

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal
Policy and Performance Board

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PORTFOLIO: Environment & Urban Renewal

SUBJECT: Local Transport Plan 4 (Liverpool City Region
Combined Authority)

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 A presentation will be given at the Board meeting to provide an overview of the draft Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) and the consultation process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the contents of the draft Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) and associated consultation process is noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Consultation on the draft LTP's principle and policies opened on the 3 October 2024. The LTP, including all of its technical appendices, background materials and an online consultation form are all available online. This includes a 3-minute video by Simon O'Brien, to introduce the plan. The LTP consultation closes on the 15 December 2024.

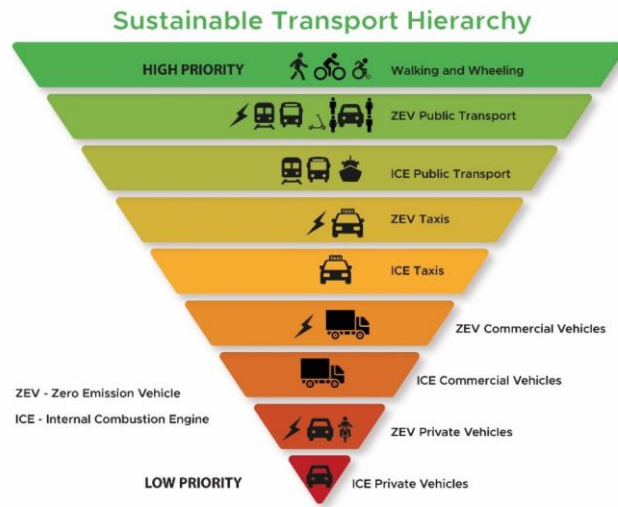
<https://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/local-transport-plan>

3.2 A mailshot has been sent to statutory and other stakeholders, such as constituent and adjoining local authorities, transport operators, special interest groups, transport agencies and Transport for the North. This will invite responses either via the portal or directly back to the LCRCA's Policy team at TransportPolicy@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

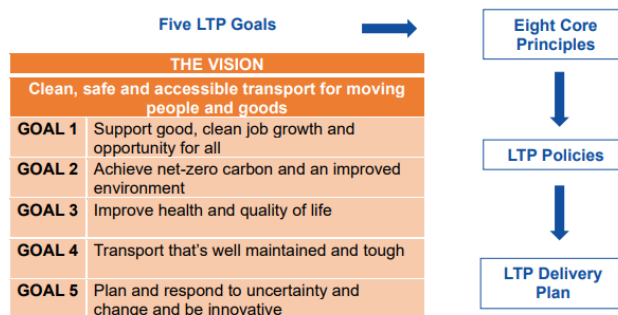
4.1 The LTP4 aims to provide transport choices that are safe, inclusive, affordable and low carbon. It also seeks to deliver connected infrastructure that links opportunity to needs.

4.2 The LTP's movement hierarchy seeks to support these aims. The reallocation and prioritisation of road space or public space is how the hierarchy would be translated into action, in a practical sense.



4.3 The hierarchy applies equally to the movement of freight as it does to the movement of people. This means that the movement of freight by water or rail, for example, should be a higher priority than, and preferable to moving it by road using an HGV. Similarly, moving goods using an e-bike would be preferable to using a van, whether zero emission or diesel.

4.4 Within the draft LTP4, there are five goals, and eight core principles, and these set out the detail of the policy approaches and interventions proposed across the range of transport challenges.



Eight Core Principles

- Principle 1:** A vision led approach
- Principle 2:** We will apply the five goals equally
- Principle 3:** Transport decisions based on clear need and evidence
- Principle 4:** Transport must support placemaking
- Principle 5:** Prioritise clean, healthy travel in all we do
- Principle 6:** Guided by our commitment to inclusivity, accessibility and social value
- Principle 7:** Work with others to promote and deliver the LTP
- Principle 8:** A rolling programme of innovative transport investment

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

The LTP4 acts as enabler for Halton residents to engage in active travel to promote health and well-being and access the variety of open spaces and parks without the use of motorised vehicles. The delivery of LTP4 will provide greater opportunities to walk or cycle on those shorter journeys which are currently taken by car. A reduction in short car journeys will help reduce congestion and help improve air quality.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The LTP4 will support a well-connected Halton, reducing barriers to accessing employment and training, and by providing safe sustainable links to current and future opportunities.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

The LTP4 will benefit the children and young people by improving sustainable, affordable access to places of interest whilst connecting communities.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

The LTP4 will help reduce barriers to accessing training and employment and aims to provide schemes which provide inclusive mobility for all.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

The delivery of LTP4 will provide greater opportunities to walk or cycle on those shorter journeys which are currently taken by car. A reduction in short car journeys will help reduce congestion and help improve air quality and reduce emissions.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

LTP4 has transport connectivity at its heart. Accessibility to Halton's local facilities, including shopping, employment and leisure, together with the wider city region will help connect communities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 It is recognised that there is a need to carefully communicate the inspiring messages within LTP4, for example:

- When it comes to schemes and measures, the need for “myth busting” (e.g. capital funds devolved to the Combined Authority for transport purposes cannot be used to pay for constituent

Local Authorities urgent revenue priorities, such as social care)

- The need to focus actions in spatially important areas where transport challenges exist.
- The need to engage as wide a range of people across age, diversity, and socio-economic backgrounds as possible.
- The importance of getting land use planning decisions right from the start so that walking and cycling measures don't need to be retrofitted later.
- The need for members of the Committee to be champions of the plan.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None identified.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 A reduction in short car journeys will help reduce congestion and help improve air quality and reduce emissions.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

LCR CA Draft Local Transport Plan October 2024