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## AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	Cabinet
Date of Committee	12th January 2006
Report Title	Advisory Lorry Route Map for Warwickshire
Summary	The Warwickshire Freight Quality Partnership has been developing an Advisory Lorry Route Map for distribution within the road haulage industry. This report recommends that approval be given to the publication of the map and that it be formally reviewed 12 months after publication.
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	<del>Yes/</del> No
Background Papers	Notes of FQP Working Group Meetings Draft Advisory Lorry Route Map
CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified	
Other Committees	·····
Local Member(s) (With brief comments, if appropriate)	
Other Elected Members	X Councillor C K N Browne ) Councillor Mrs E Goode ) for information Councillor Mrs J Lea )
Cabinet Member (Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)	X Councillor M Heatley
Chief Executive	
Legal	X I Marriott – agreed

Finance	
Other Chief Officers	
District Councils	
Health Authority	
Police	
Other Bodies/Individuals	
FINAL DECISION	<b>NO/YES</b> (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)
FINAL DECISION SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :	<b>NO/YES</b> (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps) Details to be specified
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# Cabinet – 12th January 2006

# Advisory Lorry Route Map for Warwickshire

## Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy

#### Recommendation

That approval be given to the publication of the Advisory Lorry Route Map for Warwickshire and that the map be formally reviewed 12 months after publication.

### 1. Introduction

1.1. There is considerable concern about the impact of rat-running by large lorries especially in rural communities. Many roads are unsuitable for through freight traffic and should only be used by heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) for collection or delivery purposes. The County Council's Local Transport Plan published in July 2000 and the Provisional Local Transport Plan 2005 both identify the need to establish a network of priority routes for lorries to follow.

## 2. Advisory Lorry Route Network and Map

- 2.1. The Warwickshire Freight Quality Partnership (FQP) was established in 2002 to develop an understanding of freight distribution issues and problems at the local level and to promote constructive solutions which reconcile the need of access for goods and services with local and environmental concerns. A key objective of the FQP is to promote the use of a defined and agreed 24 hour lorry route network, including the production of a map for distribution within the road haulage industry. The FQP has established a Working Group consisting of representatives from local authorities, the police and the freight industry to progress this objective.
- 2.2. Extensive consultations have been carried out on a draft version of the map including all Parish, Town, and Borough/District Councils and all other local highway authorities. The Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association distributed a number to their members and extra maps were available to anybody on request. A significant number of comments were received and these have all been taken into consideration in producing the latest draft, which is attached as **Appendix A** for Members only and will also be on display at the meeting.



- 2.3. The map seeks to advise on the most appropriate routes through the County and the preferred routes into the various industrial estates and other areas which generate movement of HGVs. It is intended to be a route planning tool for drivers looking for specific destinations.
- 2.3. At its meeting on 14th December 2005 the FQP Working Group agreed that a recommendation should be made for the map to be approved by the County Council for publication and that it should be reviewed in 12 months. In connection with the review the Working Group recommended that distribution of the published map should include all County Councillors, Borough, District, Town and Parish Councils with a request for suggested improvements.

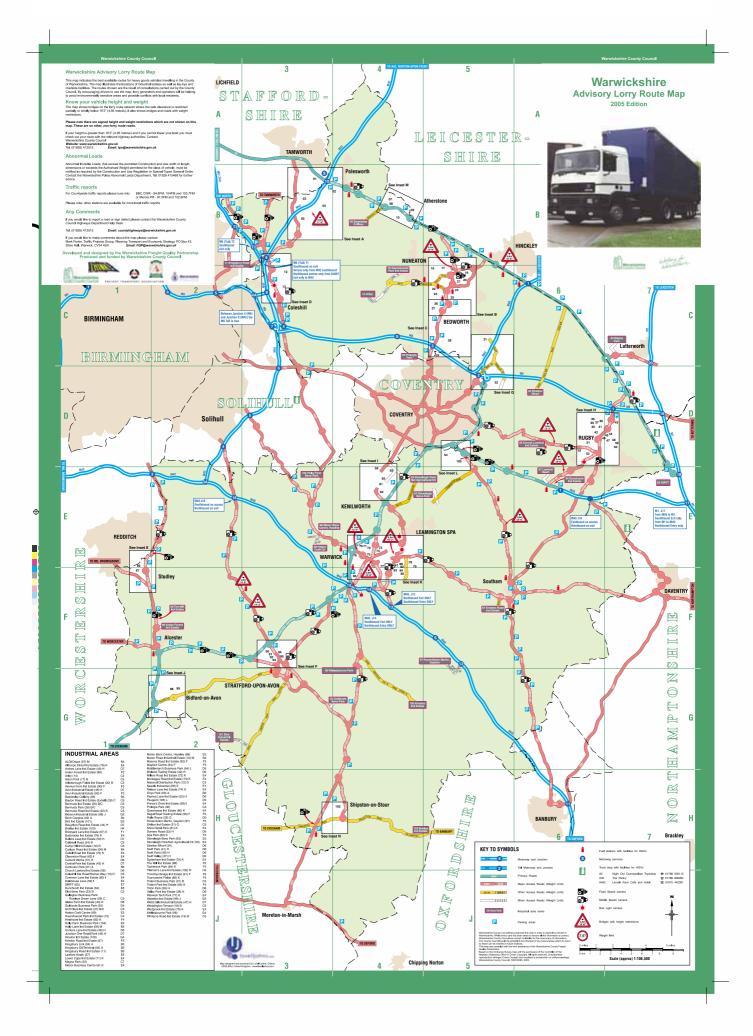
### 3. Conclusion

3.1. The publication of the Advisory Lorry Route Map should be seen as the first stage in establishing a priority route network for HGVs. Through the FQP we intend to work closely with the road haulage industry and local councils to promote the use of the routes shown. This will include a review of road signs to direct HGVs to industrial estates and town centres via the best route.

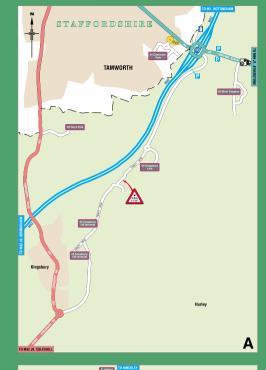
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23rd December 2005





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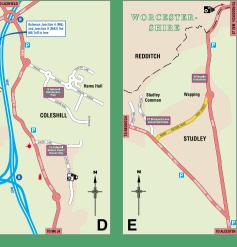


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