

Item No. 10.	Classification: Open	Date: 14 December 2010	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		The Transport Plan and Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
Cabinet Member:		Councillor Barrie Hargrove, Environment, Transport And Recycling	

FOREWORD – COUNCILLOR BARRIE HARGROVE, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND RECYCLING

1. Changes since 2007, when this authority last submitted a transport plan means that we are required carry out a new consultation so that a new borough Transport Plan can be submitted in 2011 to the Mayor of London. It is very important that we share common objectives with the Mayor’s Transport Strategy document (MTS2) which was published in May this year, setting out new targets and requirements for all London boroughs for next 20 years. Not just because we are very dependent on the Mayor and Transport for London (TfL) for the funding of our traffic, travel and transport schemes but also because there is broadly a shared understanding of what all of us are trying to achieve in transport terms for London and Londoners. But as well as this, the submission of a new Southwark Transport Plan is a great opportunity for both us as an authority and the population we serve, to tell the Mayor, the Greater London Authority and TfL what matters in transport for the people of this borough. I am sure that by the time consultation is completed and the document ready for submission, we’ll have a Transport Plan which articulately makes the case for Southwark, it’s aspirations and it’s solutions, it’s residents, it’s visitors and it’s travelling public, all of whom dependent on a fast, efficient, clean, safe transport system and a quality public realm that is a pleasure to travel in. At the same time, I am also honoured to present the Sustainable Modes of Travel document to Cabinet. This document, which is also a statutory obligation, is the culmination of lots of hard work by officers, resulting in a strategy which works towards making sustainable transport more of a reality for many more of our young people. Safe cycling and walking to schools and colleges is more healthy and better for the environment in which we all live.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet

2. Agrees to the public consultation of the draft transport plan and the sustainable modes of travel strategy.
3. Agrees that the draft transport plan incorporating the requirements of Southwark’s local implementation plan be submitted to TfL by December 20 2010.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. This report considers two separate documents, the transport plan and

Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (SMoT). Each of which is discussed in detail below.

5. In May 2010, the Mayor of London published his revised transport strategy. Section 145 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (GLA 1999) requires each council in London to prepare a Local implementation plan (Lip) to detail how the authority will assist in delivering the Mayor's Transport Strategy. Following the revision of the Mayors transport strategy all boroughs are required to revise their Local implementation plan in response to the new strategy. This is a revision of the policy that informs the transport improvement programme (Lip programme), to consider policy rather than projects emerging from policy.
6. This draft transport plan incorporates the requirements of a Lip and replaces the current Lip which was approved by the Mayor of London on 21 February 2007 and adopted by the council's cabinet on 20 March 2007. The transport plan must be submitted to Transport for London by 20 December 2010 for review.
7. TfL provides financial assistance to boroughs, sub-regional partnerships and cross-borough initiatives under section 159 of the GLA Act 1999. All councils within London are able to obtain this funding on an annual basis to deliver schemes identified in the Lip. The transport plan will set and inform the direction for future funding submissions through the transport improvement programme.
8. The plan has been developed in accordance with the TfL guidance released in May 2010. As well as addressing these requirements the transport plan sets the future direction for improving transport in Southwark and includes policies, schemes and initiatives to deliver sustainable, efficient and effective transport services and programmes. Its consultation will ensure that the needs and aspirations of the people in Southwark are met.
9. Section 508a of the Education and Inspection Act 2006 outlines the duty placed on the authority to promote sustainable travel of children and young people to and from core and extended activities in schools and colleges. Southwark's Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (SMoT) has been prepared in response to this duty and is a statement of the council's vision for improving accessibility to schools and colleges, and promoting sustainable travel for children and young people. It aims to help parents, carers, schools, children and young people, including those with special educational needs, use sustainable modes of transport safely and easily.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

10. The transport plan and SMoT have been prepared in response to the duties and requirements set out in the GLA Act and the Education Act respectively.
11. All councils within London are able to obtain funding on an annual basis to deliver schemes identified in the draft transport plan (as this incorporates the requirements of the Lip). TfL provides financial assistance to boroughs under section 159 of the GLA Act 1999. Therefore it is essential that the borough comply with the requirements in preparing our transport plan. The authority is required to submit a consultation draft of the transport plan to Transport for London for their consideration by 20 December 2010.
12. TfL comments should be received early in the New Year and the documents will be reviewed following this and public consultation. Following this the plans will be

considered by Cabinet for formal adoption.

Policy implications

13. The transport plan has been prepared to meet the Mayor's Transport Strategy objectives and will help the council to achieve the priorities set out in the Southwark 2016: Sustainable community strategy.
14. The SMoT and transport plan are consistent with the council's broader policy framework. The transport plan references and supports the local development frame including the transport assessments that inform the core strategy and the area action plans. The plans also support various national and regional policies including the Mayor's Transport Strategy, as required by TfL.

Community impact statement

15. The transport plan will provide for and encourage greater use of public transport and greater levels of active travel whilst supporting an appropriate level of movement of cars and goods vehicles. The plan has been prepared in recognition of the important role that transport can have in supporting and achieving other government initiatives. The plan includes measures to promote economic prosperity, improve safety and accessibility and promote social inclusion.
16. The SMoT through its actions seeks to improve access to schools and colleges, and promote the use of active and sustainable travel. The plan also seeks to improve safety of travel to school.
17. An equality impact statement, a health impact assessment and a strategic environmental assessment are also being undertaken in developing the borough's transport plan which will be consulted alongside the plan. All policies and proposals within the transport plan have been developed in accordance with both of these documents.
18. The council will undertake ongoing monitoring of the transport plan to ensure there are no adverse implications for the community, or that any identified are proportionate to the overall objective of the programme and are minimised where possible.

Resource implications

19. A small amount of funding has been allocated, through the transport improvement programme 2010/11, to support the development and consultation of the transport plan. Due to this limited budget we have tried to keep consultation costs to a minimum by utilising existing meetings, limiting printing and using electronic means to distribute the document where possible.

Consultation

20. The plan has been informed by discussions with officers from different sections of the council and PCT to ensure alignment of strategies.
21. It is proposed to undertake twelve weeks of consultation running through December through to 8 March. As part of the consultation we plan to do the following:

- Put an item on the Source about the transport plan and SMoT encouraging comments from staff
- Put the consultation document and request for feedback on the council website
- Take the consultation document to all the community councils and the public transport consultative forum
- Attend transport stakeholder meetings
- Hold a half day workshop with key stakeholders (emergency services, etc) to invite more technical comment on the plans
- Send letters to statutory consultees including emergency services, environmental and heritage bodies inviting comment on the plans and attendance at the stakeholder workshop.
- Hold two separate half day workshops encouraging local participation advertised through existing networks

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Communities, Law and Governance

22. Cabinet is asked to approve for consultation and initial submission to Transport for London a draft Transport Plan, incorporating a Sustainable Modes of Travel strategy. Following consultation it is intended that the plan will replace the Local Implementation Plan adopted on 20 March 2007.
23. This report is being put before Cabinet for a decision under Part 3B of the Constitution. Paragraph 4 of that Part headed “Local Leadership” states that Cabinet is to ensure consultation on the development of the council’s policy framework, other key strategic documents and key decisions. Paragraph 4 of that Part headed “Policy” states that Cabinet will be responsible for determining the council’s strategy and programme in relation to the policy and budget framework set by the council. The following paragraph 5, states that Cabinet is responsible for determining the authority’s strategy and programme in relation to social, environmental and economic needs of the area. It is considered that approval of the draft Transport plan is within those roles and functions.

Departmental Finance Manager

24. Funding for the consultation and printing of the plan will be sourced from an allocation of £15k from the TfL discretionary funding for 2010/11, as agreed by the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Recycling.

Strategic Director of Environment and Housing

25. The Director of Environment and Housing welcomes the recommendations of this report and confirms that the draft transport plan is consistent with adopted and emerging policies and plans relating to the management of the Council’s highway network and public realm.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Local implementation plan	Planning and Transport, 5 th Floor, Tooley Street	Sally Crew on 020 7525 5564

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Southwark's transport plan (circulated separately and available on the council's website)
Appendix B	Sustainable modes of travel strategy

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Strategic Director of Environment and Housing	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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