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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Transport Decision Meeting
Subject:	Local Transport Plan 4 Annual Monitoring Report 2023/24
Date of meeting:	26 th September 2024
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Cabinet Member:	Cllr Peter Candlish, Cabinet Member for Transport
Wards affected:	All

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the second Annual Monitoring Report for 2023/24 for the Portsmouth Transport Strategy, (Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4)) with updates provided on progress towards the vision and four strategic objectives identified in LTP4.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Portsmouth Transport Strategy¹ (Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4)) was adopted in October 2021, setting out a long-term strategy for enabling everyone to travel into, out of and through the city safely and efficiently on all modes of transport, creating a more inclusive, sustainable, and well-connected transport network.
- 2.2 The Local Transport Plan is a statutory document that every Local Transport Authority (LTA) is required to produce. An LTP is required to have two parts- a strategy which sets out the long-term policies to address the transport challenges

¹ Local Transport Plan 4 <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/parking-roads-and-travel/travel/local-transport-plan-4-ltp4/>

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and deliver transport improvements, and a short-term implementation plan detailing the transport improvements which will support the strategy.

2.3 The Portsmouth Transport Strategy covers the period 2021-2038, and the Portsmouth LTP4 Implementation Plan² prioritises schemes to be delivered over three-year periods, with the first of the three-year rolling programmes between 2022/23 and 2024/25. The implementation plan is reviewed on an annual basis to align with annual budgeting and funding decisions, and to ensure alignment with emerging local and national policies.

2.4 The adopted Portsmouth Transport Strategy's vision is:

"By 2038, Portsmouth will have a people centred travel network that prioritises walking, cycling and public transport to help deliver a safer, healthier, and more prosperous city".

2.5 It includes four strategic objectives, as set out below to deliver this vision:

- Deliver cleaner air.
- Prioritise walking and cycling.
- Transform public transport.
- Support business and protect our assets.

2.6 Eighteen specific policies fall under these strategic objectives and are detailed in the Portsmouth Transport Strategy setting out how the council will achieve the objectives and overall vision for the strategy.

3. Monitoring and evaluation

3.1 Over the life of the transport strategy, Annual Monitoring Reports (AMRs) will be produced, to monitor and evaluate the delivery of the transport strategy and implementation plan. 16 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which are indicative of performance across the range of policies set out in LTP4 are identified in the current (2022/23 to 2024/25) LTP4 Implementation Plan.

3.2 A full AMR will be produced at the end of each Implementation Plan period (3 years). These full reports will include analysis of data for the KPIs identified to help determine how much progress is being made to achieve the outputs of each policy, and progress against the LTP's objectives overall.

² <https://travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/74.602-Local-Transport-Plan-4-Implementation-plan.pdf>



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- 3.3 A shorter highlight report detailing key activities in the preceding year is produced for each of the two interim years. The first AMR was published in summer 2023 for the year 2022/23 and provided updates on progress towards the LTP4 vision and objectives over the first year of the strategy. This year's AMR - the second AMR- is another highlight report.
- 3.4 The second Annual Monitoring Report (Appendix A) for the year 2023/24 provides a highlight report of the second year of the Portsmouth Transport Strategy, giving information on how individual schemes and projects are supporting progress towards the vision and strategic objectives.
- 3.5 Next year's 2024/25 AMR will be the first full AMR with analysis of performance against the KPIs.
- 3.6 The Portsmouth Transport Strategy is a long-term strategy up to 2038, and it is recognised that some of the improvements will take time to deliver. Therefore, a mixture of short-, medium- and long-term deliverables are set out in the LTP4 Implementation Plan. The delivery some workstreams span two or more years within the programme.

4. Key Achievements

- 4.1 A wide number of schemes and initiatives have been delivered over the second Annual Monitoring Report period, and are set out in detail in Appendix A, against the main strategic objective that they support. Examples of key achievements for each objective are provided below:
- 4.2 Deliver Cleaner Air
 - Further £887,430 funding gained from the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) in December 2023, to deliver the third phase on-street residential charge points, to support the installation of up to a further 320 on-street chargepoints across the city
 - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy adopted in July 2024
 - £3.682 million funding allocated from the Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund in February 2024 to enable further rounds of EV infrastructure
 - In partnership with Hampshire County Council and First Bus, £12.7m was awarded in 2022 for the introduction of battery electric buses serving Portsmouth, Fareham and Gosport, with 62 electric buses entering service during spring 2024.
 - Portsmouth Car Club launched in September 2023
 - Portsmouth Parking Strategy adopted in March 2024

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4.3 Prioritise Walking and Cycling

- The first two stages of the East West Active Travel Corridor completed in early 2024
- A cycle route between Eastern Road and Dundas Lane was completed in 2023 as part of the South East Hampshire Rapid Transit (SEHRT)
- Nine new bike hangars installed in early 2023; there are now 17 bike hangars in residential areas across Portsmouth
- Portsmouth's first Active Pompey Neighbourhood was implemented in February 2024, in the Central Southsea area. This scheme was implemented under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) so is covered by a consultation period which ended in August 2024
- Two school streets became permanent in early 2024, at Bramble Infant and Nursery School and St Jude's CoE Primary School

4.4 Transform Public Transport

- A wide number of bus service improvements introduced or planned over the next year, following PCC being awarded £48 million funding towards bus service improvements in April 2022 through the Portsmouth Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). These include Free Fares Sundays in March 2023, Free Fares weekends in September 2023, Pompey Young Person Tickets, Tap on Tap off ticketing, Hopper tickets, and evening tickets which are available from 7pm to 4am.
- An updated Portsmouth BSIP produced and submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in June 2024, as requested by the DfT for all Local Transport Authorities
- Work on the South East Hampshire Rapid Transit (SEHRT) programme, funded through Transforming Cities Funding from Central Government continued during 2023/24
- Further real-time information screens introduced to the city's bus stops - there are now 238 bus stops in Portsmouth with this technology

4.5 Support Business and Protect Our Assets

- SmartCross contactless and Bluetooth technology being introduced at signalised junctions and crossing in the city, with further installations planned
- Continued rollout programme of new Variable Message Signs (VMS) across the city
- The final phase of Zebrite belisha beacons to be installed over the coming months, which seek to increase the visibility of zebra crossings
- Two trial micro consolidation hubs have been shortlisted for development at Cascades Shopping Centre and The Bridge Shopping Centre

5. Forward plan of strategies

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- 5.1 Whilst the transport strategy covers all areas of transport, more detailed supplementary transport strategies are to be developed setting out more detailed plans and approaches for certain transport modes and policy areas, and how council plans to achieve the objectives and vision set out in the Portsmouth Transport Strategy for these specific areas.
- 5.2 The first supplementary strategy to be produced was the Portsmouth Parking Strategy 2024 - 2034, which supports the key strategic objective of 'Delivery Cleaner Air'. This ten-year strategy was adopted at the Cabinet Member for Transport Decision Meeting in March 2024, following an extensive public consultation.
- 5.3 A second supplementary transport strategy, the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy, was also developed during 2023/24 and was adopted on the 11th July 2024. This strategy sets out the council's approach to how we will meet the growing demand for electric vehicle charging from residents, workers, visitors, and businesses over the next decade, utilising Government Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding which has been awarded to PCC to support scale of additional EV charging facilities in the coming years. With a climate emergency declared by the council in March 2019, a large-scale switch from petrol and diesel cars to electric vehicles (EVs) will be essential to support the decarbonisation process.
- 5.4 Further supplementary transport strategies will be developed over the life of LTP4, with development on a third daughter strategy - a new public transport strategy- due to be progressed during 2024/25.

6. Next steps

- 6.1 Quarterly monitoring reports will be provided to the Transport Strategy Board, providing updates on the progress towards the vision and strategic objectives of the transport strategy.
- 6.2 Progress will continue to be made on a range of schemes during the next year of LTP4, supporting the eighteen policies within the transport strategy.
- 6.3 A full AMR for the first Implementation Plan period, containing analysis of progress against the identified KPIs will be published during summer 2025.



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Signed by (Director)

Appendices:

Appendix A - Annual Monitoring Report, Portsmouth Transport Strategy, and Implementation Plan 2023/24

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Local Transport Plan 4	Local Transport Plan 4 https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/parking-roads-and-travel/travel/local-transport-plan-4-ltp4/
Local Transport Plan 4 Implementation Plan	https://travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/74.602-Local-Transport-Plan-4-Implementation-plan.pdf