

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

Report to:	Highways & Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	12 March 2018
Subject:	Permit Scheme Annual Report 2016/17

Summary:

The report is a statutory requirement as stipulated by the Department for Transport for each of the first three years of a permit scheme.

This report sets out an overview of Lincolnshire County Council's operational performance in its first year and provides detailed scrutiny of the available data in relation to street works and activities in Lincolnshire.

Actions Required:

Members of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the performance on the first year of operation of the Permit Scheme and highlight any future recommendations or actions for consideration by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and IT.

1. Background

Lincolnshire County Council adopted a Permit Scheme in October 2016. At the end of the first year of operation a report was produced in accordance with legislative requirements. The report compares the outcomes with the objectives set when the Scheme was introduced. The report highlights that through the use of conditions to manage activities on the highway, in cooperation with Utility Companies and other Works Promoters, measurable improvements have been made to the Lincolnshire network.

One of the benefits achieved has been a reduction in the number of days of Utility occupancy on the highway. This has led to a more efficient use of the network and has accrued economic benefits for the County.

2. Conclusion

The introduction of the permit scheme has enabled powers not previously available under legislation to be used to improve the management of all activities on the

network through increased co-ordination and timing of works. Identifying and promoting good practice in all aspects of traffic management has led to better control and a more robust framework for checking and challenging activities, promoting the expeditious movement of traffic through works; reducing disruption and increasing safety at works.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

The Lincolnshire County Council Permit Scheme had a risk and impact analysis prior to its introduction in 2016.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire County Council Permit Scheme - Scheme Evaluation Report 2016/17 First Year

5. Background Papers

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