



REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS

DRAFT INTEGRATED PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the draft Integrated Passenger Transport Strategy and to undertake consultation on the draft Strategy.

Information and Advice

2. The Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) sets out the County Council's overarching transport strategy for the county and is supported by a number of more detailed strategies detailing how the LTP will be delivered. The LTP committed to developing a number of more detailed strategies which either did not exist or had expired.
3. Increasing financial constraint/reducing budgets have also brought forward an essential need for the County Council to develop clear strategies for its future passenger transport priorities. It was therefore determined to develop an Integrated Passenger Transport Strategy (IPTS) for the county which details how the County Council aims to deliver passenger transport improvements in Nottinghamshire. The IPTS has therefore been developed to complement the LTP in the delivery of local and national objectives. The IPTS sets out how the County Council, working with operators and other stakeholders, aim to make passenger transport improvements that will deliver the LTP's goals and objectives; particularly those relating to improving access to jobs and reducing the impacts of congestion on the economy.
4. The draft IPTS, which is attached as Appendix 1, encompasses all forms of passenger transport (air, bus, coach, rail, taxi and tram) and sets out how the County Council will work with operators, stakeholders and the public to deliver a passenger transport system that:
 - i. has good local, regional and national network coverage; operating periods and service frequency that meet users' needs; and fully accessible vehicles and waiting facilities
 - ii. is affordable so that costs are competitive with the use of the private car and don't stop people from using the available services; with good use of ticketing options, concessionary fares, smartcard technology and integrated ticketing
 - iii. is understood by everyone and easy to use so that people know about services and how to use them by providing clear information in a variety of media; and in partnership with operators, through effective marketing of passenger transport

- iv. is high quality through reliable, punctual services that don't take too long and don't require too many changes; as well as high quality infrastructure that is fully accessible, modern, clean (both in appearance and emissions), quiet, safe and informative; and high quality customer service provision by drivers and other staff.
5. In addition to identifying the existing passenger transport conditions (and likely future challenges) the Strategy details how the County Council will try and deliver improvements in each of the four areas above. The improvements detailed within the IPTS have been developed taking into consideration a number of factors including:
 - Evidence of need in the county gathered through a variety of means (e.g. information from operators, the public, neighbouring authorities, as well as that collected by the County Council)
 - The results of surveys undertaken (e.g. as part of the development of the LTP, the annual National Highways & Transport Survey, as well as other consultation exercises)
 - National, regional and local best practice.
6. The development of the IPTS has considered neighbouring transport authorities' passenger transport strategies to help ensure a consistent service across administrative boundaries for customers. It will also be essential that there is a high level of co-operation with neighbouring authorities both on the further development of the IPTS and its delivery.
7. The next phase of the development of the IPTS is to undertake consultation on the draft document with County Council members, operators, neighbouring transport authorities, stakeholders, other interested groups and the public, to enable the completion of the Strategy by the end of March 2015. A summary document of the IPTS has been produced to assist in the consultation (and is included as the executive summary of the IPTS in the attached appendix).
8. It is intended that the IPTS will be supported by a number of operational documents that will expand on the implementation of the Strategy, such as the Strategic Passenger Transport Framework used to assess supported services (which is on this Committee Agenda); and individual implementation plans on integrated ticketing (which was approved at Committee on 11 September 2014) and infrastructure delivery (which will be submitted to a future Transport & Highways Committee for information and approval). It is intended that the consultation on the Integrated Passenger Transport Strategy and the implementation documents will be consulted upon at the same time.

Other Options Considered

9. Other options considered are set out within this report.

Conclusions

10. Following approval of the draft IPTS, consultation will be undertaken and work will continue to ensure that the Strategy is completed by the end of March 2015.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Committee:

- a. approve the draft IPTS
- b. approve consultation on the proposed document.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 22/09/2014)

12. The proposals in this report fall within the remit of this Transport and Highways Committee. The Committee has responsibility for the development of integrated transport systems and provision of passenger transport services.

Financial Comments (GB 26/09/2014)

13. There are no immediate financial implications as a result of this report.

Background Papers

Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Strategy 2011/12-2025/26
Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2011/12-2014/15
Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Evidence Base 2010
National Highways & Transport Surveys

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All