

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**CABINET
MONDAY 23 JULY, 2001 AT 10.00 am**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MONDAY 23 JULY, 2001 AT 2.15 pm**

Agenda Item No.

8

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Report of the Director of Environment

Executive Member: Iris Tarry

Author: Trevor Mason, 01992 556193

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To consider the Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report for submission to the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR).

2. Summary

2.1 The County Council is required to publish an Annual Progress Report (APR) on the Local Transport Plan for submission to DTLR by 31 August 2001.

2.2 Following consultation with the Transport Panel, the Executive Member is submitting the attached APR to Cabinet / Executive Committee. The Transport Panel are being further consulted on the report at their meeting on 16 July, and any comments will be reported separately.

2.3 The APR specifically sets out the County Council's provisional allocation over the five years of the Local Transport Plan.

3. Conclusion

3.1 Members are asked to consider whether the Annual Progress Report should be approved for submission to DTLR, subject to the inclusion of any amendments arising from related report, "Status Report on Highways Conditions", elsewhere this agenda.

1. Background

- 1.1 The County Council is required to publish a Local Transport Plan (LTP) under the Transport Act 2000. The first LTP was published in July 2000 and covers the period 2001/02 to 2005/06. The next full LTP will be submitted in July 2005.
- 1.2 In the four intervening years between the main LTP documents, the County Council is required to publish an Annual Progress Report (APR) which sets out performance against targets and programmes of works over the preceding financial year.
- 1.3 The APR must be submitted to the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR) by 31 August 2001.
- 1.4 This is the first year for which an APR is required, and it is seen by the DTLR as a draft process for all parties. It is therefore unlikely to have a significant impact on next year's LTP allocation.

2. Development of Annual Progress Report

- 2.1 The development of the APR has been undertaken by the Transport Panel. This follows on from the Panel's role in developing the LTP and providing recommendations on how the annual financial settlement should be allocated to individual programmes.
- 2.2 The work in developing the APR has included consultation with an invited list of bodies, covering district councils, user groups and strategic transport organisations.
- 2.3 The contents of the APR follows DETR guidance published in April 2001, although some additional information has been included to make it relevant to local audiences.

3. Draft Annual Progress Report

- 3.1 The Executive Member for Environment is seeking the views of the Transport Panel on the attached APR at its meeting on 16 July. Any comments that the Transport Panel make on the draft which arise from that meeting will be reported separately to Cabinet and Executive Committee.
- 3.2 It should be noted that the draft APR as attached does not reflect the issues arising from the consideration of the financial implications of recent flood damage to highways which is the subject of a separate report to the Cabinet and Executive Committee. Depending on the outcome of that consideration the APR may need to be amended.

4. Publication of Annual Progress Report

- 4.1 The APR will be a public document. It will be made available in public libraries and on the County Council's website, and copies will be sent to relevant organisations in Hertfordshire.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising out of the publication of this year's APR. However, it is likely that in future years the report could have an impact on the level of central government resources allocated to Hertfordshire.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Cabinet and Executive Committee are asked to determine the context of the attached Annual Progress Report for submission to DTLR, including, as necessary, any amendments arising from related reports on this agenda.