

FOREWORD



The development of our first Local Transport Plan gave the Council the opportunity to raise the profile of transport and for the first time clearly set out our five-year transport strategy for the Island.

It provided the framework to help understand and reinforce the links between transport and a range of other key areas such as land use planning, the environment, health, education and employment.

The Plan has established good foundations for the future and included the development of Major Bids to build a new transport interchange at Ryde and reconstruct and stabilise Undercliff Drive, west of Ventnor, a PFI bid for highway maintenance, plus improvements in the delivery of maintenance schemes, Road Safety, School Travel Plans, and public transport improvements.

The Council is very pleased to have achieved most of its targets, some of which were extremely challenging. We have continued to improve the way in which we work and do business and were pleased to have achieved the prestigious National Transport Award for our efforts.

This Council has built on the good work of the first LTP and we are already seeing a welcome increase in travel choice. Documented in the next Local Transport Plan (LTP2), the recent introduction of free, unlimited travel on public transport (bus and train) for those aged 60+, plus a 50p Student Rider ticket has dramatically increased the numbers using public transport.

This Council recognises that there is still a lot to do if we are to achieve our shared goals. Our new Local Transport Plan seeks to build on the good progress to date and I believe that by identifying our goals and raising our standards even further we can by working together, help to improve our local transport and the quality of life of those who live here.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Ward', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Ian Ward

Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Planning

