

## **Worthing County Local Committee**

**November 2018 –**

### **Update on Worthing Area Sustainable Transport Package Feasibility Study**

West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) has commissioned transport and engineering consultants; WSP, to undertake an options appraisal and feasibility study to identify a package of sustainable transport improvements in Worthing Borough to support planned growth. The feasibility study forms part of the County Council's Strategic Transport Investment Programme which helps to identify transport improvements to support planned development and economic growth. A steering group of Members from West Sussex County Council and Worthing Borough Council has been established to oversee the study. The study is expected to result in a package of sustainable transport measures that can inform dialogue with developers and future funding applications.

This study is being undertaken in conjunction with the Worthing Road Space Audit (RSA) also being carried out by WSP. The RSA will audit the existing road space and seek to identify the most efficient way to manage road space across the town. This will include consideration of how parking and other modes of transport (bus, rail, cycle, walk etc.), infrastructure improvements, safety considerations and the needs of future development (e.g. housing) can make best use of the available road space across the town.

The sustainable transport package study will identify specific infrastructure improvements and will also support and add to the range of other recently completed or ongoing related studies around Worthing. These include the Worthing Local Plan Transport Study, the proposed Worthing Town Centre Public Realm Improvements and any Highways England proposals likely to come forward in relation to the A27 through Worthing and Lancing.

Phase one of the sustainable transport package feasibility study has included a stakeholder workshop, as well as a review of previous studies and relevant policy information. The infrastructure improvements identified through this work are being reviewed in order to recommend schemes that should be taken forward for feasibility level assessment during phase two of the study. Further dialogue is expected to take place with the Member steering group and key local stakeholders during late 2018/early 2019 as the study progresses.