

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	18 January 2016
Subject:	Lincoln Eastern Bypass - Authority to Enter into Contract with Network Rail

Summary:

This item invites the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee to consider a report on the Lincoln Eastern Bypass to enter into a contract with Network Rail for the construction of a railway bridge to allow the road to pass under the Lincoln to Spalding railway line. This is due to be considered by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT on 20th January 2016. The views of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the Executive Councillor as part of his consideration of this item.

Actions Required:

- (1) To consider the attached report and to determine whether the Committee supports the recommendations to the Executive Councillor set out in the report.
- (2) To agree any additional comments to be passed to the Executive Councillor in relation to this item.

1. Background

As part of the construction of Lincoln Eastern bypass (LEB), a railway bridge is required to be constructed to allow LEB to pass under the Lincoln to Spalding railway line. This bridge is being delivered by Network Rail on behalf of the Council and as such a closure of the railway has been booked for February 2017. To allow Network Rail to proceed a legal document known as an Implementation Agreement is required to be signed by both the Council and Network Rail. This will allow Network Rail to seek authority through their funding processes to proceed with awarding a construction contract to their preferred contractor.

The Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT is due to consider the report on Lincoln Eastern Bypass – Authority to Enter into Contract with Network Rail on 20 January 2016. The full report to the Executive Councillor is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

2. Conclusion

Following consideration of the report, the Committee is requested to consider whether it supports the recommendations in the report and whether it wishes to make any additional comments to the Executive Councillor. The Committee's views will be reported to the Executive Councillor.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix 1	Lincoln Eastern Bypass - Authority to Enter into Contract with Network Rail - Report to Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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