

**Report to:** Development, Housing and Skills  
Scrutiny Committee

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**Report of:** Director of Development,  
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**Report Title:** **LTP3 Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan**

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**Purpose:**

To present the Local Transport Plan 3 Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan.

**Recommendations:**

That the Development, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee note the LTP3 Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan for publication within the suite of documents to support the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3.

**Decision:**

**Background Doc(s):**

Draft Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3

Summary:

This plan is part of the third Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan (GMLTP3) which sets out a long term strategy for improving transport in Greater Manchester over the next 15 years with the objectives of promoting economic growth; increasing environmental sustainability; improving public health and wellbeing; addressing social exclusion; and providing value for money. The Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan (LAIP) explains what will happen in Bolton to work towards those objectives over the next four years.

Transport strategy and policy will require the approval of both Executive Members for Environmental Services and Development, Regeneration and Skills. A presentation was made to Environmental Services PDG on the 14<sup>th</sup> February to outline the Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan strategy. This Plan has also been shared with the Development, Regeneration and Skills PDG on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. The Development, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee is asked to note this plan for publication with the nine other district Local Area Implementation Plans as part of a suite of documents attached to the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3. The Executive Member for Environmental Services was asked to approve the plan on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## Background

The Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan is part of the third Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan (GMLTP3) which sets out a long term strategy for improving transport in Greater Manchester over the next 15 years with the objectives of promoting economic growth; increasing environmental sustainability; improving public health and wellbeing; addressing social exclusion; and providing value for money. The Plan (attached in Appendix 1) explains what will happen in Bolton to work towards those objectives over the next four years.

The Transport Act 2000 places a statutory requirement on Local Highway Authorities to produce a Local Transport Plan. The Local Transport Act 2008 amended the 2000 Act requiring Integrated Transport Authorities to produce a Local Transport Plan in consultation with its constituent Local Highway Authorities. The Department for Transport Guidance on Local Transport Plans (July 2009) changed the structure and timescales for Local Transport Plans, requiring ITA's/Local Highway Authorities to produce a long term Core Strategy (LTP) and short term Implementation Plan. In the Greater Manchester context the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority will produce a 15 year Local Transport Plan 3, with the constituent Local Highway Authorities producing 4 year Local Area Implementation Plans.

The Local Area Implementation Plan will need to take account of the LTP3 objectives, local aspirations set down in the Councils own Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Development Framework Core Strategy, as well as other strategies such as the Councils Carbon Management Plan and Bolton Town Centre Transport Strategy. The Council will also need to set a transport strategy consistent with the level of funding allocated to the Local Highway Authority.

## Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan

The transport strategy proposed for the Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan (as set out in Appendix 1) will focus on the maintenance of the existing highway infrastructure using sound asset management principles. The Council will work in partnership with the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive to deliver the Bolton Town Centre Public Transport Scheme (Bolton Interchange) and associated highway improvements in Bolton town centre to stimulate regeneration and economic growth. The Council will have no Integrated Transport Block funding to deliver physical improvements such as Local Safety Schemes and Minor Works. The Council provisionally supports the Greater Manchester approach to a Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid to deliver smarter choice measures across Greater Manchester.

## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Development, Housing and Skills Scrutiny Committee note the Bolton Plan attached in Appendix 1 for publication with the nine other Greater Manchester district Local Area Implementation Plans as part of a suite of documents attached to the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3.

Appendix 1

LTP3

Bolton Local Area Implementation Plan