

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

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	06 November 2017
Subject:	Network Rail Account Plan and Joint Schemes

Summary:

This item provides an update on the Network Rail Account Plan the purpose of which is to provide strategic direction for the development and delivery of schemes which interact with the railway infrastructure in Lincolnshire.

Actions Required:

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is invited to take a strategic view to:-

- 1) Consider and comment on the work being undertaken as part of the Account Plan and Joint Schemes listed in Appendix A and;
- 2) Seek assurance from Network Rail on the future progress of the schemes listed.

1. Background

Network Rail is a key partner working with Lincolnshire County Council to manage the interface between our respective transport infrastructure. Relationships between the two organisations are critical to managing the ongoing delivery of a range of activities

The Network Rail Account Plan outlines the key decision makers, the governance by which decisions are made and the stakeholders who will we will need to engage with in the development each scheme and the documents driving the long terms strategies for both Network Rail and Lincolnshire County Council.

Network Rail owns, operates and develops Britain's railway which includes 20,000 miles of track, 40,000 bridges, tunnels, viaducts, signals and level crossings. The 18 largest stations are also run by Network Rail, while all the others, over 2,500, are run by one of the country's train operating companies.

Network Rail's role is to deliver a safe and reliable railway and manage the delivery of key projects that form part of the Railway Upgrade Plan. Network Rail is a public company, answerable to Government via the Department for Transport (DfT), and runs day-to-day railway operations through nine devolved, geographically based businesses, called routes. The routes manage and run the railway network in their

area and work closely with their local train operating companies to deliver the best service possible for customers.

Train operating companies (TOCs) run passenger services, leasing and managing stations from Network Rail. TOCs are the consumer face of the rail industry, and generally apply for franchises to run specific routes from the Department for Transport.

Network Rail’s local routes and train companies work closely together to run the railways. Targets and priorities are now agreed jointly with train operators, meaning performance incentives for Network Rail are directly aligned to the needs of customers.

Attending the Committee on behalf of Network Rail:

- Paul McKeown (Director of Route Sponsorship)
- Neil Henry (Head of Operations South)
- Joe Cookson (Public Affairs Manager)

2. Conclusion

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and comment on the joint working being undertaken as part of the Account Plan and Joint Schemes listed in Appendix A and to seek assurance from Network Rail on the future progress of the schemes listed.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Not Applicable

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Account Plan and Joint Schemes

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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