

Decision Record – Warwickshire Draft Rail Strategy 2019-2034 Public Consultation

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Councillor Jeff Clarke Transport & Planning
Date of Decision (not before 12 July 2019)	12/07/2019

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning gives approval for the draft Warwickshire Rail Strategy 2019-2034 to be subject to public consultation.

Reasons for Decisions

Approval for consultation is required of the relevant Portfolio Holder.

Background Information

The existing Warwickshire Rail Strategy, as contained within the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026, no longer adequately reflects Warwickshire's aspirations and the evolving nature of work being undertaken at a regional level by West Midlands Rail Executive and Midlands Connect. Therefore, a new Warwickshire Rail Strategy has been prepared; this covers the period 2019-2034 and builds further on Warwickshire's excellent record in delivering improved rail services and facilities.

The draft Strategy sets out Warwickshire's aspirations to deliver improved passenger rail facilities and services across the County between 2019 – 2034. Key elements to note include;

- The strategy has been developed to maximise the economic, social and environmental benefits of the rail network to Warwickshire's residents and businesses.
- In terms of maximising the economic value of the rail network, the production of the strategy has been informed by an economic model designed to measure the economic impact of enhanced train services on connectivity between key centers.
- The strategy sets out how the benefits afforded by HS2 could be realised.
- The anticipated infrastructure interventions required to achieve key aspirations is set out.

It is proposed that a public consultation on the draft Strategy is undertaken during summer 2019 and approval is sought to undertake this consultation exercise. The draft strategy will be subject to an equalities and diversity action plan, this is being prepared and will be available at the time of the consultation.

Financial Implications

The financial implications of undertaking the consultation are minimal and related to officer time and limited printing costs.

The Strategy contains a number of schemes for which funding will need to be sought as appropriate, however there are no commitments within the strategy for these to be funded from County Council resources.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	N
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	N
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	N

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4596/Committee/593/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke
 Corporate Board
 Legal – Ian Marriott
 Finance – Virginia Rennie
 Equality – Keira Rounsley
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

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