



# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Cabinet Highways Committee

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**Report of:** SIMON GREEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLACE

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**Date:** 14 APRIL 2011

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**Subject:** LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND

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**Background Papers:**

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**Category of Report:** OPEN - (Appendix is Closed)

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## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial Implications</b>	
YES/NO	Cleared by: Paul Schofield - 6/4/11
<b>Legal Implications</b>	
YES/NO	Cleared by: Julian Ward - 6/4/11
<b>Equality of Opportunity Implications</b>	
YES/NO	Cleared by: Ian Oldershaw - 6/4/11
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities Implications</b>	
NO	
<b>Human rights Implications</b>	
NO	
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>	
NO	
<b>Economic impact</b>	
NO	
<b>Community safety implications</b>	
NO	
<b>Human resources implications</b>	
NO	
<b>Property implications</b>	
NO	
<b>Area(s) affected</b>	
<b>Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader</b>	
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in</b>	
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>	
NO	
<b>Press release</b>	
NO	

## **LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND**

### **1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report outlines the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (SYITA) bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) and summarises the theme for the bid and the projects being put forward, as the bid will have been signed-off for submission by the time of this meeting. As the LSTF bidding process is competitive the details of the South Yorkshire bid will be explained in private to the Committee.

### **2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD**

- 2.1 The Local Sustainable Transport Fund could bring up to £50M investment in sustainable travel initiatives to South Yorkshire, a significant proportion of which will be invested directly in Sheffield. The LSTF is about interventions which can both reduce carbon and grow the economy and is focused on bringing about travel behaviour change by making the alternatives to the car more attractive and reducing the need to travel. This is in line with the Sheffield Transport Vision which was adopted by Cabinet in December 2010.

### **3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- 3.1 If successful, the LSTF bid will make a significant contribution towards delivering Sheffield's Transport Vision "Excellent Transport in Sheffield". In particular the bid will help us to deliver the "successful low carbon economy" and "a culture where the car isn't always the first choice" objectives.

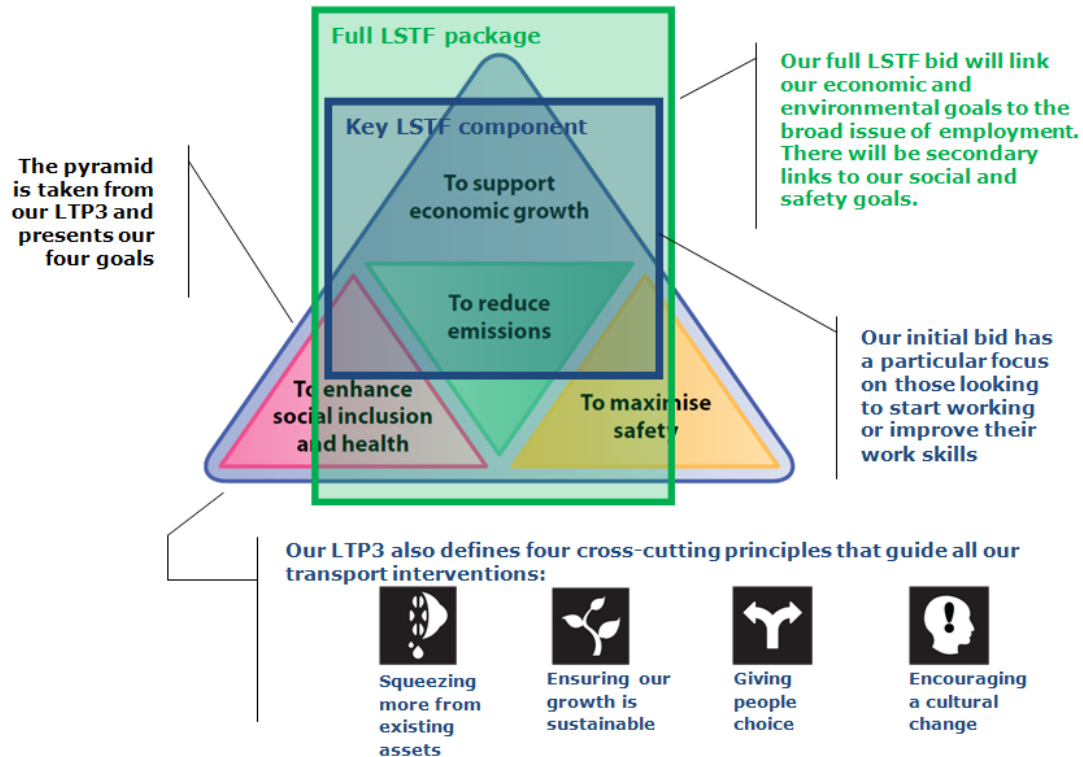
### **4.0 REPORT**

#### Background

- 4.1 This bid is submitted by the SYITA on behalf of a partnership that includes all South Yorkshire districts, SYPTTE and many cross-sector partners in South Yorkshire. Department for Transport guidance indicates a Government preference for bids coming from ITAs covering the metropolitan areas. As explained in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy, our "travel to work" area is wider than the county of South Yorkshire and includes five districts in the East Midlands; Together we form the Sheffield City Region (SCR). The East Midlands districts submit their own LSTF bid and their role here remains informal. However, residents of the wider SCR and the economic growth of SCR would benefit greatly from our proposed LSTF interventions. The bid is also fully endorsed by the Sheffield City Region Local Economic Partnership as it represents its vision for a sustainable economic growth of the wider city region.
- 4.2 The bid will contribute not only to delivering Sheffield's Transport Vision, but also the key objectives of the third Local Transport Plan

(LTP3). This is illustrated in Figure 1, which shows that the bid will contain a £5M 'key component' which are our key priorities for early interventions. The key component bid was approved by SYITA on 7 April. It will be submitted to Central Government by the deadline of 18 April along with an indicative outline of this full bid.

Figure 1: The SCR LTP3 Principles and how the LSTF packages need these.



- 4.3 The overarching theme for the bid is improving the operation of the employment market by improving employers' access to labour and employees' access to work, especially by low-carbon means of travel. This is fully in line with what Central Government is looking for as set out in advice from the Department for Transport.
- 4.4 Within this overarching theme, the bid adopts a 'life-stages' approach, with the three key stages being:
- young people,
  - people entering employment and
  - employed (including those moving job or place of employment).
- 4.5 For the key component there is a particular focus on those looking to start work or improve their work skills. The key component therefore includes projects like 'Wheels-to-Work' which provides two-wheeled transport (and training) for those who can't get to work by other means, because of the absence of other travel options.
- 4.6 A full list of all the proposed schemes included in both the 'key component' and the main bid, are set out in the private Appendix A to this report.

### Relevant Implications

- 4.7 If successful, the 'key component' bid will generate up to £5M for the South Yorkshire Authorities over the next four years, with some of that funding available in 2011/12. The partners are seeking to bid for a main sum up to £50M (actual size of bid yet to be determined). This "Expression of Interest" for the large scale elements of the bid needs to be submitted by 6 June 2011. If our bid is short listed then SYITA will be required to submit a business case by 20 December 2011. Funding for the main bid will be available in 2012/13 and for two further years to March 2015.
- 4.8 The bid, if successful, will be positive for all local people regardless of age, sex, race, faith, disability, sexuality, etc. However, it will be particularly positive for the young and those of working age because of its 'life stages' approach. No negative equality impacts have been identified

## **5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 Various themes and approaches have been considered, before arriving at the chosen approach. These include taking specific local problems as 'themes' for the bid and focusing on modes of travel to deal with those problems / themes. However, it is considered that the chosen approach most closely aligns with the objectives of the fund and that view is based on the information we have received at regional workshops with the Department for Transport and on feedback we have received from discussions with them.

## **6.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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