



Buckinghamshire County Council

Decision to be taken

Cabinet Member for Transportation

The Cabinet Member for Transportation will take the following decision on/or after 28 December 2005.

Title

Tackling Congestion

Reference Number

T07.05

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Recommendation

A. The Community and Environmental Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) agrees the report of the Congestion Task Group and requests that the Cabinet Member for Transportation adopt and implement the following recommendations:

(i) The Local Transport Plan should include a definition of congestion that can be readily understood by the public. Information about average journey times and longest delays at problem locations should be provided to the public so that residents and business can plan to avoid peak time congestion or build this into their journey time. A road user friendly definition together with information about congestion will enable the public to monitor the effectiveness of the authority's work to tackle congestion.

(ii) A hierarchy of road improvements should be drawn up before 27 February 2006 to assess the potential impact of growth in general terms and the funding needs and phasing of such work. This strategy should be suggested to other south- east Councils and organisations such as the LGA in order that a complete picture of the costs of congestion resulting from growth can be presented to SEERA and Government.

(iii) A Lead Officer should be appointed to recommend to the Cabinet Member the level of resources needed to undertake a full investigation of the options, costs and timescales for the prospective investment in Urban Traffic Control (UTC) and Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC).

(iv) The Local Transport Plan and in particular the section on Congestion should explicitly set out the case as it stands for UTC &/or UTMC and provide provisional timescales for the investment decision and implementation.

(v) The Cabinet Member is recommended to visit Reading UTMC to see what can be achieved through targeted use of information to help the public make the choice

themselves to manage congestion.

B. The OSC requests that Transportation officers regularly meet and update Cllr Hedley Cadd to monitor and report back progress to the OSC on implementation of the recommendations.

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Your questions and views

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