

# Strategic Transport Leadership Board

July 2024: Update on Actions

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## From 9 June 2023 Strategic Transport Leadership Board

<b>Technical Support Offer</b>  <b>Cllr Phil Larratt (PL)</b> said that West Northamptonshire would like to work with EEH to develop their first LTP.	Ongoing	We await the position on LTP guidance following the change of government, but in the meantime are exploring the level of support that can be provided to local authorities (pending a funding settlement from DfT).
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## From 1 March 2024 Strategic Transport Leadership Board

<b>Business Planning Update</b>  The Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- noted the draft work programme for 2024/25, which will be brought for Board approval in May 2024 (subject to funding confirmation from DfT)</li> <li>- agreed the need for a long-term plan for EEH (2025 – 2030), to be developed over the coming months</li> <li>- agreed to continue its support to EEH through annual partner contributions, held at 2023/24 levels to reflect current financial pressures.</li> </ul>	Agenda Item  Ongoing	An update on the work programme for 2024/25 is presented as part of the Business Unit Update.  Following a discussion amongst Board members, a developed five year plan will be presented to Board members in September 2024
<b>Buses</b>  The Board agreed the draft letter to DfT seeking support and dedicated funding to develop further mass rapid transit (MRT) schemes within the region.	Ongoing	The Department for Transport wrote to EEH suggesting a letter be resent following the general election.  The investment brochures (published in July) will be a further opportunity to make the case for funding of MRT schemes.

<b>Business Unit Update</b>  <b>Cllr Liz Leffman (LL)</b> suggested EEH put the important topics at the beginning of the agenda.	Agenda Item	The Business Unit update is presented as Item 3.
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From 24 May 2024 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
<b>Public Questions</b>  Alan Francis, MK Green Party queried whether the stated population of Milton Keynes in the draft connectivity studies was correct. EEH officers agreed to look at the figures and respond to Alan Francis.	Complete	The connectivity studies have been updated with a footnote explaining how population figures are derived.
<b>Productivity considerations</b>  <b>Cllr Zerny</b> suggested the consideration of a potential cross-border scheme to establish a bus link between Hitchin and Luton. <b>NG</b> agreed to review the evidence and potentially incorporate further into EEH's priority activities.	Ongoing	The proposed Heartbeat network includes provision for increased services between Hitchin and Luton. Further work is ongoing.