

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

10th January 2011

**WORCESTERSHIRE WASTE CORE STRATEGY AND WORCESTERSHIRE
LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN NO 3 – RESPONSES**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Jinny Pearce, Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development & Transport
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning & Regeneration
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Redditch Borough Council's Response to the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy is supportive of the content put forward in the Document and would encourage the location of waste management facilities in the Borough.
- 1.2 Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council's response to Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3 (LTP3) is supportive of the content put forward in the Document and raises a number of questions for Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to consider when developing the emerging draft plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

the responses prepared to the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy and Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No. 3, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be endorsed.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy was initially submitted to The Planning Inspectorate in 2007, this submission was later withdrawn. In summer 2008 WCC consulted on a refreshed Issues and Options Document, following this an Emerging Preferred Options Consultation was undertaken in November 2009 – February 2010. This most recent stage of consultation is the First Draft Submission Consultation Document and has been subject to consultation from September to November 2010. It is intended that the Waste Core Strategy will be adopted in early 2012 by Worcestershire County Council.

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- 3.2 The first stage of the development of Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3 was to define Issues and Challenges, this consultation stage occurred between 2004 and 2009.

The second stage involved consultation with stakeholders and the public on the draft plan and ran between October – December 2010.

4. KEY ISSUES

The Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy

- a) In general terms Officers are fully supportive of the content put forward in the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy.
- b) Officers from Development Plans and Economic Development Team would encourage the location of waste management facilities in the Borough at any of the sites put forward in the document, as the sites put forward are all suitable for such uses and are currently designated as Primarily Employment Areas.
- c) The housing target for Redditch has not yet been finalised. The alterations to these targets may have implications for the Waste Core Strategy, in particular when projecting the need for future waste facilities in the County.
- d) Officers have stated they are happy to meet Worcestershire County Council at a later date to discuss the implications of revised housing targets on the need for waste management facilities following the publications of the Draft Core Strategy (anticipated January 2011).

Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3

- 4.1 In general terms Officers are fully supportive of the content put forward in the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3.
- 4.2 In the response to the document Officers have raised a number of concerns which need to be addressed by the County Council through the emerging plan before it is adopted. Key issues that have been raised include:
 - i) The need to define the role of the emerging Local Enterprise Partnership in securing funding;

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- ii) How infrastructure needs will affect growth figures and a request that the Borough Council works with WCC to determine whether infrastructure requirements will limit growth;
- iii) Establishing the principle of opening the bus lanes to motorcycles and whether this can be implemented in Redditch so that the bus lanes are opened up to general traffic in limited circumstances if wider community benefits can be demonstrated. This has previously been opposed by Worcestershire County Council; and
- iv) When a clear Delivery Plan will be published to support the document, as this is essential to deliver the projects within the Local Transport Plan.

4.3 The major scheme being considered for inclusion within LTP3 for Redditch is the 'Redditch Town Centre Package'. This package is expected to include:

- 1) Junction improvements at key pinch points in Redditch;
- 2) Significant public realm enhancements in Redditch Town Centre to support the wider regeneration initiative;
- 3) Improvements to passenger transport interchange facilities (rail, bus and taxi) in the Town Centre;
- 4) A smarter choices programme, to promote enhanced transport choice in Bromsgrove (Officers anticipate this is a typing error and should state Redditch);
- 5) Promoting an enhanced rail service between Redditch and the West Midlands Conurbation;
- 6) Improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure across the urban area, including improvements to bus stops, footpaths and cycle ways;
- 7) Accessibility enhancements to the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch, potentially including a high quality passenger transport interchange.

4.4 Officers are fully supportive of this package of measures and have detailed in the response a desire to work closely with Officers at WCC to ensure delivery of this package of measures through LTP3.

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- 4.5 The remaining response is structured under the 14 Policy areas of LTP3 (which can be seen at Appendix B).
- 4.6 The response to the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan has been produced jointly with Bromsgrove District Council; this is because Bromsgrove and Redditch have been considered jointly as part of the North East Worcestershire section within the area profile. It is also considered more efficient and cost effective to produce one joint response.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Waste Core Strategy and Local Transport Plan are produced by Worcestershire County Council. It is necessary for all policy produced as part of Redditch Borough Council's Local Development Framework to be in accordance with Policy produced by Worcestershire County Council. The final versions of the Waste Core Strategy and LTP3 will inform Policy development of the Local Development Framework and therefore it is essential to ensure that Redditch Borough Council feeds into the preparation of these documents.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

The Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy and Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3 seek to achieve the Council objectives of being enterprising, safe, clean and green. By being part of the Boroughs planning policy framework the Waste Core Strategy will seek to increase employment in the Borough within the waste sector and promote clean waste management, whilst the Local Transport Plan will promote public transport and move towards more sustainable methods of movement around the Borough.

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**9. RISK MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY
CONSIDERATIONS**

If the Borough Council's responses to the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy and Local Transport Plan are not endorsed the Borough Council will miss out on an opportunity to have formal input into the development of these documents. It is necessary for Redditch Borough Council's Local Development Framework to be in accordance with Policy produced by Worcestershire County Council and therefore to influence their content.

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

None Identified.

**12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET
MANAGEMENT**

None Identified.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3 seeks to ensure a modal shift away from the private car to more sustainable modes of transport, this will result in reduced carbon emissions and therefore a reduction in the Boroughs contribution to climate change, The Plan also seeks a move towards environmentally friendly vehicles.

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None Identified.

15. GOVERNANCE / PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

None Identified.

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**16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF
CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

Worcestershire local Plan 3 contains a policy on Transport Safety, this policy seeks to enhance community safety in the Borough.

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

None Identified.

18. LESSONS LEARNT

None.

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Both the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy and the Worcestershire Local Plan No.3 have been subject to consultation periods conducted by Worcestershire County Council.

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	Yes
Deputy Chief Executive/Executive Director – Leisure, Environment and Community Services	Yes
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	Yes
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Resources	Yes
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	Yes

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21. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards.

22. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Redditch Borough Council's Response to the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy

Appendix 2 - Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Councils' response to Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3.

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy First Draft Submission.

Draft Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026.

Draft Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026 individual Policy Documents (13 separate documents).

24. KEY

LTP3 - Local Transport Plan No.3

WCC - Worcestershire County Council

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