

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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## TRANSPORT THEME UPDATE

### **1.0** PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update LGNYY on progress with regard to the transport theme.

### **2.0** KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Government has recently published details of cuts to transport funding in 2010/11. These represent significant cuts and in York and North Yorkshire reviews are underway to determine which schemes will not proceed and which will have a reduced allocation.

Funding	NY (£m)	York (£m)
Integrated Transport Block	-2.12	-0.75
RFA LTP Uplift	-4.54	-0.66
Road Safety capital grant	-0.43	-0.04
Road Safety revenue ABG	-0.51	-0.05

2.2 Furthermore the Department for Transport is currently reviewing the business cases of all major transport schemes in England that are currently in the funding pipeline, but have yet to secure final funding approval. The A684 Bedale/ Aiskew/ Leeming Bar Bypass scheme and Access York Phase 1, which involves the relocation and expansion of the Askham Bar Park and Ride site and new sites at Poppleton Bar (A59) and Clifton Moor (Wiggington Road), fall within the review.

2.3 Given that the Government has abolished Regional Spatial Strategies there is much uncertainty about the future of the Regional Transport Board. At the present time it is unclear whether the Board will continue to operate and if so what its remit will be and how it would be funded given that CLG has withdrawn funding to administer regional boards.

2.4 The draft North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan is out to consultation until 23 July. The consultation is seeking views on the suggested priorities for transport in North Yorkshire, the future challenges and the types of solution put forward. City of York has undertaken a city-wide consultation as part of a three stage consultation strategy and is currently engaging with the public and key stakeholders through a 'dialogue' to complement the evidence gathering and policy development work that has been ongoing since January 2010. The consultation and evidence gathering will inform a draft 'Framework' LTP3 which will go out to consultation in September and October 2010.

2.5 A draft of the sub-regional Transport Strategy will be considered by the Transport Member Board on the 15 July. There is an emphasis on the role of transport as an enabler for growth and the contribution it can have to the delivery of wider sub-regional priorities. The strategy identifies spatial transport issues of sub-regional significance and details the actions that need to be progressed in order to address these issues.

2.6 The A64 Corridor Connectivity Study is underway with a deadline for completion of October 2010. The study will identify a package of realistic incremental improvements and consider potential funding mechanisms. Consideration will also be given to future growth scenarios on the corridor and 'trigger points' at which transport interventions will be required to accommodate this growth. All study partners are fully engaged in the progression of the study.

**3.0 DECISIONS REQUESTED**

3.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report.

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