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The Story So Far

- LTP1 – numerous indicators, annual reporting and associated performance funding
- LTP2 – light-touch assessment, continued performance funding
- Draft guidance on LTP3 issued on 18 December 2008
- Draft guidance takes account of the provisions of the Local Transport Act 2008, the Local Government White Paper 2006 plus policy initiatives such as DaSTS and Eddington

What's Changed

- Local Government policy – devolution and integration
- Delivering a Sustainable Transport Strategy
- Local Transport Bill

Aspects of LTP3

- LTP3 is compulsory for all LTAs
- Must be in place by April 2011
- LTP3 must include:
 - The Policy Plan - strategy
 - The Implementation Plan - delivery

Take account of the Eddington guidance:

- Goals
- Challenges
- Options (appraise and select)
- Priorities
- Deliver

Consider how best to address the 5 Goals outlined in the DaSTS policy:

- Climate change
- Economic growth
- Equality of opportunity
- Better safety, security and health
- Improve quality of life

- Include environmental and equality assessments
- LTP3 also to include details of mandatory duties
- Use existing good practice from LTP1 and LTP2
- Consult widely with key partners
- Consider collaboration with other LTAs, where, say, there are shared travel patterns (to, from and within their area)
- Take account of and be aligned to other local, sub-regional and regional strategies
- Consider the duration of the LTP3

- The need to ensure value for money and efficient delivery
- Incorporate both risks and deliverability
- Finally, Plans need to take account of the audience, and be clear and concise, and show clear impacts – how will the lives of local people be improved

Timescales

- All LTAs must produce a LTP3
- LTP3 can be introduced before the end of the LTP2 period
- There is no fixed period of time for LTP3
- The Plans can be changed as and when
- LAs are obliged by law to keep LTPs under review
- Collaboration between LTAs is encouraged, and LTAs can, if desired, produce a joint LTP3

Monitoring and Performance

- LTP should be clear about what monitoring and targeting will be done to assess progress - Local Area Agreements and National Indicator targets
- No performance funding directly linked to LTP3
- No formal assessment of LTP3 by the DfT, but the Department – through Government Offices – will want to see continued improvement
- Consultation proposes annual reviews of LTP3
- Government Offices to provide advice and support

Next Steps

- *How do we ensure that transport planning continues to improve against this background?*
- Comments due to DfT by 9 April 2009
- DfT will then publish a summary of comments and will use them to develop full LTP guidance for publication around June/July 2009
- Regular engagement with LTAs

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