

**REPORT TO: WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT COMMITTEE****DATE: 28 SEPTEMBER 2018****REPORT TITLE: TRANSPORT UPDATE****AUTHOR: DAVID CARTER, DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE****1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To update Members on progress and revised programme for the new Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP).

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The JLTP is a statutory requirement of the West of England Combined Authority (WECA). It sets out the vision for transport investment in the West of England and the policy framework within which the West of England authorities will work. The new JLTP builds on the two previous Plans, 2006 to 2011 and 2011 to 2026.
- 2.2 The JLTP Core Project Teams led by WECA and made up of officers from the all the local authorities including North Somerset Council, are producing the new JLTP

**3. Revised JLTP Programme**

- 3.1 The current agreed programme for the JLTP is for public consultation to take place from mid October to the end of November 2018. There are, however, several issues which have put pressure on this timescale from happening, particularly:
- A delay in commissioning Stages A to C of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), required to have an Environmental Report ready for consultation alongside the draft JLTP4 document. Not having this would risk a judicial review. The delay is partly a result of changes to the process for undertaking Habitat Regulations Assessments (requiring more work in the initial stages), following a European Court of Justice ruling in spring 2018. The Environment Report includes the Equality Impact Assessment and the Health Impact Assessment.
  - A delay in releasing an updated draft document, resulting from significant feedback to the initial draft and the receipt of some comments later than programmed. This, combined with the holiday period, has required an extension to the period allocated for feedback until the end of August 2018.
- 3.2 In the light of the above it is now proposed that the West of England Joint Committee endorses the draft JLTP for consultation at its meeting on 30 November 2018. Public consultation will then commence on 9 January 2019 and run for six weeks. This will overcome concerns raised about consulting over the holiday period but also the potential for consultation overload this autumn, with the Local Plans (September to December 2018), the Bristol Transport Strategy (mid-October to the end of November 2018), and the JSP strategic emerging findings report (November to December 2018) consultations underway. Revised timescales are shown in the section 4 below.
- 3.3 A strong communications campaign will be needed to make the JLTP4 consultation clearly distinguishable from other transport consultations over the autumn/winter of 2018/19. Work has begun on drafting a revised Communications and Engagement Strategy. A question and answer document is also being developed to ensure a consistent message going

forward.

#### 4. JLTP Timescales

Key dates	Milestones
November 2018	Local authorities endorse JLTP consultation draft
28 November 2018	Joint Scrutiny to discuss JLTP consultation draft
30 November 2018	West of England Joint Committee endorse JLTP consultation draft
January to February 2019	Consultation on draft JLTP
March to June 2019	JLTP revised following consultation, approval by local authorities
June 2019	West of England Joint Committee endorse final JLTP

#### 5. Other Options Considered:

5.1 The Joint Local Transport Plan is a statutory document and a requirement of devolution.

#### 6. Risk Management/Assessment:

6.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

#### 7. Public Sector Equality Duties:

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of Environment Report for the new JLTP.

#### 8. Economic Impact Assessment:

8.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

#### 9. Finance Implications:

9.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

#### 10. Legal Implications:

10.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

#### 11. Land/Property Implications:

11.1 None arising from this report.

#### 12. Human Resource Implications:

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12.1 The Joint Local Transport Plan is a joint project with resources provided by all four local authorities and WECA, supported by external consultants providing technical expertise.

### 14. Recommendation:

14.1 **The Committee is asked to endorse the revised programme for the JLTP.**

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### **Background Papers**

None.