of the main workstrands is set out below:

**Smartcard development and integrated ticketing:**

- The replacement of existing paper kangaroo scratch cards with new smartcards has commenced benefiting the general public and business customers.
- Four test ticket vending machines were installed in July ahead of the installation of a further 84 across the city to NET platforms, city centre bus stops, local centres and key locations across the conurbation will be complete in late 2014. A network of over 140 Payzone outlets in and around the city was established on the 21<sup>st</sup> July making it easier, faster and more cost effective to buy and top up tickets for journeys. Currently season tickets are available to buy from Payzone outlets for one, three, six and 12 month periods; ten day travel cards will be available to purchase in late 2014.

**Community Smarter Travel Hubs:**

- Smarter travel intervention programmes are continuing to be implemented by the two TravelRight Coordinators in Broxtowe and Gedling. Three joint projects are being undertaken by TravelRight in partnership with Sustrans including the Community Challenge and Green Explorer along with a proposed joint project for commuters and unemployed people during autumn.

**Worksmart**

- There are now 28 fully electric buses in operation and a further 32 vehicles are on order (17 are due in August 2014 and 15 due in September 2015). Totalling 60 electric buses when operational, Nottingham will have the largest electric bus fleet in Europe, producing 30% less carbon emissions than standard Euro 3 engines. Funding for the vehicles has been provided by the City Council's Workplace Parking Levy, the DfT's Green Bus Fund, Nottingham LTP and Local Sustainable Transport Fund.
- City Car Club launched on the 15<sup>th</sup> May with a business launch on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. To date, 175 members have signed up comprising 113 business and 62 residential. Since inception a total of 12,183 miles have been travelled. Currently 8 vehicles are in 7 marked car club bays at city centre locations.

**Active travel partnerships**

- The third Cycle Live event took place on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June and saw over 10,000 people attend the weekend long events and races. Over the weekend, 5,168 people took part across all of the distance races and a further 4,500 non-riders enjoyed the weekend long events and activities. Plans to make the 2015, the 34<sup>th</sup> year of the Great Notts Bike ride, even and better are currently in discussion.

**NET Tram Update**

8. Intensive works continue along the lines to Chilwell and Clifton. Most of the track is now in place and overhead poles and wiring is being installed in a

number of locations. The contractor made significant progress towards completion of particularly traffic sensitive works by the end of the school holidays and it is anticipated that key roads and junctions that have been affected will be free of restrictions in early November.

9. The first tram travelled from the Line One Station street terminus as far as Wilford Lane overnight on 21st August 2014. The testing of trams will gradually extend out along each line on and will be overnight initially, but progressing to day time running later in October. Public services on the new lines are expected to start in the first part of 2015.

### **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that the Committee note the content of this report.

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