

Southampton's Local transport to benefit from £5.5m investment

Residents in Southampton will soon be benefiting from a £5.5m investment from central government in local transport.

The investment is part of the Local Transport Capital Settlement given to local authorities each year to help them deliver transport improvements in their communities.

Some of this money was given according to the performance of the city council in delivering better transport over the past five years. Another part was based on the quality of the plans submitted to improve transport over the next five years.

Captain Jimmy Chestnutt, Director General of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce says, "I congratulate Southampton City Council on achieving this extra funding. This new Five Year Plan will contribute to the economic growth of this region. The Chamber of Commerce's Planning and Transport Committee was pleased to use their expertise from a range of disciplines, to contribute to the various stages of the Local Transport Plan."

Councillor Jill Baston, Cabinet member for Environment and Transport said "This is more fantastic news for the city and its residents. We will be using this money to build a better transport infrastructure which will contribute to more sustainable developments and economic growth in the city."

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Notes to editors

This investment is part of £1.25 billion nationally, which includes £683m for highways capital maintenance and £571m for smaller transport improvement schemes.

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