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Review Topic	Local Transport Plan Refresh Project
Cross-Party Working Group Members	 The group will consist of seven members of Warwickshire County Council as follows, Four Conservative Councillors One Liberal Democrat County Councillor One Labour County Councillor One Green County Councillor The Chair will be the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning Members of the group will be able to vote on proposals for inclusion in the strategy. Other County Councillors will be able to attend meetings of the group and contribute to discussions but will not be able to vote.
Key Departments	Communities Directorate – Transport and Economy
Support Officers	Officer to be determined – Democratic Services Team Ian Marriott – Corporate Legal Service Manager Philippa Young – Commissioning Manager – Transport and Highways Garry Palmer – Strategy and Policy Lead – Transport and Highways
Timescales/ completion	 Refinement of Issues and Opportunities "dashboards" for public consultation October – December 2021 Public consultation on the relative priorities of LTP Issues and Opportunities Q1 2021 Analysis of results Q2 2021 Seek Cabinet approval to draft LTP Q2/3 2021 Draft new LTP Q3 2021 Seek Full Council approval of new LTP Q4 2021 Publication of the Local Transport Plan is anticipated for late 2021 or early 2022.
Rationale (Key issues and/or reason for doing the review)	The Local Transport Plan is a key policy document for Warwickshire County Council and our partners. It governs the majority of work within Communities Directorate that takes place on or near to the public highway; plays a key role in the deployment and maintenance of millions of pounds of County owned assets and is a relevant document in the planning process which therefore determines the County Council's ability to respond to planning applications as the local Highway Authority. The timing of this project allows the new Local Transport Plan to take account of several new and emerging issues at local, regional and national levels. These include;



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	 the reorganisation of the County Council and the new organisational priorities that have emerged from that process, the County's declaration of a climate emergency the inception of the West Midlands Combined Authority, particularly its transport arm Transport for West Midlands the national efforts to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 with numerous impacts on transport the response to COVID-19 	
	For a project of this scope an impact Warwickshire County Council would like to take all necessary steps to ensure that a wide range of representative views are brought forward for consideration. There will also be a requirement to engage with numerous democratic oversight and decision making points along the way. To enable a wide engagement whilst making these processes as efficient as possible it is proposed that this member group acts as the conduit to provide member led insight into all democratic processes and committee meetings throughout the life of the project.	
Objectives of Review (Specify exactly what the review should achieve)	The objective of the exercise is to ensure that proposals relating to the Local Transport Plan have been rigorously tested from a political perspective before formal decisions are made in order to produce a robust and effective Local Transport Plan that meets the requirements of the County Council, its partners and the communities it serves.	
Scope of the Topic (What is specifically to be included/excluded)	The following is <u>included</u> in the scope of the review: The remit of this cross-party working group is to comment on the evidence and proposals leading to publication of Warwickshire's next Local Transport Plan focusing on the following themes: (i) Document structure (ii) Policy approach (iii) Area Strategies. The following falls outside the scope of the review and will be <u>excluded</u> : > Funding arrangements > National Policy Frameworks.	
How will the public be involved?	An extensive consultation process will form part of the Local Transport Plan development process. Recognising the limitations posed by Covid-19 this will include the use of social media, online questionnaires, virtual meetings and press releases.	
Which partners could be involved?	 Potential for the following groups to be consulted / give evidence: District and Borough Councils Highways England Public transport providers West Midlands Combined Authority HS2 Solihull MBC 	



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	 Coventry CC Town and Parish Councils
What primary / new evidence is needed?	 Data, surveys, modelling, analysis that will inform the new Plan Project Delivery Plan Officer /Councillor/ Partner views on the delivery of the project A list of interested parties/ partners and respective roles
What secondary / existing information will be needed? (i.e. background information, existing reports, legislation, central gov reports)	 Relevant reports / research / guidance on delivery of Transport Plans nationally – to be researched Other to be identified during technical evidence gathering stage
Indicators of Success (What factors would tell you what a good review should look like? What are the potential outcomes of the review e.g. service improvements, policy change, etc?)	The review will conclude by presenting realistic, evidence-based and well- reasoned recommendations to decision makers, together with a persuasive narrative that supports the changes proposed. Any recommendations with financial implications should identify potential funding streams accordingly. The review will be successful if the new Local Transport Plan commands wide support and is revealed by effective monitoring to be delivering its objectives

