

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**HIGHWAYS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS  
CABINET MEMBER**

**LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To brief the Cabinet Member on the guidance for funding relating to the LSTF in 2015/16
- 1.2 To seek approval for submission of a bid to the Fund in relation to 'International Gateways'.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 In December 2013, the Department for Transport (DfT) issued guidance on the revenue element of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) for 2015/16. The purpose of the fund is to enhance the benefits and support the £100m of capital funding for sustainable travel initiatives that included within the Local Growth Fund from 2015.
- 2.2 The DfT has allocated £78.5m to the revenue element of the fund. Applications must be made directly to the DfT. The money is available for sustainable travel projects. Projects should begin after April 2015 with all grant funding committed by March 2016. However, sustainability is important and therefore projects must demonstrate how they can deliver a longer term vision.
- 2.3 Any bid must have LEP support. Bids must demonstrate how they align to any capital investment outlined in our Strategic Economic Plans.
- 2.4 Local authorities can only submit one bid. The only exception is where a local authority also leads a separate group bid.
- 2.5 A minimum local contribution of 10% is required for any revenue only projects. A minimum local contribution of 30% is required to support any capital and revenue schemes. Bids up to a maximum of £1m will be accepted for this element.

- 2.6 The DfT deadline for receipt of bids is by the end of March 2014. An announcement on this LSTF funding will be aligned to decisions on the Local Growth Fund. This is anticipated in July 2014.
- 2.7 North Lincolnshire Council submitted a bid (supported by North East Lincolnshire Council) for an '*International Gateways: Area Wide Travel Plan*' for the last round of LSTF in 2011. This involved sustainable travel initiatives at the South Humber Ports and Humberside International Airport. This bid was unsuccessful.
- 2.8 After discussions with DfT and North East Lincolnshire Council, we feel we could submit a further strengthened joint North and North East Lincolnshire bid for the Framework Travel Plan. Our initial concept is accepted by DfT as a sensible bid for the South Humber Bank.

### 3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 **Option one** – To note the guidance for the LSTF funding for 2015/16, but decide not to submit an application for funding (concentrating just on the capital elements in the Strategic Economic Plan, if approved).
- 3.2 **Option two** – To note the guidance for the LSTF funding for 2015/16, but decide to submit a stand-alone bid for sustainable travel initiatives elsewhere in North Lincolnshire.
- 3.3 **Option three** – To note the guidance for the LSTF funding for 2015/16 and agree to submit a joint North and North East Lincolnshire bid for an '*International Gateways: Area Wide Travel Plan*'.

### 4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 **Option one** – This would result in North Lincolnshire receiving no revenue funding for LSTF and could risk the potential of receiving any of the capital element through the Local Growth Fund.
- 4.2 **Option two** – No further ideas/initiatives have been identified and given the short timescales, it would make it difficult to develop a robust bid by the end of March 2014.
- 4.3 **Option three** – This would give us the greatest opportunity of receiving LSTF funding and create a strong bid by submitting jointly with North East Lincolnshire Council. The idea is also supported, in principle, by DfT. This also supports the capital elements of LSTF in the Strategic Economic Plan, for the area wide travel plan.

**5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 5.1 Financial – If we are to submit a revenue and capital bid, a 30% contribution would have to be found.
- 5.2 Staffing – Resources to develop the bid would need to be identified.

**6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

- 6.1 The *International Gateway: Area Wide Travel Plan* scheme will contribute to an overall improvement to the environment on the South Bank of the Humber.

**7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 There was wide support for the previously submitted bid from a range of relevant consultees. As part of the preparation of this bid, we would revisit all those involved previously.
- 7.2 The LEP supports the concept of the 'International Gateways: Area wide Travel Plan'.
- 7.3 We continue to consult and develop a joint submission bid with North East Lincolnshire Council. North East Lincolnshire are in favour of this approach.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member acknowledges the LSTF Guidance and approves Option Three for further development.
- 8.2 That the Cabinet Member receives a further report prior to the bid submission date to sign off the joint bid for submission, and that this report includes an estimate of the value of any matched funding required from the council.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report**

DfT – Local Sustainable Transport Fund – Guidance on Applications for Revenue Funding in 2015/16

North Lincolnshire Council - Local Sustainable Transport Fund Application 2011

Draft Strategic Economic Plan – Humber LEP

Draft Strategic Economic Plan – Greater Lincolnshire LEP