

Title of meeting: Solent Transport Joint Committee

Date of meeting: 8th October 2024

Subject: Solent Transport Prospectus

Report by: Richard Adams

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

The present year has seen delivery of the Solent Transport Prospectus, with assistance from Portsmouth City Council. This is an important sub-regional document which consolidates the national, regional and local transport plans (published by the LTAs) in one document. It presents a shared vision and approach for transport improvements in the Solent region over the next 20-30 years.

2. Recommendations

For Joint Committee to consider and endorse the document, with a recommendation that partner LTAs take the document through their individual authorities for ratification and approval.

3. Background

The Prospectus represents a significant amount of work during the last years on collaboration, consulting and consensus-building with the LTAs on the details for the future Prospectus. A consultant, ITP, was commissioned to develop the work from March 2023 onwards, holding several workshops, seeking inputs and developing consensus between the partners for strategy elements. This work identified key challenges and interventions. After significant research and consideration of all available options the decision was made by the partners not to pursue the modelling appraisal aspect of the project. In late 2023, work on development of the Prospectus was brought in-house, with the Partners contributing to iterative drafts and Solent Transport working with Portsmouth City Council to finalise the document.

This document represents an agreed outcome of that work, which as been agreed and supported through the working groups and the Solent Transport Senior Management Board.

4. Reasons for recommendations

The Prospectus provides a unified and agreed view and forward look of schemes across all four LTA within the Solent Transport area until 2040. It builds on the Transport for the South East, Strategic Investment Plan (TFSE SIP), providing a view of more detailed implementation that is required to achieve the joint goals of Local Transport Plans, the TFSE SIP and the ambitions of the Solent Transport Partnership and will provide a useful tool and benchmark for working with national government and key partners to deliver these.

5. Integrated impact assessment

NA

6. Legal implications

NA

7. Director of Finance's comments

NA

Appendices:

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
Solent Transport Prospectus Abridged	Attached with Papers

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved by Solent Transport Senior Management Board on 4th September 2024.