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## **LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND - 2015/2016**

### **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for the submission of a bid to the Department for Transport's (DfT's) Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) for 2015/16.

### **Consultation**

Consultation was undertaken with the Wiltshire Station Travel Plans Steering Group and a number of stakeholders as part of the LSTF Stakeholder Forum held on 13 March 2014. In addition, letters of support from partners, stakeholders and others will be included in the bid application.

### **Options Considered**

Only one sole bid option (i.e. to effectively extend the Council's current LSTF project 'Improving Wiltshire's Rail Offer') has been considered as this would:

- More readily allow the Council to submit a good quality bid within the tight submission timescale.
- Allow the Council and its partners to support the current LSTF project beyond March 2015 – this particularly relates to revenue funding for complementary measures (e.g. marketing) in support of the Trans Wilts service which is scheduled to run to at least until December 2016.
- In association with the SEP, enable the Council and its partners to deliver more of the large number of capital schemes that have been identified through the current LSTF project.

Failure to submit a bid application by 31 March 2014 would not enable the Council and relevant local communities to benefit from potential Government funding.

### **Reason for Decision**

To gain approval for the submission of a bid to the Department for Transport's Local Sustainable Transport Fund for 2015/16 by the deadline of 31 March 2014.

**INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION**

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 27 March 2014.

**The following supporting documents are attached:**

None

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Cllr John Thomson  
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for  
Highways, Streetscene and Broadband