

Dorset and BCP Councils

Local Transport Plan

2026 – 2041

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Welcome & Introduction

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The Approach to the new LTP



Vision led



Alignment
with spatial
planning



A strong
evidence
base



Focus on
reducing
carbon
emissions



Engagement
&
consultation

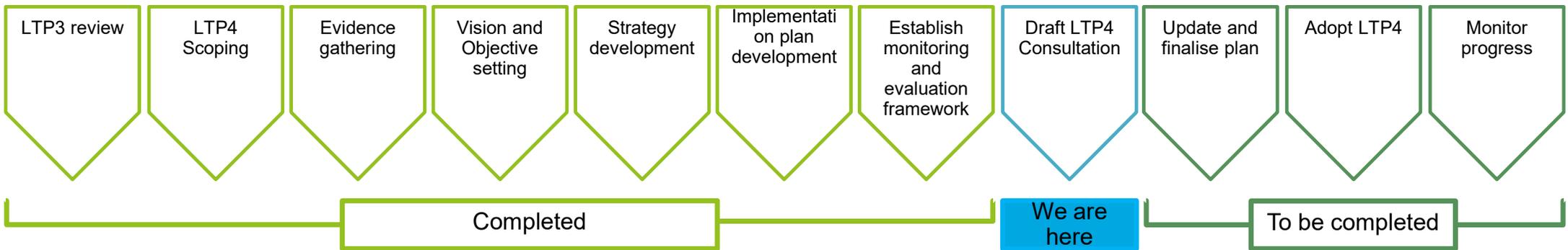


Concise
strategy
document



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Development of the new LTP



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Our transport strategy will:



Support **residents, businesses** and **visitors** with their transport needs



Support **economic growth** and **vitality** across our area, and enable the **delivery of housing** and employment sites

Provide a **safe, reliable** and **accessible** transport system for all



Reduce **emissions** and create **cleaner, healthier** places



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Transport Strategy is supported by



A detailed **evidence base** and building on previous successes



Feedback from the public, stakeholders and partners to **shape the plan** and a **new transport vision** for our area



An understanding of the **people, places** and **activities** of our area to address **local needs** and **priorities**



Funding secured to **improve** the **transport network**



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Decarbonising transport



Our total annual transport emissions were
1,227
ktCO2e*



Almost **1/3** of road transport emissions are from journeys under five miles in length



62% of road transport emissions are from business and commuting trips



Carbon budget to achieve net-zero target = estimated
10,33
ktCO2e
2025 to 20250



32% reduction in carbon emissions required to achieve net-zero pathway



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Key messages from engagement feedback



Public transport does not meet some people's needs including frequency, affordability, and accessibility, particularly in rural areas



A strong desire for more well-connected walking, wheeling and cycling networks that are appropriate and safe for all users



Many are keen to maintain their independence by continuing to own their own vehicle



Better transportation between towns and villages are needed to combat isolation and provide choice in the ways people travel



There is a willingness to change travel behaviour, but alternatives must be in place for people to make the change



Infrastructure such as mobility hubs can transform our transport system for the better and encourage people to make more sustainable travel choices



Congestion is an ongoing problem across urban areas during the summer season and peak times of the day



Communities are concerned that a lack of transport options is contributing to declining mental health, particularly among older residents in rural areas



Removing the transport barriers faced by different groups of people is required to create equitable access to transport



The movement of people and goods should be more efficient to benefit the economy and the environment



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Our Vision and Objectives

By 2041 our travel will be transformed through **innovation** and **digital connectivity**, creating **accessible** and **inclusive** travel choices for our residents, workers and visitors. Our transport network will support **sustainable economic growth** in our urban and rural communities, contribute to our decarbonisation targets and **protect** our unique local environment.



Safeguard the climate and environment



Improve health and wellbeing



Create accessible and prosperous places



A safer transport system



A resilient and fit for purpose transport network



Public transport that is inclusive and accessible



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Objective A. Safeguard the climate and environment



We will significantly reduce transport carbon emissions in line with local and government targets, improve local air quality and reduce noise and light pollution. We will protect and enhance the local environment and increase biodiversity.

Our policies:

A1 – Reduce transport carbon emissions on a pathway compatible with national, regional and local budgets and net zero commitments

A2 – Accelerate the uptake of zero-emission vehicles through the delivery of supporting infrastructure

A3 – Improve local air quality and reduce key sources of pollution from transport to protect our health and the natural and historic environment

A4 - Take a nature positive approach to transport design, delivery and maintenance to boost biodiversity



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Objective B. Improve health and wellbeing



We will enable active lifestyles by prioritising walking, cycling and wheeling, and delivering safe, inclusive and integrated sustainable travel networks. We will unlock a shift in travel behaviour, particularly for short distance urban trips. We will increase transport choice to improve access to local services and reduce deprivation and inequality.

Our policies:

B1 – Establish a joined up, safe and attractive active travel network supported by appropriate infrastructure.

B2 – Promote the benefits of travelling actively within our communities.

B3 – Improve local access to health and leisure opportunities, green spaces, public rights of way, tourist destinations and heritage assets.

B4 – Active Travel Infrastructure for sustainable development



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Objective C. Accessible and prosperous places



We will improve access to employment, education, visitor attractions and local, regional, national and international gateways including Portland Port, Poole Port and Bournemouth Airport. We will improve connectivity within and between rural and urban areas. We will support the delivery of sustainable and well-connected development to meet the housing and employment needs of the area.

Our policies:

C1 – Improve sustainable access to our key tourism areas and manage the seasonal peaks in travel demand

C2 – Maintain and improve connectivity and sustainable access for goods and people to local, regional, national and international gateways

C3 – Improve access to education, training, employment and leisure/visitor destinations

C4 – Promote sustainable and cost-effective travel options and provision of local facilities in new developments using a vision led approach

C5 – Deliver and support residential and business behaviour change initiatives to encourage safe, healthy and sustainable travel



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Objective D. A safer transport system



We will reduce the number of casualties and collisions on our transport network. We will support the Dorset Road Safety Partnership towards its goal of zero people killed or seriously injured on our roads by 2050. We will provide a safe environment for children travelling to school, leading to more journeys being made by sustainable forms of travel, and reducing congestion associated with the school run.

Our policies:

D1 - Improve the safety of all road users in accordance with the Dorset Road Safety Partnership Strategy and support its vision of zero road casualties by 2050.

Policy D2 - Promote and co-ordinate road safety initiatives around schools to encourage sustainable forms of travel.

D3 - Improve personal safety for all journeys to ensure everyone can travel safely and go about their daily lives with comfort and ease.



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Objective E. A resilient and fit for purpose network

We will plan and adapt to improve the resilience of our transport systems and infrastructure. Our transport network will be well managed, resilient and well-maintained. We will reduce congestion and disruption to improve journey time reliability for all journeys. We will reduce the carbon emissions from construction and maintenance of transport infrastructure.

Our policies:

E1 - Maintain and enhance a resilient transport network that is adaptable and can withstand the impacts of weather and climate change.

E2 - Manage our highway infrastructure and make the best use of road space to manage congestion, minimise traffic disruption, and improve journey time reliability for all journeys

E3 - Embrace innovations in technology and materials to reduce carbon emissions and improve the effectiveness of network management and monitoring



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Objective F. Inclusive & accessible public transport

We will improve our public transport networks to widen travel choices and opportunities to access local facilities. Services will be attractive, safe, inclusive and reliable. We will work with partners to increase service frequency and improve connectivity within and between urban and rural locations.

Our policies:

F1 – Work with partner organisations to improve the connectivity within and between rural and urban areas and attractiveness of public transport as a travel choice.

F2 – Prioritise local bus services to make journeys quicker and more reliable.

F3 – Embrace new technologies, digital data and shared mobility models to transform how people access and use public transport.

F4 – Deliver high quality transport interchanges and clear passenger information to improve journeys involving more than one form of transport.

F5 – Deliver inclusive design that improves the travel experience of people with specific needs.



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Example Policy Levers

Substitute

Smart infrastructure, land use planning, digital services, home based services



Shift

Improvements to active travel networks, bus priority, improved public transport frequency

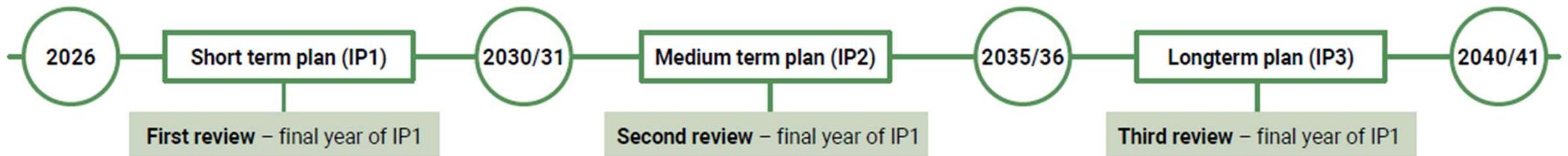


Improve

Support and promote zero emission vehicles, future mobility solutions, mobility hubs and improved integration



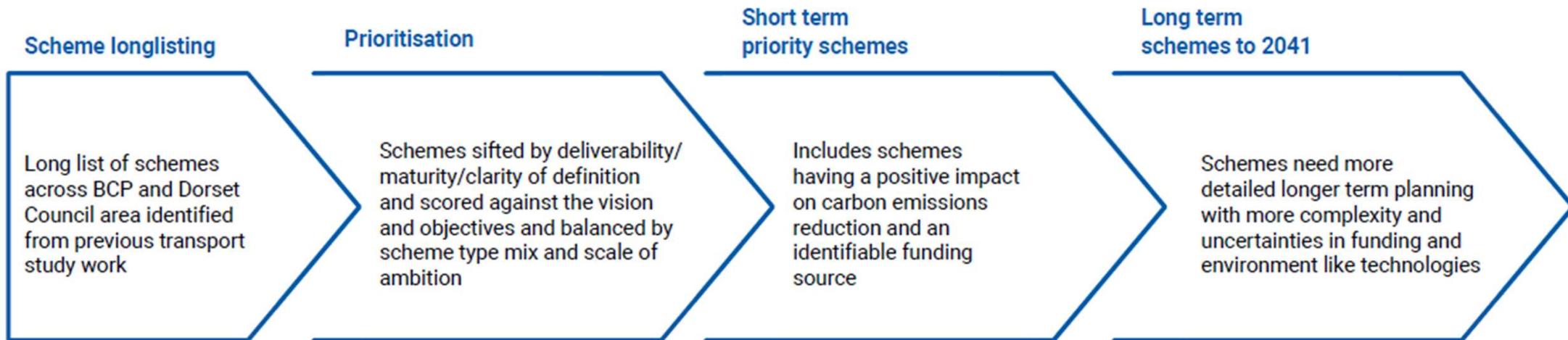
Implementation Plan



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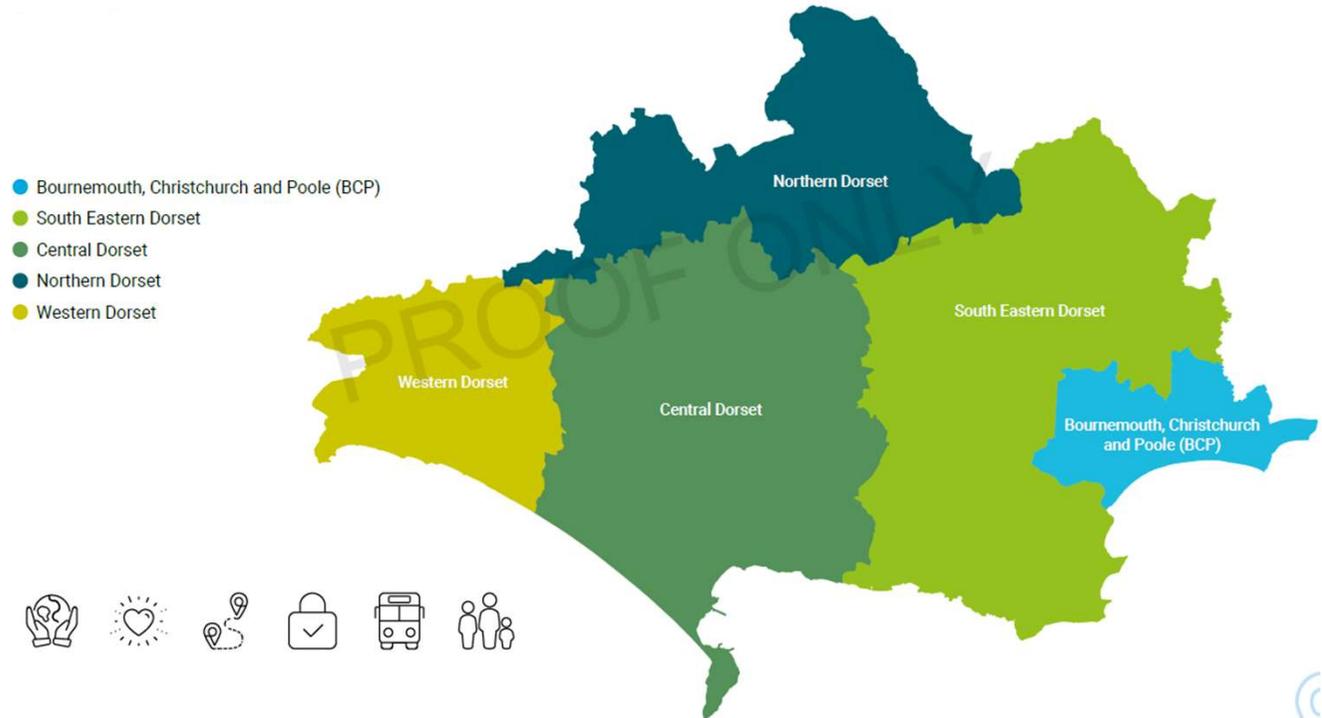
Developing the Implementation Plan



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Implementation area plans

Our area is extensive and varied. To reflect the diverse geographic, demographic and transport needs, the Implementation Plan is presented as five local area plans.



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Steps to Delivery

The LTP will be delivered through our detailed plans and programmes, including:



BSIP



ATIP



EV Strategy



HAMP



RoWIP



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What will the LTP do for our people?



I want to travel to school **safely** and **independently**

- Improve air quality and safety around our schools
- Make walking, wheeling and cycling routes safer and easier to use
- Give buses more priority on the roads so they can run on time



I want **less congested roads** and **easier parking**

- Smarter traffic signals and better road management to reduce delays and make journeys more reliable
- Balance investment to improve the condition of our roads and make them safer for all road users
- Make it easier to find parking spaces quickly and pay by phone, card or cash



I want **access to shops**, **healthcare** and **social activities**

- Provide more frequent bus services connecting our towns and rural communities
- Make buses and transport hubs safer and more accessible
- Provide more real-time travel updates and simpler ticketing options

Draft LTP consultation

- The consultation runs from 18 August to 13 October 2025.
- You can view the draft plans and take part in the consultation online or at drop-in events.
- Visit: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing

Dorset is changing - help us shape it

Dorset is evolving and the choices we all make now will shape our towns, villages and countryside for the next 15 to 20 years. To guide future development, we are preparing a Local Plan and a Local Transport Plan.

Join us at a drop-in event across Dorset to view both plans

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| Ferndown | Village Hall | Tuesday 2 Sept | 2 - 7pm |
| Blandford | Royal British Legion Club | Thursday 4 Sept | 2 - 7pm |
| Bridport | Town Hall | Wednesday 10 Sept | 2 - 7pm |
| Dorchester | Corn Exchange | Thursday 11 Sept | 2 - 7pm |
| Weymouth | Library | Friday 12 Sept | 10 - 5pm |
| Shaftesbury | Town Hall | Tuesday 16 Sept | 2 - 6pm |
| Lytchett Matravers | Village Hall | Wednesday 17 Sept | 2 - 6pm |
| Verwood | Memorial Hall | Monday 22 Sept | 2 - 6pm |
| Crossways | Village Hall | Tuesday 23 Sept | 2 - 7pm |
| Gillingham | Town Hall | Thursday 25 Sept | 2 - 7pm |
| Swanage | Emmanuel Baptist Church | Tuesday 30 Sept | 2 - 6pm |
| Wimborne | Allendale Centre | Wednesday 1 Oct | 1.30 - 5.30pm |
| Sherborne | Digby Hall | Tuesday 7 Oct | 2 - 7pm |

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Share your thoughts at:
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Scan here to take part

You can also view the documents at your local library



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Thank you for listening

Any questions?



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