

1 INTRODUCTION

This report forms the second Annual Progress Report (APR) that outlines the progress achieved in the strategic implementation of Worcestershire County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) adopted in July 2000 for the period 2001-2006. The APR is a summary of the progress made in utilising the LTP's funding allocation for the period 2001/02 and the progress made in working towards local and national objectives and targets. The APR has been prepared in accordance with Government's Guidelines, "Guidance on the LTP Annual Progress Reports, Second Edition", published in May 2002.

The Worcestershire LTP was prepared in partnership and through consultation with the district, borough and city councils within the county, and various stakeholders that included transport operators, freight operators, health and education authorities, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Worcestershire's second APR starts with a summary of the implementation of the LTP in 2001/02. The APR then examines the links with wider government issues, such as the Urban White Paper, progress made on the delivery of the LTP investment programmes, performance indicators (both Core and Local), resources allocation and a response to the Department for Transport (DFT) letter on the 2001/02 settlement. The APR also outlines progress made on the consultation process, participating in Best Practice Sharing and Learning and identifies the barriers to the implementation of the LTP strategy.

In addition this year's APR outlines two Supplementary Bids for funding in year 2003/04. These are for:

- Chadbury to Twyford Link Road; and
- Transportation Schemes identified in the Worcestershire Flood Studies.

The main document summarises progress made in 2001/02 with relevant details of specific areas included as appendices, covering:

- Progress against Local Objectives and Targets
- 2001/02 Scheme Implementation Programme
- Bus and Information Strategy
- List of Employers Travel Plans
- Road Safety Plan
- Roads and Bridges Data
- Street Lighting Inventory
- Supplementary Bids
- Responses to the Regional Planning Guidance
- Letters of Support from District Councils
- Finance Forms
- APR Checklist

The appendices are available as a separate bound document.