



Title: **Local Sustainable Transport Fund - bid update**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes.**

Reason for Report to be Exempt: **N/A**

Wards Affected: **All**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **05/01/12**

Key Decision: **No** **How soon does the decision need to be implemented** **N/A**

Change to Budget: **No** Change to Policy Framework: **No**

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## 1. **What we are trying to achieve and the impact on our customers**

1.1 The Authority is producing a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) Local Sustainable Transport Fund to include: a cycleway; a new frequent and fast ferry service; and new bus service and real time information linking the Harbour to the Willows via Torre Station.

1.2 The purpose of the bid is to stimulate economic growth whilst reducing the Bay's carbon footprint. Every bid must demonstrate innovation.

1.3 The fund cannot be used for roads or car parking

1.4 Rail schemes not favoured, large rail schemes not eligible

1.5 Benefits include:

- New pontoons available for all ferry operators
- New cycle way between Willows and Torquay Harbour
- Reduced congestion
- Water Transport in Torbay (unique land to land service)

- Improved access to Torquay and Brixham Harbours
- Provides a genuine alternative to car travel between Torquay and Brixham, that offers faster journey times than the private car
- Improved access to employment and services

## **2. Recommendation(s) for decision**

### **2.1 None required – for comment only**

## **Supporting information**

### **A1. Introduction and history**

A1.1 In June 2011 the Authority produced a draft bid to the DfT for the Local sustainable Transport fund. This bid was accepted by the DfT in September 2011.

A1.2 Following further investigation the project was modified to remove the park and ride element from the bid and a revised bid was accepted by the DfT in October 2011.

A1.3 Following a presentation to the Mayor and the Transport Working Party in November the bid is being prepared with Jacobs to ensure a successful outcome within existing budget constraints.

A1.4 The bid must be submitted by the end of February and a response from the DfT is expected in May 2012.

A1.5 A summary of the draft bid will be available for the February Transport Working Party for information.

### **A2. Risk assessment of preferred option**

#### **A2.1 Outline of significant key risks**

- Bid preparation costs £45,000 (from existing budget).
- Bus and ferry services to be tendered through OJEU process after bid approved
- Timetable is very tight
- Location issues for pontoons

#### **A2.2 Remaining risks**

A2.2.1 Rejection of the bid by the DfT.

### **A3. Other Options**

A3.1 Not to bid for funding is an option but there will be no further funding for sustainable transport for the foreseeable future.

#### **A4. Summary of resource implications**

- Bid for £2.5 million
- Bid preparation £45,000
- No change to existing budget
- No long term revenue commitment (revenue allocation 3 years and included in bid to DfT)
- Grants funding for transport unlikely to be available again for foreseeable future

#### **A5. What impact will there be on equalities, environmental sustainability and crime and disorder?**

A5.1 There will be a positive effect on sustainability and equalities including: congestion relief; reduced carbon footprint; and improved access to services and employment particularly for those without access to the car.

A5.2 Journey time between Brixham and Torbay Harbours will be 15 minutes, with a service every half and hour. The vessels will accommodate a wide range of needs including disabled passengers and cyclists.

#### **A6. Consultation and Customer Focus**

A6.1 In addition to the consultation undertaken through the LTP3, there have been further meetings with the hospital and Sustrans. A wide range of stakeholders will need to be consulted and letters of support are an essential part of the bid.

#### **A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?**

A7.1 Tor Bay Harbour Authority will house the new pontoons and ferry service. The Harbour Committee will need to approve the location and design of the new ferry pontoon infrastructure. Highways will be responsible for implementing the works for the cycle way. Both Services have members on the project board making the day to day decisions around this bid.

#### **Appendices**

None