

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HIGHWAYS, PLANNING AND ENERGY
CABINET MEMBER**

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE'S LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN, 2011 – 2026

1 OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

To inform the Cabinet Member of the third Local Transport Plan for 2011 – 2026

The key points in this report are:

- The council has a statutory duty to produce and review a Local Transport Plan (LTP). The current LTP expires on 31 March 2011.
- LTP 3 is a 15 year plan which consists of the Transport Strategy for North Lincolnshire and an Implementation Plan, which is three years in length and sets out how the strategy will be delivered.
- The council has consulted extensively with the community and key stakeholders. The responses have been used to inform the strategy.
- The council receives LTP block funding from the Department for Transport.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Local authorities have a statutory duty under the Transport Act (2000) to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP). The Local Transport Act (2008) allows authorities greater flexibility, including reviewing and replacing the plans as they see fit.
- 2.2 The current Local Transport Plan expires at the end of March 2011. The next plan (LTP3) has to be in place and become operational from 1 April 2011. LTP3 consists of two elements:
 - Transport Strategy
 - Implementation Plan
- 2.3 The Transport Strategy is a 15 year plan, aligned with the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Development Framework, and sets out

North Lincolnshire's long term vision for the development of transport and travel in the area. The strategy is based around five Local Transport Goals which are common to the aims and policies at a national, regional, sub-regional and local level. These goals are much broader as Government aims to demonstrate how transport is cross-cutting across many areas. The goals will shape the future of transport in North Lincolnshire and are:

- Economic Growth
- Environment and Sustainability
- Safety and Security
- Equal Opportunities
- Health and Wellbeing

- 2.4 LTP3 considers the existing transport network, future travel demands and identifies potential problems and challenges facing the network. These were discussed with members of the community and stakeholders, as part of the extensive consultation approach, to determine solutions. The North Lincolnshire Partnership has been closely involved with the development of the Transport Strategy and identified some initial transport options that they saw as a priority for North Lincolnshire. The identified transport options have been appraised and prioritised against the local transport goals and taken forward for delivery. In addition, it has been agreed that North Lincolnshire's LTP will be branded and owned as a North Lincolnshire Partnership document.
- 2.5 The Implementation Plan sets out how the Transport Strategy will be delivered. The Implementation Plan covers a three year period. It will include the programme of works, as approved by the Cabinet Member. The update of the Implementation Plan will provide an opportunity to report on progress on delivering the Transport Strategy and update the strategy if necessary.
- 2.6 The council continues to receive LTP Block Funding from the Department for Transport and will supplement this with funding from other sources, where appropriate.
- 2.7 Copies of the completed plan will be available in the Group Offices and on the council's website. Copies will also be available on CD, by request.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 **Option 1** – To approve the third Local Transport Plan for implementation from 1 April 2011.
- 3.2 **Option 2** – Do nothing.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 **Option 1** – There is a statutory requirement to have an LTP. This plan will replace LTP2 which expires on 31 March 2011.
- 4.2 **Option 2** – By adopting this approach, the council would not be fulfilling its statutory requirement to have an LTP.

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

5.1 Finance

- 5.1.1 The council will receive £4.7 million in 2011/12 and £4.6 million in 2012/13 through LTP block funding. Indicative allocations have been set for 2013/14 (£4.5 million) and 2014/15 (£4.7 million).
- 5.2 There are no direct staffing, property or IT issues associated with this report. There will be resource implications as individual projects are developed and implemented.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 Statutory

- 6.1.1 The council has a statutory duty to produce an LTP. As the Highway Authority we also have a duty to maintain the network.

6.2 Environmental

- 6.2.1 Protection of the environment is integral to the LTP, one of the Local Transport Goals is Environment and Sustainability.

6.3 Diversity

- 6.3.1 A Diversity Impact Assessment and Integrated Impact Assessment have been carried out on the LTP Strategy. No significant impacts were identified for the Strategy. However, again, it is likely that as individual schemes are delivered through the LTP, more specific impacts from individual projects will emerge and be evaluated prior to project inception.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Extensive consultation was undertaken during the preparation of LTP3. The groups consulted can be split into community based consultation and stakeholder consultation, as set out below.

7.1.1 Community Based Consultation Groups

- The Base – Young People’s Youth Group
- X-Press – Young People’s Forum
- Residents – via Direct Magazine
- Crosby West Residents Association Meeting
- Alvingham Road day Centre
- Healthy Ageing Strategy – Transport Steering Group
- North Lincolnshire Senior Forum
- North Lincolnshire Local Access Forum

7.1.2 Stakeholder Consultation

- Humberside Airport Transport Forum
- Humberside Airport Managing Director and Surface Access Manager
- South Humber Gateway Delivery Group
- North Lincolnshire Highways Alliance Core Group
- Quality Bus Partnership
- Northern Lincolnshire Rural Partnership
- North Lincolnshire Council’s Scrutiny Panel – ‘Greening the Workplace’
- North Lincolnshire Council’s Highways and Planning Senior Management Team
- North Lincolnshire’s Partnership Theme Boards
- Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
- Highways Agency – Yorkshire and the Humber Region
- Network Rail
- First Group Plc

7.2 The consultation undertaken with the community focussed on identifying their needs and aspirations and reflecting these in the Transport Strategy, where appropriate.

7.3 The consultation with stakeholders established and further built on good working relationships. Discussions were based around the key priorities for partners and where transport can play a role in achieving these.

7.4 The key themes arising from consultation on the 15 year strategy were:

- Provision of safe walking and cycling routes
- Accessibility, particularly in rural areas
- Increasing the use of sustainable modes of transport
- Winter maintenance and safety of roads in bad weather
- Involve local people in decision making

7.5 Other council consultation initiatives with residents have highlighted their main investment priority at present to be the need to improve and

maintain the highway network. Also the Highways Asset Management Plan, which is an integral part of the LTP3, identifies that the condition of the existing highway network is deteriorating, compounded by the recent harsh winters.

- 7.6 The ability to deliver the proposals within the 15 year strategy or the three year Implementation Plan will very much depend on the availability of funding and the way the funding is distributed between the Integrated Transport and Maintenance blocks. The Cabinet Member, via the annual "Programme of Works" report, considers the allocation of funding between these blocks.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the Third Local Transport Plan and its first Implementation Plan.
- 8.2 That the Cabinet Member gives approval to submit the Plan to the Department for Transport by the deadline of 1 April 2011.
- 8.3 The Cabinet Member recognises the significant amount of work undertaken in producing the Plan.
- 8.4 That a mini review of the Implementation Plan is undertaken annually and a full review is undertaken every three years.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
Guidance on Local Transport Plans (2009) - Department of Transport