Local Implementation Plan
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1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Mayor’s Transport Strategy (MTS), published in May 2010, is part of a strategic policy framework supporting and shaping the economic and social development of London over the next 20 years. At a local level, Section 145 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires all London boroughs to prepare a Local Implementation Plan (LIP). This document sets out how each borough proposes to translate the over-arching aims and objectives of the MTS at a local level.

1.1.2 Waltham Forest’s second LIP document (LIP2) has been drafted in close alignment with the priorities set out in its adopted Sustainable Community Strategy ‘Our Place in London’ and the spatial objectives outlined in its emerging Local Development Framework. Detailed analysis of local, sub regional and London wide influences has been carried out and the document has been developed to take account of sub regional and locally important goals. The LIP 2 also responds to the challenges and opportunities emerging from Transport for London’s north and east London Sub-Regional Transport Plans.

1.2 Timescale

1.2.1 Waltham Forest’s first Local Implementation Plan was adopted in 2006 and covers the period up to June 2011. The second LIP (LIP2) will come into force in mid- 2011 and will run concurrently with the new Mayors Transport Strategy (MTS). Both the MTS and LIP 2 have a long term vision for up to 20 years, although delivery proposals in the LIP are for a three year period from 2011/2012 to 2013/14. In summary, the LIP2 sets out our long-term goals and transport objectives, a three-year programme of investment and the targets and outcomes we are seeking to achieve.

1.3. Transport Objectives - Policy Framework

1.3.1 The LIP2 transport objectives must be framed to meet national, regional and local priorities and guidance and are discussed further in chapter 3 of this document. At a London level, the revised Mayor’s Transport Strategy (MTS) has set six overarching goals which Waltham Forest should address in its LIP 2. The goals are as follows:

- Supporting economic development and population growth in London
- Enhancing the quality of life for all Londoners
- Improving safety and security of all Londoners
- Improving transport opportunities for all Londoners
- Reducing transport’s contribution to climate change and improving its resilience
- Supporting delivery of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and its legacy
1.3.2 At a local level, the transport themes and objectives for Waltham Forest to set the direction of the LIP2 have been developed through consideration of internal Council strategies, environmental and Olympic 2012 regeneration objectives including:

- ‘Our Place in London’ (Sustainable Community Strategy)
- The emerging Local Development Framework (LDF)
- The Borough Investment Plan (BIP)
- The Local Economic Assessment
- The first Waltham Forest Local Implementation Plan (LIP1)
- The Olympic Gateway Initiative
- The local Labour Party Manifesto
- ‘2012 – It’s Happening Here!’ – Waltham Forest’s strategy to maximise the benefits of the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic games’
- Waltham Forest’s Air Quality Strategy
- Waltham Forest Tree Strategy 2010-2020
- Waltham Forest Climate Change Strategy 2009-2012
- Waltham Forest Carbon Management Plan 2008-2012

The policy framework for the LIP 2 is discussed in greater detail in Chapter 2 of this report.

1.4 Programme of Investment

1.4.1 The Council has prepared a Delivery Plan for the three year period from 2011/2012 to 2013/2014. This describes the interventions that we propose to introduce in support of the LIP objectives. The Delivery Plan firstly describes the schemes to be funded from the following Transport for London funded programmes:

- Corridors, neighbourhoods and supporting measures
- Principal road maintenance
- Major schemes

1.4.2 Waltham Forest is one of the five Olympic Boroughs. In the first year of the plan 2011/2012, we have secured significant amounts of funding to implement projects in the vicinity of the Olympic Park. The schemes are funded by the following agencies and planning obligations:

- Department of Communities and Local Government
- London Development Agency
- Olympic Delivery Authority
- Developer contributions (section 106 monies)

All projects associated with the regeneration of the Olympics routes and corridors will be completed before the start of the Games.
1.4.3 In addition the Council has identified a number of major scheme aspirations for the future in further support of the LIP objectives. Although these are yet to receive funding, they are likely to be the subject of future major scheme bids.

1.5 Performance Monitoring Plan

1.5.1 The success of the LIP 2 will be determined by its performance in the measurement of certain indicators and achievement of locally specific targets. The Performance Monitoring Plan sets out trajectory data for each target over the lifetime of the LIP 2. This will enable Waltham Forest to monitor on a regular basis progress towards achieving the targets. Changes to the Delivery Plan will then be made if necessary to take account of areas of strong or weak performance.

1.6 Consultation

1.6.1 Throughout the preparation of the draft LIP2 document, the Transport Planning Team undertook consultation with internal Council departments, the Cabinet Member for Environment and external organisations such as Transport for London, the London Cycling Campaign, Sustrans and Community Transport Waltham Forest.

1.6.2 The draft document was sent to Transport for London for their consideration in December 2010. This document has also been sent out to other statutory consultees including:

- English Heritage,
- The Environmental Agency
- Natural England
- The Borough Police Commander
- The neighbouring London boroughs of Hackney, Haringey, Redbridge, Newham and Enfield

1.6.3 In addition to meeting its statutory requirements, the Council supplied copies of the draft LIP2 to all members of its Transport Liaison group, and selected individuals and organisations that have an interest in the transport requirements of those who live and work in the Borough.

1.6.4 A full list of submissions and Council officer responses are contained in Appendix C.

1.7 Equality Impact Assessment

1.7.1 All boroughs have a duty to ensure that their plans and policies (including this document) are tested under race, disability and gender legislation. Therefore, we have prepared an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) to ensure that the proposals do not discriminate against equality groups and that equality is
promoted whenever possible. The EQIA has found that very few if any, negative outcomes will stem from the identified LIP 2 transport objectives or schemes outlined in the Programme of Investment, with the majority of proposals instead showing likely positive impacts.

1.8 Strategic Environmental Assessment

1.8.1 The Government requires that all local planning authorities test their plans using sustainability appraisal to ensure that they do not conflict with the aims of sustainable development. As part of the preparation of the Council’s LDF and LIP documents, we have prepared a scoping report which includes a review of all relevant plans, policies and programmes that relate to the local area, information on the present state of the local environment (the baseline), a discussion of the local sustainability issues and a set of sustainability objectives. A copy of the scoping report is available on the Council’s website at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf.

1.8.2 This LIP is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment, which assesses the impacts that the transport-related plans and proposals will have against the sustainability objectives set out in the scoping report. The Environmental Report has found that the objectives and proposals in the draft LIP 2 have generally positive impacts on the Waltham Forest’s SEA Framework.

1.9 Structure of the LIP 2

1.9.1 The remainder of the document is structured as follows:

Chapter 2 outlines the key transport geographical characteristics and regeneration context of Waltham Forest as a borough. The over-arching national, regional and local transport policy framework of which the LIP2 must be consistent with is also described.

Chapter 3 sets out the borough’s transport (LIP2) objectives. It outlines our key transportation issues and identifies how the Council will work towards achieving the goals set out within the MTS.

Chapter 4 focuses on the Programme of Investment. This chapter identifies our proposed projects and schemes for the period covering 2011-2014 together with the proposed funding streams.

Chapter 5 sets out our Performance Monitoring Plan, which outlines core and locally set targets and associated performance indicators. This will enable the Council to monitor the delivery of the LIP2 and ensure that schemes deliver the desired outcomes.

Appendix A consists of the Equalities Impact Assessment, Appendix B outlines the LIP2 policy influences, while Appendix C considers the consultation report and Appendix D the Environmental Report.