

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING
CABINET MEMBER**

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet of the emerging guidance for Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) and North Lincolnshire's proposed way forward.
- 1.2 The key points in this report are:
- The council has to submit a final version of the LTP3 by March 2011, at the latest.
 - LTP3 offers the opportunity for more flexibility – Authorities can decide how best to structure their Plan and replace LTPs as they see fit.
 - The LTP must contain both a Strategy (longer-term vision) and an Implementation Plan. Timescales for both are the decision of the Local authority.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council has been required to prepare and submit to government a Local Transport Plan every five years. The current plan (LTP2) runs from April 2006 to March 2011 (Cabinet Report of 2 February 2006, minute reference 533 refers). LTP3 must be in place by March 2011, but it is for the LA to consider the timescales for the Plan, including reviews, alterations and replacement.
- 2.2 The Local Transport Act 2008 retains the statutory requirement to produce and review Local Transport Plans and policies.
- 2.3 Department for Transport (DfT) will no longer formally assess LTPs, impose mandatory targets or require submission of formal monitoring reports separate from the LAA framework. Authorities are accountable to their communities.
- 2.4 DfT will continue to take an interest in the overall quality of an authority's LTP, and of its delivery, and may take these factors into

account where this is relevant to its decisions. For example, in relation to bids for challenge funding or major projects.

- 2.5 When producing our LTP, we should work with our Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), other partners and our communities. We should also have regard for other policies, for example, the Sustainable Community Strategy, Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the Local Development Framework (LDF).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Highways and Planning intend to align the LTP3 Strategy to the Sustainable Community Strategy (up to 2026) and the Implementation Plan to the LAA (making it a three year delivery plan). This will ensure consistency with partners and across the National Performance Framework.
- 3.2 Highways and Planning will work in close partnership with the LSP and other service providers to ensure that LTP3 addresses the specific needs of transport users but also wider cross-cutting themes where transport can have an impact. It will also ensure that the Plan is owned by all who can have an impact upon its delivery.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 It is a government requirement to produce LTP3 by the end of March 2011, at the latest.

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

- 5.1 DfT does not currently intend to link any national performance funding to the quality or delivery of new LTPs.
- 5.2 Capital funding for both block allocations and major schemes is subject to Regional Funding Allocations. Actual amounts will be subject to available resources and confirmed as part of three-year local government settlements.

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

STATUTORY

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

ENVIRONMENTAL

6.2 Protection of the environment is integral to the LTP and one of the national goals and challenges. We will have to demonstrate, through LTP3 how we will contribute to the Climate Change targets, as outlined in the Climate Change Act 2008.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 LTP3 will be subject to extensive consultation with our partners, the LSP, Young People, community groups and residents of North Lincolnshire. The consultation exercise for LTP2 Mid Term Review, was considered by Government Office to be extensive and good practice. We will build on this good practice.

7.2 The outcomes of the consultation will be built into LTP3's Strategy and Implementation Plan.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Cabinet Member endorse the proposed way forward for LTP3, and

8.2 Give approval for the Strategy and Implementation Plan to be prepared for submission to government by the end of March 2011

8.3 Give approval for the Strategy to align to the Sustainable Community Strategy, making it a 15 year plan (2011-2026) and the Implementation Plan to the Local Area Agreement, making it a 3 year plan (2011-2014)

8.4 Give approval for Cabinet Member Progress Meetings on the production of LTP3, as necessary

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
Guidance on Local Transport Plans – DfT – July 2009