

# COMMITTED TO QUALITY – THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE APPROACH TO BEST VALUE

## Service Plans 2001-2002

Name of Service Plan Area: Transport Strategy Service Plan Ref: ES5

### Part 1 Description of service

#### Purpose of service

To develop, manage and monitor the Council's over-arching transport strategy, and bid for and allocate capital funding to implement the Local Transport Plan's (LTP) programmes. To manage individual transport strategies and studies, and to manage the Council's traffic monitoring programme. To ensure that wider quality of life elements of the over-arching transport strategy (health, community safety, social well-being) are integrated into the Council's transport programmes and policies. To provide the transport advice and input necessary for the statutory development plans process. To promote awareness of transport issues and so ensure widespread understanding of the Council's transport strategy, and ultimately a change in travel behaviour towards less car dependency.

#### What are the statutory parameters that regulate how the service operates?

The LTP process was established in the Government's White Paper "A New Deal for Transport: Better for Everyone" published in July 1998 and detailed further in the Guidance issued in April 1999, May 2000 and March 2001. The LTP process is statutory under the Transport Act 2000. The Road Traffic Reduction Act 1997 requires Highway authorities to establish targets for reducing growth in traffic. This has been superseded to an extent by the LTP process which has incorporated the targets. Support for the County Structure Plan and District Local Plans is mandatory under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Other relevant commitments and guidance (both statutory and non-statutory) include the National Air Quality Strategy 1997, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Local Government Act 2000, UK Climate Change Programme 2000, the Urban White Paper 2000 and the Rural White Paper 2000.

#### Chairman of Policy & Resources 2001/02 Policy Steer(s) relevant to the service

Policy context – continue to improve our roads but within available resources and targeted most effectively.

Policy steer for highways – we will maintain, and if possible enhance, provision but need to show effective targeting.

Overall steers – Council must live within its means, all managers must deliver 2% efficiencies.

Resource Summary	2001-02
Budget £k	Revenue budget for on-going services - £549, 852 Additional revenue budget for transport studies - £155,000 DETR Revenue Grant - £18,537 Capital - £108,000

#### Volume of service (2001/2)

Number of customers/users - The residents and businesses of Buckinghamshire and users of the County's transport networks

Number and location of sites - One, County Hall

Number of staff (FTE) – 11

## Part 2 Performance of Service

### Current performance (in relation to 2000-01 Service Plan outcomes and targets)

The data and information produced for 2000/01 shows that the targets for this service have been achieved. The service has, through the LTP, attracted an increase of 120% in Government financial support, helping the Council to enhance well-targeted service provision in line with local and national policies, as well as corporate strategic and service aims.

THREE YEAR OUTCOME	MEASURE OR INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE 2000/1	TARGET 2001/2	TARGET 2004/5
High level of public support for our transport strategy <b>5(a), 5(b)</b>	% of local people 'supportive' of our transport strategy, including High Wycombe and Aylesbury	To be benchmarked in April 2001 (but preliminary evidence suggests 70%)	At least 75%	At least 90%
High level of business involvement in helping to improve travel conditions <b>2(a), 10(c)</b>	Actual number of additional businesses/ organisations adopting Travel Plans	Five businesses/ organisations with Travel Plans (to be confirmed)	Four additional	20 additional
A wider and real travel choice for the journey to work <b>10(c)</b>	Proportion of journeys to work that people make as a car driver (journeys to work will include working from home)	To be benchmarked in April 2001 (but preliminary analyses suggest that it is 75%)	No further increase (75%)	2% reduction (73%)
High levels of investment in Transport <b>10(c), 10(e)</b>	Level of funding secured through the Local Transport Plan	£14.408m	At least 95% of our funding bid	At least 100% of our funding bid

### Portfolio Flagship Projects:

Project Outcome	Key Stages	By When
Leading: <b>Planning &amp; Transportation 6</b> Future Transport in Buckinghamshire is developed and improved as a result of funding secured through the Local Transport Plan. (10e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit comprehensive LTP Review Document to the Government Office for the South East</li> <li>Confirmation of Government support for the Council's Transport Strategies and Policies, hence maximising future funding support.</li> </ul>	31 August 2001

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<b>Project Outcome</b>	<b>Key Stages</b>	<b>By When</b>
Contributing to:  <b>Planning &amp; Transportation 5</b> Innovative provision of transport services has resulted in wider travel choice for the residents of Buckinghamshire in rural areas. <b>10(c)</b>	Achieve a doubling of numbers of cycle journeys by 2005 and 3% reduction in journeys to work by car by 2005.  Review of the Strategic Highways Network	2005

**Part 3 For more information**

**Associated County Council Business Plans, and links with other Service Plans or Statutory Plans**

Most of those in Transportation and Spatial Planning, but especially 'Passenger Transport' and 'Strategic Planning, Environment and Economic Development'.

Regional Economic Strategy, Regional Transport Strategy, Sub-Regional Transport Strategy (ACTVaR), County Structure Plan, Districts' Local Plans, Public Transport Strategy, Economic Development Plan, Community Safety Plans, Health Improvement Programme, Road Safety Plan, Local Performance Plan.

**When is the service due for a Best Value Root and Branch Review?**

There are no plans to carry out a Best Value review of Transport Strategy in the current five-year programme.

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