

1. Introduction

1.1 Plymouth's Local Transport Plan

1.1.1 Under the Transport Act 2000 local authorities are required to produce Local Transport Plans to identify their local transport policies and outline their programme of local transport improvements. The first of these plans, LTP1, covered the period from 2001 to 2006.

1.1.2 This document is the City of Plymouth's Second Local Transport Plan (LTP2), setting out the transport strategy for the city for the years 2006 to 2011.

The Plan describes:

- How the shared priorities for transport, as agreed by central and local government, will be delivered in the city.
- Local objectives (what has to be achieved through LTP2), indicators (measures used to monitor progress towards the overall objectives) and targets (what is predicted to happen by a specific time) that will form the foundation of the Authority's investment in transport over the LTP2 period.

The Shared Priorities for Transport:

- *Delivering Accessibility*
- *Tackling Congestion*
- *Safer Roads*
- *Better Air Quality*

1.1.3 The document focuses on the themes of improving access to jobs and services particularly for those most in need, achieving a better public transport system, tackling congestion, reducing air pollution, improving road safety and supporting sustainable growth.

1.1.4 It needs to be said from the outset that there is now a clear understanding that the Local Transport Plan needs to be a corporate activity of the whole local authority and that the adequate resourcing required to both continue the development of the overall transport strategy and deliver this and subsequent Local Transport Plans will be provided. The transport strategy is now embedded in the new Corporate Plan, which in turn will inform the Service Plans and the individual Team Plans. This document represents a significant improvement on the Provisional LTP2 document in terms of setting out an achievable and affordable capital programme with realistic targets to be achieved by 2011 and provides the foundation to build on in the future.



1.2 Plymouth's LTP2: A Key Component in Realising our Vision

1.2.1 For Plymouth this is an exciting time of transition. Our City Strategy sets out a bold and ambitious Vision and long-term challenge for all those who contribute to life in the city.

1.2.2 We fully acknowledge the critical role of a safe, efficient and accessible transport system in helping us to realise our Vision. We have the opportunity now to define a package of transport interventions over the next 5 years which is challenging but realistic, responds to current challenges and most importantly provides an excellent foundation for working towards our Vision for 2020.

The Vision for Plymouth

By 2020 Plymouth will be one of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone.

- **A healthy place to live and work** – improving health and well-being.
- **A city, which creates and shares prosperity** – enhancing our economy and sharing the benefits with all our community.
- **A safe and strong city** – reducing crime, making people feel safe, making the most of our environment.
- **A location for learning, achievement and leisure** – raising aspirations and attainment, promoting creativity and leisure.

Plymouth's City Strategy & Action Plan 2004/2009

1.3 How to Use This Document

- 1.3.1 Table 1.1 and Figure 1.3 show the structure of this document. In compiling LTP2 information has been drawn from a number of supporting documents. These are illustrated in Figure 1.2 and referenced throughout. All supporting documents are available on the Council's website at <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/transportandstreets/transportplanning/ltp2006-2011.htm>

Figure 1.1 shows Plymouth's strategic position in relation to the transport network in the southwest peninsula.