

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Strategic Environment Cabinet Committee

Date: 27 March 2024

Reporting officer: Head of Planning

Subject: Draft Transport Strategy

Purpose and summary of report:

To share a presentation on the draft Transport Strategy for discussion and comment.

Recommendations:

1. That the Committee consider the report and provide their comments on the presentation (Appendix 1).

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	No implications. The report is for discussion
Finance and Value for Money	<p>The Transport Strategy is a key component for mitigating certain impacts that arise from some developments, as well as ensuring public resources are channelled to transport interventions that deliver benefits for the residents and businesses of the Borough, as well as the Environment.</p> <p>No direct impacts on resources as a result of this report.</p>
Corporate Plan	<p>#1 People: a proud community; where residents can call a safe, clean and attractive borough their home.</p> <p>#2 Place: a dynamic borough; defined by a vibrant and productive local economy taking advantage of growth in the area, supported by its strong and active community.</p>
Climate Change	The Council's commitment to Climate Change is addressed through both plan making and decision taking.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Borough Council, as the Local Planning Authority is responsible for delivering development via a Local Plan, it is not a transport authority responsible directly for roads, highways or public transport.
- 1.2 To deliver transport interventions, there is therefore a need to work in partnership with other public bodies and private sector providers, to ensure that transport interventions are put in place to support existing and new development and to make Gravesham 'work' in terms of getting around in an acceptable manner.
- 1.3 What is considered 'acceptable' will have several dimensions – social, economic and environmental. The ability to travel differs between different groups in the community, based not only on location or income but on individual personal and household characteristics.
- 1.4 The ease with which people can access services, education, jobs and other facilities also has implications in terms of addressing inequalities and relative deprivation of individuals and groups within Gravesham – this is also linked to the cost of travel and not just frequency or reliability of travel.
- 1.5 Both national and local (KCC) transport policy is based on managing highway demand, due to the finite capacity of the highway network, with the demand managed by providing alternatives to private vehicle use where possible. This should not be seen as an 'anti-car' endeavour, but a measure that provides people with real choices that are safe, attractive and affordable accepting that some trips can only be made by car.
- 1.6 The above is within the context of addressing and adapting to climate change on the path to net zero – particularly in terms of supporting the electrification etc. of the vehicle fleet.

2. Draft Transport Strategy

- 2.1 The purpose of the draft Transport Strategy is to draw together key strands from existing plans and projects, as well as the Council's own transport evidence base, to set out a vision for future transportation within the Borough, with measurable outcomes.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix 1: Draft Transport Strategy Presentation

4. Background Documents

- 4.1 There are no background documents.

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	No implications.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<p><i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i></p> <p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links. No</p> <p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? Click here to start typing</p> <p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk. Click here to start typing</p>
Equality Impact Assessment	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No</p> <p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer.</p> <p><i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i></p>
Crime and Disorder	No direct implications.
Digital and website implications	This document will be published on the Council's website upon adoption.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	No direct implications.