

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**ENVIRONMENT  
CABINET MEMBER**

**“ALL ROADS” STREET WORKS MANAGEMENT PERMIT SCHEME**

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

- 1.1 To seek approval to adopt an “All Roads” Permit Scheme for North Lincolnshire Roads.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 In April 2016 the council adopted the Yorkshire Common Permit Scheme for North Lincolnshire. Implementing this permit scheme has helped to:

- improve the co-ordination of works on our roads
- reduce disruption to our road users
- assist public transport
- reduce carbon emissions

Longer term the permit scheme will help achieve the goals of the Local Transport Plan.

- 2.2 The current permit scheme only covers Category 1, 2 and Traffic Sensitive roads. To adopt an “All Roads” scheme would increase the benefits across the total highway network.
- 2.3 As the Department for Transport (DfT) deregulated permit schemes in April 2015 under The Deregulation Act 2015 local authorities have the discretion to sign off local permit schemes rather than applying for permission from government, through an order.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 **Option one** – To implement an all roads scheme.
- 3.2 **Option two** – Continue with existing arrangements.

#### 4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 **Option one** – adopting an all roads permit scheme, such as that now operated by Lincolnshire County Council, for North Lincolnshire, would bring bigger benefits to the area and make sure that all utilities activities are co-ordinated on our roads. This will lead to better management of local highways and assist in the achievement of the Local Transport Plan.
- 4.2 **Option two** – The current system would continue with no further benefits.

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

- 5.1 Financial – The introduction of fees and charges for permits would have to be cost neutral.
- 5.2 Some external costs are required to produce an independent Cost Benefit Analysis.
- 5.3 Some minor changes to administration would be required, from existing resources, to manage the scheme.

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

- 6.1 Not applicable.

#### 7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 7.1 Consultation with relevant parties will be reviewed prior to implementation.

#### 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member authorises officers to implement an “all road” Permit Scheme for North Lincolnshire from April 2017.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:** None