

Appendix C

Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee 5th March 2020 - Minutes

The Committee received a report on the Leicester Leicestershire Strategic Transport Priorities. Arising from the discussion, the following points were noted:

- i) An ongoing concern for some members regarding the A46 Priority Growth Corridor and the impact such a development might have on the area.
- ii) Concerns about connectivity of public transport in Leicestershire and a request to do more for the benefit of County residents. The recent announcement of Government funding for public transport was welcomed and it was hoped such funding would help the Council support rural public transport including the use of flexible and demand responsive transport services to address the issue of rural connectivity.
- iii) The inclusion of the Leicester to Burton railway line was welcomed. However, members questioned why it only appeared in 'Theme 1 Leicester Connectivity', and not within 'Theme 3 Travel around Leicestershire'.
- iv) The Members Advisory Group led on the Strategic Growth Plan and was chaired by Mr Pendleton CC the new Lead Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.
- v) Members suggested that the document could do more to recognise the differing travel needs of county towns, villages and isolated rural settlements. Reference also needed to be included that journeys to work were the main contributor to congestion.
- vi) A concern was raised that the document did not seem to have a long term vision and that given the plan was intended to cover the period up to 2050 the dominant mode of travel remained the private car.

Mr Pain CC, Deputy Leader advised Members that the document served as the strategic priorities for the City and Council, more detail would sit beneath the Plan. It was stressed that the Council was not yet able to predict changes to modes of transport, but as knowledge and understanding progressed the plans that sat underneath the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Transport Priorities would be able to reflect changes.

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That the comments of the Committee be submitted as part of the consultation.

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