

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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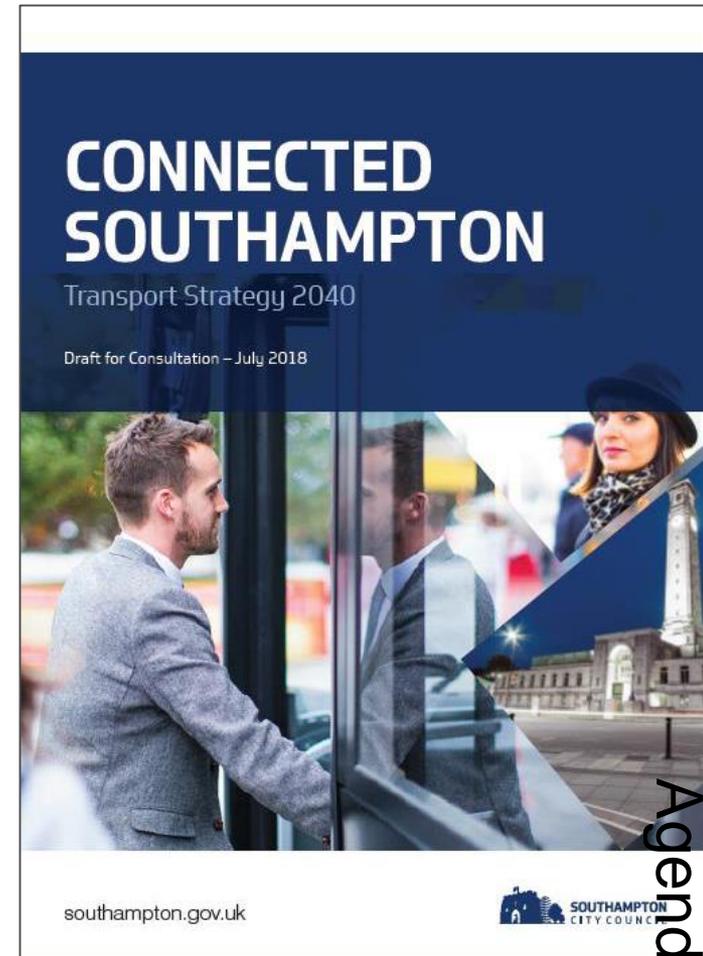
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DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

Connected Southampton Transport Strategy 2040

Our transport vision for 2040 focusses on:

“Creating a liveable city where people and goods can move easily, efficiently and safely. Priority will be given over to public transport, active travel, and spaces for people, but there will still be a role for road based transport in supporting the economy of the city in providing connections to our main economic hubs. Technology and innovative practices will be introduced to enable the transport network to operate as efficiently as possible, helping to accommodate new trips generated by growth without increasing traffic”.



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Draft Strategy - 'Big Ideas' for 2040

1. Develop **Mass Rapid Transit** for Southampton and the wider area;
2. Create a **Liveable City Centre**, where people are to be given priority over vehicles, and be able to enjoy a world-class environment of streets and spaces;
3. Roll out **Active Travel Zones** in local neighbourhoods, that encourage people to gett around sustainably, supported by measures that discourage through traffic;
4. Establish a network of **Park & Ride** sites that serve the places where people work, and go for leisure or retail including the City Centre;
5. **Complete a comprehensive Cycle Network** for Southampton;
6. Ensure **main employment areas** in Southampton (Port, industrial areas, the Hospitals and Universities) **have efficient, modern and reliable transport connections**; and
7. Work towards a **Zero Emission City** which reduces emissions from traffic by supporting alternative fuels and intelligent management of traffic.

Public Consultation

- 12 week consultation period – Weds 25th July - Tues 16th October
- Can find the draft Strategy, FAQs & online questionnaire survey at:
- www.southampton.gov.uk/ltp4
- We have a comms plan to promote the consultation over the full period – being led by Patrick O’Shea in Comms.
- We have four public drop-in events planned:
 - Civic Centre – Tuesday 4th September – 11:30am till 6pm
 - Shirley Library – Saturday 15th September – 10am till 1pm
 - Portswood Library – Wednesday 19th September – 4pm till 7pm
 - Bitterne Library – Saturday 29th September – 10am till 1pm
- Will incorporate feedback and adopt in December
- Please do your bit to help spread the word!

Education Capital Programme (Secondary Expansion)

Overview and Scrutiny Response

Paul Atkins

1. **Alternative Sites considered for New Secondary School.**

During the development of the proposals for the Education Capital Programme several alternative sites for a new all-through school were considered. These are set out below with an explanation as to why these sites were ruled out.

Southampton Golf Course. Consideration was given to utilising part of the Southampton Golf Course as a potential site for a new school. This site was ruled out for several reasons. Accessibility to the site would prove to be problematic. The facility is currently part of a long term lease with Active Nation and the mechanism to remove part of the site from the lease would add time to the proposed programme making delivery by September 2022 highly unlikely if not impossible. The utilisation of green space would involve identifying a suitable site to retain the overall green space within the City. In addition the location is not ideal as it is toward the North of the City and potentially too close to Cantell School.

The Common. Very quickly ruled out due to the strength of political and public opposition associated with the loss of a highly valued community and public asset within the City. Highly unlikely to gain planning consent.

Green Lane Site. Serious consideration was given to the utilisation of the Green Lane site. The location of the site would be very close to Lordshill Academy; however the complexities of the Sport England grant associated with the site (risk of clawback before 2021) and the need to relocate and accommodate the Compass Alternative Provision school would make this impossible for a completion in September 2022. The site is potentially viable as a disposal in the future.

Polygon School Site. Though the site would provide an ideal central location the relocation of the existing SEMH school would prevent completion by September 2022. The size of the site and the topography of the site would present a significant challenge in terms of locating a 6FE secondary school. The levels on the site would mean any proposed school would have to be built vertically this would mean the school would be significantly outside of BB103 Guidelines for construction of new schools.

Toys R Us / Other City Centre Locations. Consideration was given to other City Centre locations in the City however uncertainty in terms of the availability of sites in line with the need to complete by September 2022 prevented this strategy.

Newlands Primary School. The school is built on a large site with a suitable location within the City. It would be feasible to build a new secondary school on this site within the proposed time frame however the site has been ruled out for two main reasons (i) it is located in the West Planning Region and not the Central Planning Region and SCC need to provide places in line with where the demand manifests and (ii) as with all of the sites above

it would not represent best VfM as Southampton would still have to address the poor condition of the buildings at St. Marks Primary School by demolishing and rebuilding a Primary School on this site. Consideration should be given to amending the current arrangement of three planning areas with the DfE, (West, Central and East) to a single planning region for the whole City.

Civil Service Playing Fields. As part of the RIBA Stage 0 feasibility undertaken on the St. Marks & Civil Service Playing Fields sites consideration was given to building the new school on the Civil Service Playing Fields site adjacent to the St. Marks school. It is feasible. However the option has been ruled out as there would be potential issues with (i) loss of Green Space, (ii) potential financial claim from the developer Bovis from whom the site was secured through a CPO & (iii) the use of the site for the location of a school building would be subject to significant resistance from the Friends of the Fields group and the community. The site remains the primary contingency site for a new school.

2. **Financial Contingency.** The £48.86m funding secured for the whole programme has sufficient contingency within it when the following factors are taken into consideration:
- (i) St. Marks All-Through School proposals have been fully risk assessed and developed to concept design with an underlying programme and input from cost consultants with a standard approach to risk and contingency provision within the £31.86m
 - (ii) Chamberlayne. The proposals are for a refurbishment of the main teaching block with an £8m budget. The proposals are high level and the extent of the scheme will be adjusted in order to ensure the final scheme will remain within the budget available. A budget of £8m is sufficient to build a new teaching block (without demolition costs).
 - (iii) The budget figures provided for the creation of additional secondary places at St. George and St. Annes secondary schools are based on the National Audit Office, (NAO) Benchmark of Education Capital Projects in the UK. The NAO report considered all capital projects (both Central and Local Government) to arrive at a benchmark figure of circa £15,000 capital cost to create a secondary school place. The Educational Building and Development Officers Group, (EBDOG) continuously monitor the capital costs for creation of secondary places and the EBDOG benchmark is in line with the NAO figure, (typically £15k per secondary place). Further the Education Skills Funding Agency provide Basic Needs baseline Funding per secondary place is in the same magnitude at £16k.
 - (iv) Formal Governance will be introduced across the Capital Programme which will continuously monitor project costs through monthly highlight reports as proposals are developed. The Cabinet recommendations include for delegated authority for the s151 Officer and the Director for Childrens Services, (DCS) to transfer funding between projects where necessary; subject to CCB approval.
 - (v) It is envisaged there will be efficiencies within the programme by engaging common design and professional services across the projects and by seeking to secure savings through procurement.

Response to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting held 12 January 2018

Background

On the 12 January the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account meeting took place. A number of recommendations were made which included a question related to the number of police officers serving Southampton.

The question was:

That the Committee are provided with the following information from 2010 to 2017:

- The number of police officers in Southampton

Data

Please see below the data required

| Date | Number of Police Officers |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 31/03/2010 | 87 |
| 31/03/2011 | 82 |
| 31/03/2012 | 180 |
| 31/03/2013 | 171 |
| 31/03/2014 | 163 |
| 31/03/2015 | 70 |
| 31/03/2016 | 75 |
| 31/03/2017 | 63 |
| 31/01/2018 | 60 |

Context

It is important to provide some context to the figures provided. The data relates only to police officers based in Safer Neighbourhood teams across the four sectors in Southampton. These officers are supported by Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) deployed to work in Southampton and carry out some valuable engagement across the City. There are 50 PCSOs that serve the City.

In addition, the Southampton Police Investigation Centre (PIC) contains a number of officers based in the Investigations Department as well as specialist departments such as the Amberstone Unit and Major Crime Department. These officers and staff provide a service to wider area across the New Forest and Eastleigh but also to Southampton.

Please also note that Hampshire Constabulary entered the completion phase of its Operational Change Programme (OCP) in 2014, changing the way in which police numbers were counted in each District. Prior to the OCP officers in all mainstream departments such as Investigations, Safer Neighbourhoods and Response and Patrol were administratively assigned to a specific District. This provides some context to the numbers recorded in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Post OCP the structure of the Constabulary changed largely to a functional model, so that solely Safer Neighbourhood staff are now assigned to a District. This means that there Safer

Neighbourhood staff and officers are geographically ring fenced to work in Southampton but staff who carry out other functions such Investigations also respond to incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour.

Like most police forces, Hampshire Constabulary has seen a decrease in police officer numbers in recent years although to an extent neighbourhood officers have been protected. However, as part of normal and on-going procedures, we review our capabilities and manage resources on a regular basis to combat risks highlighted through intelligence, and to match the local and national policing picture. We do this in relation to all crime types to ensure we have the most resource where we need it. Through a variety of governance structures we bid for resources from the centre and continue to work closely with partner agencies and colleagues to maximise our resilience.

Our officers and staff are doing everything they can to help protect the security of those who visit, work and live in Southampton by working closely with our partners.

Alison Heydari
Southampton District Commander