

TO: THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
DATE: 20 December 2019

**TRANSPORT FOR THE SOUTH EAST (TfSE)
PROPOSAL TO SEEK STATUTORY STATUS – CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the Council’s formal response to the Transport for South East (TfSE) draft strategy. The consultation started on 10 October 2019 and runs until 10 January 2020.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Council’s consultation response, as detailed in Appendix 1, is approved.**

3 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Council provides TfSE with an independent consultation response for their consideration, alongside the combined response from the Berkshire Local Transport Body (BLTB).

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 On 10 October 2019, TfSE launched a consultation on its draft Transport Strategy. TfSE’s mission statement is:

“By 2050, the South East of England will be a leading global region for net-zero carbon, sustainable economic growth where integrated transport, digital and energy networks have delivered a step change in connectivity and environmental quality. A high-quality, reliable, safe and accessible transport network will offer seamless door-to-door journeys enabling our businesses to compete and trade more effectively in the global marketplace and giving our residents and visitors the highest quality of life.”

- 5.2 The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders on the draft Transport Strategy. The aim is to ensure buy-in to the vision of the future set out in the Transport Strategy. The Transport Strategy, and supporting evidence are being made available to the public and all consultees, along with a consultation questionnaire. The consultation exercise is being publicised online, in the press and on social media, and is being supplemented by a series of engagement events.

- 5.3 At the end of the consultation period, Transport for the South East will produce a consultation report on the draft Transport Strategy, which will summarise an analysis of the responses and how the final version of the Transport Strategy should evolve to reflect feedback provided.

- 5.4 Following consideration of all feedback, the draft Transport Strategy will be revised, and a final version will be approved by the Shadow Partnership Board and published in spring 2020. This Strategy will be reviewed updated every five years, thereafter.
- 5.5 TfSE is planning to commission a set of studies to explore some of the themes outlined in the Strategy, including some that focus on corridors and journeys in the South East. These are likely to include (but not be limited to) the following:
- Areas focussed studies, which will focus on groups of corridors:
South Central Area; South East Area; and South West Area; Inner Orbital Area; Outer Orbital Area;
 - Freight Strategy and Action Plan;
 - Future Mobility Strategy;
 - Mobility as a Service; and
 - Smart and Integrated Ticketing.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Bracknell Forest Council supports TfSE as the Sub National Transport Body for the South East and the need to speak with one voice on strategic transport priorities.
- 6.2 The three goals around which the TfSE draft Transport Strategy is based:
- the economic imperative, to improve productivity and attract investment to grow our economy and better compete in a global marketplace
 - the societal benefits of improving health, safety, wellbeing, quality of life and access of opportunities for everyone
 - the environmental necessity to protect and enhance the South East's unique natural and historic environment

align with the objectives of Bracknell's Local Transport Plan and also with the objectives of both the Thames Valley Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and the locally agreed Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy (BLIS)

- 5.12 For more information please visit www.transportforthesoutheast.org.uk

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Treasurer

- 6.1 No financial implications are envisaged from the proposal in the report.

Borough Solicitor

- 6.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

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