

Transport Funding

There is a clear link between how well we are doing and the amount of funding we will receive in the future. The Government is keen to ensure that Councils are meeting their own targets and have made it clear that future transport funding will now depend on how successful each authority is in reaching its own targets.

The Council has made good progress towards meeting our targets and we are pleased to report that the transport funding has increased under the first two years of the Local Transport Plan process.



Playing Your Part

Transport is an important part of the way we live and we all have a part to play in bringing about improvements. Our decisions on how we travel and how often we travel can help reduce pollution and congestion – together we can help make a real difference.

Want To Find Out More?

The Council has sought to make the Local Transport Plan and Annual Progress Reports as widely available as possible. Copies are available for inspection at the following locations:

- All Island libraries.
- Customer Reception, County Hall, High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.
- Engineering Services, Jubilee Stores, The Quay, Newport, Isle of Wight.
- Customer Reception, Planning Department, Seaclose Offices, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight.
- Ryde Help Centre, High Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The documents are also available on the Councils website at www.iwight.com/transport

Want Your Own Copy?

Paper copies of the documents can be purchased at a reasonable cost – please call Engineering Services for details.

How To Contact Us

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Information about the Department and digital copies of leaflets can be obtained by logging on to the Isle of Wight Council's web site – www.iwight.com.

Copies of leaflets and documents are also available in Braille, large print, audio tape and in community languages. Please call (01983) 823777 for details.

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Local Transport Plan



Background

This leaflet sets out how the Council is working to improve transport on the Isle of Wight. It explains how changes in national policy has enabled improvements at a local level and how the Local Transport Plan, produced in 2000 by the Isle of Wight Council, sets out the approved transport strategy for the Island and includes targets by which our progress is now being measured.

Taking a Co-ordinated Approach

The availability of transport, increase in the desire for personal mobility and the need to deliver goods quickly and cost effectively have brought both benefits and problems. Issues such as health, education, social exclusion, pollution and climate change are all now recognised as being important and integral parts of the whole transport process.

The Government is encouraging a broader, more co-ordinated approach to transport and every Local Authority must now produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP), which sets out a “vision” for transport at a local level over a 5 year period – the first Plan covers the period 2001–2006. The Plan is based on, and takes into consideration, national and local policies on transport and other related issues such as town planning, health, education and social inclusion.

Working in Partnership

The Isle of Wight Local Transport Plan was prepared taking into consideration comments made on the first one year Provisional Local Transport Plan, plus extensive consultation with a broad range of individuals, groups and organisations. This included transport operators, transport users, the business community, health providers, Council Elected Members, Town and Parish Councils, interest groups, the general public, neighbouring authorities, and national and regional Government bodies and agencies.

Taking a Consistent Approach

The Local Transport Plan is one of a number of plans and policies and strategies which are working together to underpin the important “overarching” Community Plan - “Island Futures” which sets out a vision for the Island. The other Plans include the Council’s own Corporate Plan, Unitary Development Plan – which sets out planning policy, Local Agenda 21 Strategy, Social Inclusion Strategy, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Plan, Health Improvement Plan (HImpP) and others on economic development, social inclusion, rural issues and education.

The Local Transport Plan

- Sets out the approved transport strategy for the Island.
- Illustrates how this local strategy fits with and interprets national, regional and other local strategies, policies and guidelines.
- Includes a bid for government funding with which to implement the strategy.
- Includes a range of targets by which the Plan’s success and performance can be measured.

It seeks to:

- Maintain our highways infrastructure to the highest possible standards.
- Provide real alternatives for car users by increasing transport choice and encourage travel by sustainable means.
- Provide and promote safe, reliable and acceptably priced public transport, both on and off the Island.
- Minimise environmental damage and pollution.



Targets

The LTP includes a set of targets for improving transport on the Island. These cover key areas such as reducing traffic growth, increasing safety and the numbers travelling by foot, cycle and public transport.

These LTP targets are broadly as follows:

- To achieve minimal traffic growth between 2000 and 2010 as monitored in three clearly identified areas – Urban, Coastal Resort, and Rural.
- Make Island roads safer.
- Increase public transport patronage.
- Increase the number of journeys by cycle.
- Increase the number of journeys to work undertaken by foot.
- Ensure the take up and development of workplace travel plans.
- Ensure unification with planning decisions.



Keeping Track On Our Progress

It is recognised that ensuring progress is not an easy task. The Council is not directly responsible for all aspects of transport provision and our objectives can only be achieved by working in partnership with other local policies and strategies - such as land use and economic planning, and by working in partnership and with neighbouring Authorities and a wide range of local businesses, transport operators and public sector representatives.

We are now monitoring our progress towards meeting the targets contained in the Plan and this information is reported in an Annual Progress Report, submitted to Government for analysis in July.