

## ANNEX A – BACKGROUND LTP INFORMATION

### 1. Introduction

1.1. The Local Transport Plan (LTP3) is a statutory document that must be prepared by the Council by April 2011. We are currently working to the priorities and strategy of the former County Council's plan.

1.2. Our Local Transport Plan will comprise two elements:

#### ***Long term strategy (2011 to 2026)***

This will set out the long-term objectives and priorities for transport in Cheshire East for the next 15 years. It will set out the strategic approach for:

- Integrated transport – including a suite of thematic strategies, for example, community transport, bus, walking, cycling, and road safety.
- Maintenance – reactive and proactive management, bridges and structures and overall life asset management.
- Major Schemes – schemes over £5m.

The strategy will be delivered through the appropriate capital programmes (Borough-wide or ward lists).

To secure the greatest overall benefit, options for transport packages are to be developed which focus on particular areas, corridors of movement, or user groups.

#### ***Shorter term implementation plan (covering a 3 year period and reviewed annually)***

This will include details of schemes, budgets and timescales for the delivery of the strategy.

1.3. In addition, we are required to produce an: Equalities Impact Assessment; a Strategic Environmental Assessment, which ensures that environmental considerations are integrated into the development of the plan, and a Health Impact Assessment.

### 2. Key Issues in developing LTP3

2.1. The goals for LTP3 will need to support those that are identified in the newly emerging Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Development Framework.

2.2 In addition to local priorities, LTP3 will have to reflect the 5 key National Transport Goals:

- ◆ To **support** national **economic** competitiveness and **growth**, by delivering reliable and efficient transport networks
- ◆ To reduce transport's emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, with the desired outcome of **tackling climate change**
- ◆ To **contribute to better safety security and health** and longer life-expectancy by reducing the risk of death, injury or illness arising from transport and by promoting travel modes that are beneficial to health
- ◆ To **promote** greater **equality of opportunity** for all citizens, with the desired outcome of achieving a fairer society;
- ◆ To **improve quality of life** for transport users and non-transport users, and to promote a **healthy natural environment**

There is the opportunity to prioritise these goals locally if required.

2.3 The quality of our LTP may be taken into consideration when assessing the performance of our authority and area (Comprehensive Area Assessment) and when considering external funding bids (for example, Major Scheme Funding)