

* Name of proposal/policy	England's Economic Heartland	* Budget number	15-006-42
* Service area responsible	Place – Environment, Planning & Transport	* Cabinet meeting date	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
* Name of completing officer	Alison Parry	* Approved by Director / Assistant Director	Tony Ciaburro
* Version	1.0	* Date	2 February 2017

**PART A**

* Section 1a: Description of proposal under consideration/development	* Section 1b: Is this new or existing? Does it link to current provision?
<p>The proposal is to create a Strategic Transport Forum of County and Unitary authorities and LEPS in order to drive savings through collaborative procurement and increased economies of scale. In addition a bid is being made to government to turn the Strategy transport Forum into a statutory Sub-national Transport Body in April 2017.</p> <p>Part of the 'Ask' of government will be £10m of pump priming funding to develop the infrastructure business cases. This funding will be shared between the nine constituent authorities. Any funding secured by NCC will be used to off-set base budget costs. The funding is expected to be spread over five years.</p>	<p>This is a new approach arising as a result of government initiative to establish sub-national Transport Bodies.</p>

Approval of application to sub-national Strategic Transport Body status reported to the Strategic Transport Forum on October 14th 2016. Announcement expected April 2017.	
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**\* Section 2: How does this align with the Council Plan/ corporate priorities/ partnership strategies and plans/ Next Generation Council?**

<b>Delivers increased wellbeing and/or safeguarding by ensuring that...</b>	✓
People of all ages are safe, protected from harm and able to live happy, healthy and independent lives in our communities	
People have the information and support they need to make healthy choices and achieve wellbeing	
People achieve economic prosperity, in a healthy, low carbon economy which gives access to jobs, training and skills development	✓
Communities thrive in a pleasant and resilient environment, with robust transport and communications infrastructure	✓
Resources are utilised effectively and efficiently, in coordination with partners and providers	✓
<b>Does it align with any NCC/ partnership strategies and plans? (if so, please list below)</b>	
Local Transport Plan and the Strategic Economic Plans for NEP and SEMLEP	
<b>Does it support the transformation into a Next Generation Council? (if so, please explain below)</b>	
Yes – by exploring alternative funding mechanism and ways of delivery.	

**\* Section 3: If this relates to a statutory duty, please give details of the relevant legislation below:**

Yes – Transport and Highway provision

**Section 4: Have other alternatives been considered?**

No – this is a specific Government initiative

<b>* Section 5: Financial / resource implications</b>	
<b>a) Costs (e.g. invest to save)</b>	None
<b>b) Staffing implications</b>	None
<b>c) Savings</b>	£400k

**Section 6: Has a similar initiative/proposal been implemented elsewhere? What were the benefits or risks? Are there lessons that can be learned?**  
 New Government initiative and requires funding to be forthcoming from Government to achieve the saving.

**THIS SECTION HAS REPLACED THE EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM AND MUST BE COMPLETED TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE EQUALITY DUTY**

<b>* Section 7: Who will be affected by this proposal? (this may be service user data, or be based on a particular geographical area or more general population data depending on the proposal) Include demographic information where this is available e.g. breakdown by gender, age, ethnicity, disability etc. BIPI can support with the provision of data. You may include staff, partner organisations and any other stakeholders who might be affected by the proposal.</b>	
<b>Data Source (include link where published) and summary of what it tells us for example “X number of people use this service, X are male, Y are female etc”</b>	<b>Why is this relevant to the proposal?</b>
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<b>* Section 8: Based on the above information, will this proposal have an impact on the following? ✓ the relevant box for each line and then expand on the reasons why in Section 9</b>				
	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
<u>Age</u>			X	

<a href="#">Disability</a>			X	
<a href="#">Gender reassignment</a>			X	
<a href="#">Marriage and civil partnership</a>			X	
<a href="#">Pregnancy and Maternity</a>			X	
<a href="#">Race</a>			X	
<a href="#">Religion or Belief (or No Belief)</a>			X	
<a href="#">Sex</a>			X	
<a href="#">Sexual orientation</a>			X	

<b>* Section 9: Initial impact</b>	
<b>* Section 9a: From your analysis in section 8 above, please explain the positive implications</b>	
N/A	
<b>* Section 9b: From your analysis in section 8 above, please explain why you have categorised any of the implications as neutral</b>	
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<b>* Section 9b: From your analysis above, please explain the negative implications</b>	<b>* Section 9c: What actions have you identified to mitigate any negative implications?</b>
N/A	N/A
<b>* Section 9d: From your analysis above, please explain the areas where you are unsure of the impact</b>	<b>* Section 9e: What actions have you identified to fill gaps in information?</b>
N/A	N/A

* Section 10: Internal considerations: are there any implications for the following?		
	✓ or X	If there are any implications, please explain them here and identify any actions you may need to take as a result
<u>Staff</u>		
<u>Financial (NCC)</u>	✓	Savings for MTFP expected from this proposal
<u>Legal</u>	✓	Potential devolved powers will require a legal input and view
<u>NCC Policy</u>		
<u>Performance</u>		
<u>Data quality / information security</u>		
<u>IT</u>		
<u>Strategic assets</u>		
<u>LGSS / federated bodies</u>		
<u>Procurement</u>		
<u>Project support</u>		
<u>Other (if appropriate)</u>		

* Section 11: External considerations: are there any implications for the following?		
	✓ or X	If there are any implications, please explain them here and identify any actions you may need to take as a result
<u>Community impact</u>		

<u>Impact on the consumer (e.g. communication needs, access, rurality, complaints)</u>		
<u>Reputation</u>		
<u>Political</u>		
<u>Partners</u>		
<u>Human Rights</u>		
<u>Health impact – individual</u>		
<u>Health impact – wider community</u>		
<u>Economic impact - individual</u>		
<u>Economic impact – wider community</u>		
<u>Community Safety impact</u>		
<u>Environmental impact</u>		
<u>Consultation</u>		
<u>Other (if appropriate)</u>		

Based on the impacts and considerations above, please identify the RAG status

RAG Status	Overall RAG	Time	Proposal Delivery	Cash Saving	Risk	Issue	Dependency

* Section 12a: What are the risks associated with NOT implementing the proposal? (tick if applicable)	✓	* Section 12b: What actions have you identified to mitigate the risks? Will anything in the current arrangements need to be changed to acknowledge this risk? Is implementing the proposal the only way to mitigate the risks?
Non-compliance with legislation or NCC policy		
Financial	✓	If saving not found, then will need to find elsewhere.
Change in performance/ data quality/ information security		
Reputational/ Political		
Increase in complaints and/ or legal challenge		
Other		

* Section 13: Budget Delivery Programme Highlight Report information – total amount allocated to savings proposal 2017-18 through to 2020-2021; profiled budget; 2017-18 action plan extended savings narrative; cost code information			
<b>Total amount allocated to savings proposal 2017-18</b>			
<b>2017-18 (£000)</b>		<b>400</b>	
<b>Impact of saving within the budget profile</b>			
<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
		400	
	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>By when</b>
<b>1</b>	Strategic Transport Forum approval	R Boulton	January 2017
<b>2</b>	Government submission	R Boulton	April 2017
<b>3</b>	Cabinet Report	R Boulton/ C Wragg	April 2017

**\* Section 14: Do you need to undertake further work (e.g. consultation, further proposal development, further equality analysis) based on the impact and actions identified above? If yes, set this out below and then carry out the work and complete Part B:**

This proposal will form part of the overall budget consultation process. Any feedback received (as well as any further intelligence gathered in the course of developing the project) will inform a final analysis of the impact of the proposal which will be considered by Cabinet and Council in February when taking a final decision on the budget. The EqIA will be updated accordingly.

**PART B**

**Section 15: Consultation, follow up data and information gathered from actions identified above**

	<b>What does this information tell us?</b>
This proposal formed part of the overall budget consultation process.	We received no comments specifically on this proposal.

**Section 16: Final impact analysis (taking the findings from Part B into account) – including review date if required**

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