

Agenda Item 8



Policy and Scrutiny

Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Interim Executive Director for Place

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	21 January 2019
Subject:	Permit Scheme Annual Report 2017/18

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 second 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. For the first three years of operation a report must be produced in accordance with legislative requirements.

In Year 1, one of the benefits achieved was to reduce the number of days of utility occupancy on the highway.

In Year 2, despite an increased volume of activities taking place on the highways, there has been a reduction in the number of prolonged works. This has led to a more efficient use of the network;

- Additional 5702 permits coordinated – Table 7
- Average duration of works reduced by 2.5 days – TPI 4
- Nearly 90% reduction in the number of prolonged works – TPI 5
- 75% of utility works have first-time permanent reinstatements – TPI 7
- The amount of extension requests has reduced to 0.8% – Table 8
- Remedial works applications has reduced to 0.8% – Table 13
- 50% reduction in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices – Table 15

2. Conclusion

In Year 1 the introduction of the permit scheme 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.

Year 2 has built upon this by co-ordinating more works to help maintain a robust network and by being proactive in its measures to reduce works durations wherever possible and ensure compliance within the requirements of the Lincolnshire Permitting Scheme.

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 Second Year October 2017 - September 2018

5. Background Papers

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