

# DEVON ON THE MOVE



DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

## Devon Local Transport Plan 2001-2006



July 2000

# Chapter 1: Summary

**“The Devon and Cornwall Constabulary is committed to working in partnership with Devon County Council to implement “Devon on the Move”, the Devon Local Transport Plan 2001 - 2006. We will share the responsibility for delivering its Objective of ensuring that travel can be undertaken safely by all modes and recognise its aims for improving walking and cycling.”**

*A.C. Street, Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), Devon and Cornwall Constabulary*

“Devon on the Move” is the Devon Local Transport Plan for 2001-2006, which Devon County Council is submitting to Government in July 2000. This Chapter sets out a summary of the Plan.

The Plan sets out the County Council’s strategic approach to travel and transport in Devon over the coming years. It also includes a Bid to Government for funding for the Plan’s five-year Implementation Programme for 2001-2006.

“Devon on the Move” has been prepared in accordance with the DETR Guidance on Full Local Transport Plans [issued March 2000]. The Plan develops the framework set out in the Provisional Devon Travel and Transport Plan which was submitted by Devon County Council to Government in July 1999.

## Plan Development

In this Plan, Devon County Council has drawn on a number of positive elements of strategy development. These include:

- **Consultation:** Particular emphasis has been placed on an ongoing and inclusive programme of public consultation and participation, commencing in October 1998. The framework set out in the Provisional Devon Travel and Transport Plan [July 1999] has formed a focus for extensive consultation over the last twelve months. The County Council is continuing with a comprehensive consultation programme throughout the five years of this Plan. This is part of the Council’s approach to developing community strategies.
- **Integration with Development Plans:** This Plan takes as a key starting point the Devon Structure Plan First Review which was formally adopted in 1999. The Structure Plan gives this Plan a strong statutory basis for transport planning through to 2011.
- **Identification of Objectives:** The County Council has placed particular emphasis on identifying Objectives for this Plan and ensuring that its Programme has been designed and can be implemented on an objective-led basis.



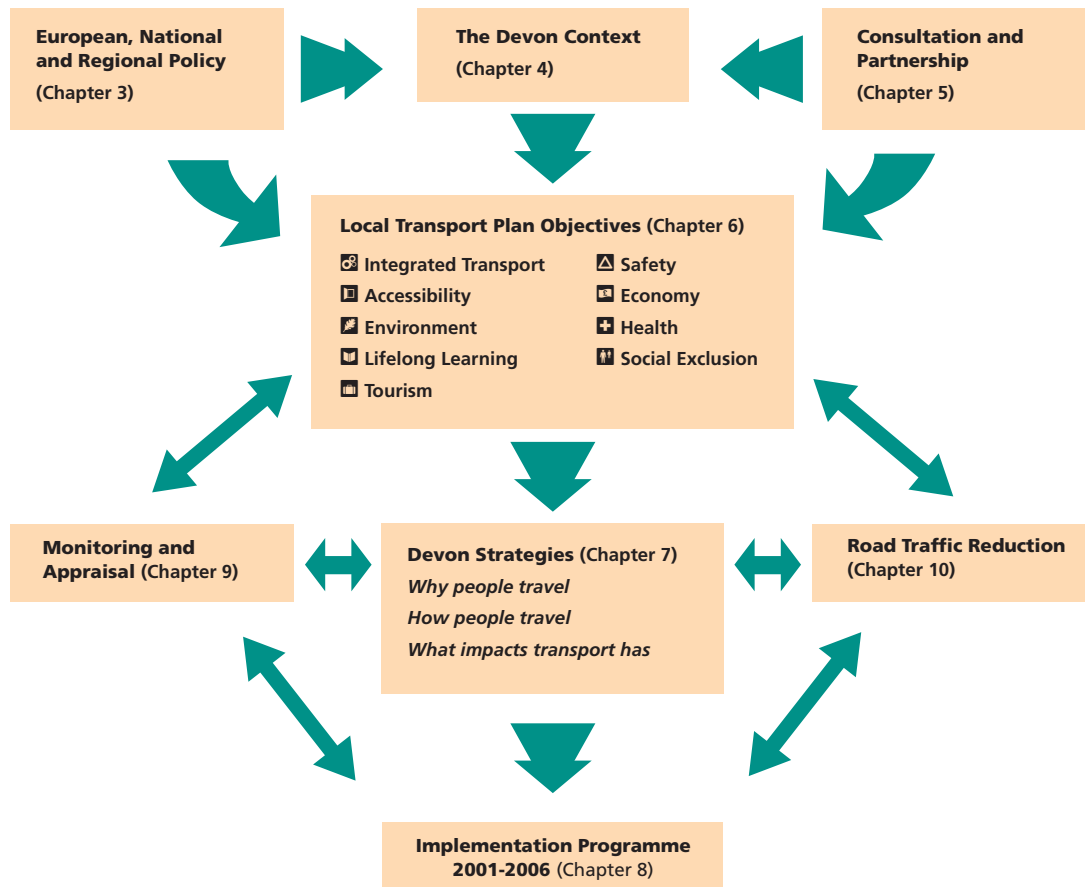
*The success of Devon’s new Flexibus was seen by Lord Macdonald, the Transport Minister, on his visit to Devon in July 2000*

## Shaping Devon’s Future

This Plan will play a central role in the County Council’s work in shaping Devon’s future over the next decade. In partnership with local authorities in Devon and other partners, the County Council is committed to using the Plan to help promote the well-being of residents and visitors alike, particularly in view of the following characteristics:

- **Devon’s Environmental Quality:** Devon has an exceptional environment which demands a high quality approach to the promotion of sustainable transport networks.
- **Devon’s Size:** Devon has 12,736 kilometres of highway and 5,700 kilometres of public rights of way. It is the largest local authority area in the South West Region in terms of both population and size. It is also due to see significant growth in housing and employment development over the next decade. This Plan addresses the transport needs of communities throughout the County.
- **Devon’s Regional Role:** Devon’s geographical location is a peripheral one in both national and European terms. This Plan addresses the challenges that peripherality raises for the county’s transport infrastructure. At the same time Devon, by nature of its size and location, plays a key leading role in the life of the South West Region. The County Council is committed to enhancing this infrastructure within the context of the emerging Regional Planning Guidance.
- **The Regional Centre of Exeter:** Exeter’s role as Devon’s Regional Centre and County town puts it at the heart of Devon’s social and economic life. This Plan recognises the status of Exeter as a strategic transportation hub central to the future prosperity of the whole region.

## The Framework of the Devon Local Transport Plan



- *Devon's Market and Coastal Towns:* Outside Exeter, much of Devon is made up of a network of traditional market and coastal towns. The regeneration and renaissance of these towns is given high priority within this Plan as sustainable transport networks have a key role to play in this respect. Devon's towns also form the network for the County Council's emerging approach to Community Planning.
- *The Economy of Northern Devon:* The recent granting of Objective 2 status to a large area of rural Devon recognises among other priorities the economic and social needs of Northern Devon centred on the Sub-Regional Centre of Barnstaple. This Plan makes a Bid for the Barnstaple Western Bypass as its Major Scheme for construction in 2001-2006 to help address these needs.
- *Integrated Rural Transport in Devon:* Devon has hundreds of small villages and hamlets, many located in remote areas. The access needs of these rural communities are directly addressed in this Plan in relation to themes such as education, employment, health and social inclusion. A need to respect rural roads is critical to the future of rural communities. To this end this Plan identifies Devon as a Centre of Excellence for Integrated Rural Transport.

## The Framework of the Devon Local Transport Plan

This Plan follows the following framework:

- *Introduction* (Chapter 2)
- *European, National and Regional Policy* (Chapter 3) - identifying key transport and non-transport policies which form the basis of developing this Plan.
- *The Devon Context* (Chapter 4) - a profile and analysis of Devon's social, economic and environmental characteristics and identification of recent trends in transport.
- *Consultation and Partnership* (Chapter 5) - the County Council's approach to consultation and partnership with people in communities across Devon together with a framework for working in partnership with key organisations.
- *Devon Local Transport Plan Objectives* (Chapter 6) - a long-term vision for Devon's future through objectives that reflect European, National and Regional Policy and the outcomes of consultation.
- *Devon Strategies* (Chapter 7) - the County Council's approach to the development of the Plan's strategy is set out under three key transportation headings:
  - Why people travel
  - How people travel
  - The impacts that transport has

Each strategy is supported by targets and performance indicators to monitor progress.

- *Devon Local Transport Plan Implementation Programme 2001-2006* (Chapter 8) - a five-year programme which provides the basis for capital investment in integrated and sustainable transport in Devon.
- *Monitoring and Appraisal* (Chapter 9) - the County Council's approach to monitoring the Plan's progress against its Objectives together with an overall appraisal of the Plan's impact. Monitoring is presented through a consolidated table of targets and performance indicators. The Plan's appraisal addresses sustainability as well as transport issues.
- *Road Traffic Reduction* (Chapter 10) - the County Council's approach to its assessment of existing and future levels, and targets to reduce the rate of future growth.

In addition to these main elements of the Plan's framework, the County Council has prepared supporting Topic Papers setting out detailed information and analysis.

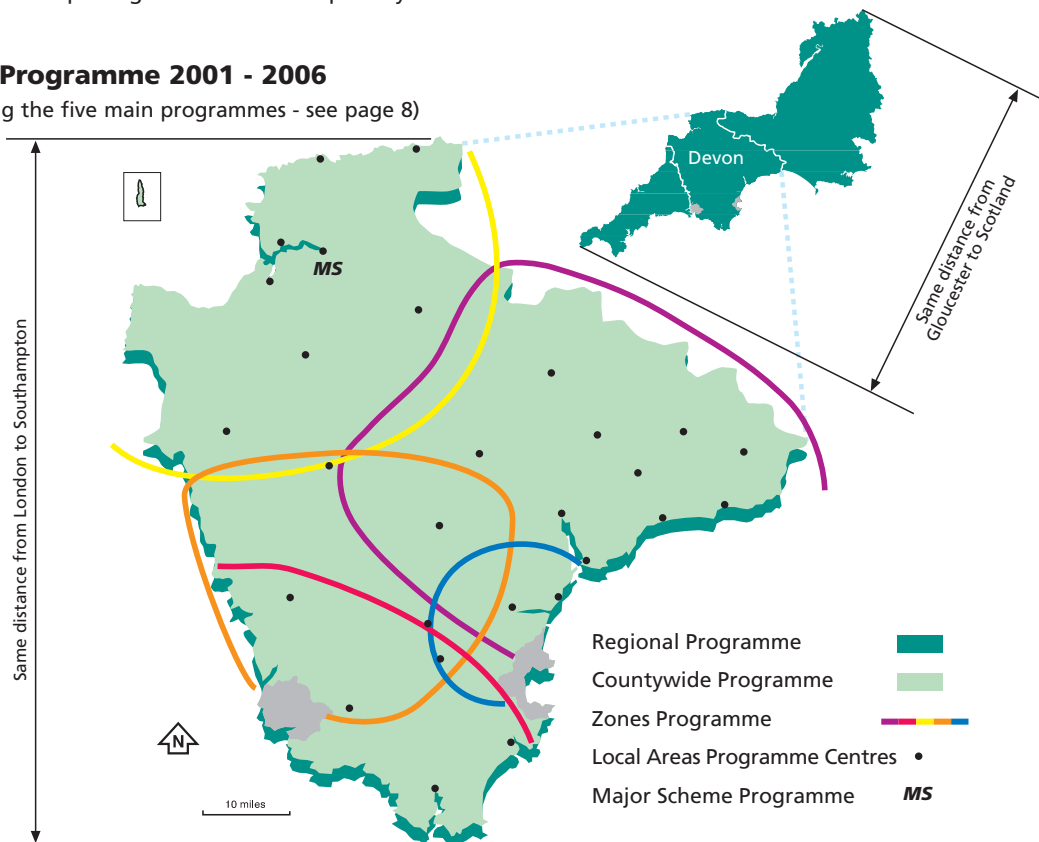
### Devon Local Transport Plan Objectives

As indicated above, this Plan places particular emphasis on the definition of Objectives against which its Implementation Programme has been drawn up. These Objectives embrace all five of the Government's Objectives for Transport. They also include four additional objectives that have been identified as a result of consultation as being of special relevance to the environment, economy and social well-being of Devon.

The Plan gives strategic priority to the first two of these Objectives - Integrated Transport and Safety. The remaining seven Objectives are developed against the overall priority given to the first two.

### Implementation Programme 2001 - 2006

(Schematic map showing the five main programmes - see page 8)



### The Devon Local Transport Plan Objectives

- 1. Integrated Transport** To integrate all forms of transport with the Devon Structure Plan and Local Plans leading to a better, more efficient, transport system.
- 2. Safety** To ensure that travel can be undertaken safely by all modes.
- 3. Accessibility** To improve accessibility to work, facilities and services for all, especially for those without access to a car.
- 4. Economy** To maximise the contribution of sustainable transport networks to an efficient economy.
- 5. Environment** To protect the natural environment and historic heritage of Devon.
- 6. Health** To encourage healthier lifestyles through promotion of walking and cycling.
- 7. Lifelong Learning** To improve and enhance access by sustainable transport to schools, colleges and cultural destinations.
- 8. Social Exclusion** To meet the transport needs of all social groups and contribute to community needs.
- 9. Tourism** To integrate tourism and public transport to give visitors a wider choice of modes.

## Devon Strategies

Building on its Objectives, the Plan identifies a series of Devon Strategies that are addressed under the following three headings:

- Why People Travel
- How People Travel
- What Impacts Transport Has

The Plan sets headline targets and performance indicators for each of these Devon strategies.

## Implementation Programme 2001 - 2006

Over the last twelve months, Devon County Council has developed the Plan's Implementation Programme in response to feedback on the Provisional Plan [published in July 1999], in the light of ongoing consultation and in accordance with the Government's Guidance on Local Transport Plans.

As a result, this Plan contains an Implementation Programme for 2001-2006 under the following five main elements:

1. **Regional Programme** - measures within the context of the emerging Regional Transport Strategy.
2. **Countywide Programme** - covering Highway Network Management; Road and Bridge Maintenance; and Road Safety.
3. **Zones Programme** - covering five Zones: Dartmoor/Tamar Valley Zone; Exeter Zone; Newton Abbot Zone; Northern Devon Zone; South West Devon Zone.
4. **Local Areas Programme** - covering twenty-eight Local Areas based on market and coastal towns and their rural hinterland.
5. **Major Scheme Programme** - the Barnstaple Western Bypass scheme.

The details of this Programme are set out in Chapter 8 of this Plan and in the supporting Topic Papers.

## Devon Local Transport Plan Bid 2001-2006

Devon County Council's Executive Committee at its meeting on the 27th June 2000 approved the Devon Bid to Government for the Implementation Programme for 2001-2006. The Bid for Integrated Transport and Road and Bridge Maintenance is set at £102.30m for the period 2001-2006. In addition, the Plan includes a Bid of £30.42m for its Major Scheme, the Barnstaple Western Bypass. The total Devon Bid including this Major Scheme amounts to £132.72m.

The breakdown of the Devon Bid for 2001-2006 is set out in the Table below.

In setting the level of its Devon Bid, the County Council has taken into careful consideration the Government's Guidance on Full Local Transport Plans.

*Transport 2010*, the Government's Ten Year Plan for Transport (announced in July 2000), now provides the framework within which the County Council is giving further consideration to its Implementation Programme. It is considering both the five-year period of this Plan and also the longer ten-year period covered by the Devon Structure Plan through to 2011.

In submitting this Plan, Devon County Council is making it clear to Government that it is ready to bring forward a significant part of this longer-term Programme if adjustments in the Government's funding strategy for Local Transport Plans permit.

## Plan Appraisal

The results of the Appraisal of the Plan are very positive, showing the largest benefits in the objectives of Safety and Integrated Transport. The Appraisal has also found that the Plan will have significant health and environmental benefits.

## Devon Local Transport Plan 2001-2006 Bid for Government funding Total Devon Bid £132.72m

(in £000s)	2001/2	2002/3	2003/4	2004/5	2005/6	Total 2001-6
Integrated Transport	8,700	11,400	12,135	12,890	11,850	56,975
Highway Maintenance/ Bridge Strengthening	10,175	10,091	8,802	8,155	8,102	45,325
<b>Total Devon Bid (excluding Major Scheme)</b>	<b>18,875</b>	<b>21,491</b>	<b>20,937</b>	<b>21,045</b>	<b>19,952</b>	<b>102,300</b>
Major Scheme Barnstaple Western Bypass	522	9,240	13,363	6,238	1,057	30,420
<b>Total Devon Bid (including Major Scheme)</b>	<b>19,397</b>	<b>30,731</b>	<b>34,300</b>	<b>27,283</b>	<b>21,009</b>	<b>132,720</b>