

**Open Report on behalf of David O'Connor, Executive Director for  
Performance and Governance**

Report to:	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</b>
Date:	<b>27 March 2014</b>
Subject:	<b>Impact of Transportation on Maximising Economic Growth Task and Finish Group - Proposal to Extend the Review Duration</b>

**Summary:**

This report invites the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to consider a request to extend the review of the Impact of Transportation on Maximising Economic Growth Task and Finish Group until 10 June 2014. Initially the review was scheduled for completion on 29 April 2014.

**Actions Required:**

To approve the extension of the review of the Impact of Transportation on Maximising Economic Growth Task and Finish Group to 10 June 2014 (the date of the June 2014 meeting of the Economic Scrutiny Committee).

**1. Background**

On 26 September 2013, this Committee approved a review on behalf of the Economic Scrutiny Committee, with the following terms of reference:

1. to identify the various ways in which transportation contributes to the Lincolnshire economy.
2. to consider where efforts to secure improvements to the County's strategic transport network should be focussed and what options might be available for seeking funding.

Councillors W S Webb (Chairman), C J T H Brewis, A Bridges, G J Ellis, C E D Mair, C Pain, S L W Palmer, Mrs E J Sneath, and C L Strange are members of the Impact of Transportation on Maximising Economic Growth Task and Finish Group, which is undertaking the review.

## Work Undertaken To Date

At the Task and Finish Group's first meeting on 26 November 2013, the review's detailed scoping documentation was completed. Since that time, the Task and Finish Group has held four further sessions, which have included focus groups with Business representatives and tourism representatives, a workshop with representatives from the rail industry and a meeting with representatives from the East Coast Mainline Consortium.

## Rationale for the Extension

The work of the Task and Finish Group has progressed well, but there has been difficulties programming in meetings with some important contributors in time for the 29 April 2014 completion date, while allowing time for writing the final report.

As part of the review, the Task and Finish Group would like to speak to North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council to discuss with the relevant Cabinet members and senior officers what their council's priorities, activities and plans are in terms of promoting tourism, business and investment growth, and for improving the transport network, in particular the road and rail networks. A meeting with North Lincolnshire Council has just been arranged for 8 April 2014 where the Task and Finish Group will be meeting with North Lincolnshire Council's Cabinet. A meeting with North East Lincolnshire Council is in the process of being arranged.

The Task and Finish Group would also like to speak to the relevant Portfolio Holders, Cllr C J Davie (Executive Councillor for Economic Development, Tourism, Environment and Planning) and Cllr R G Davies (Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT), together to discuss findings and recommendations. The earliest date when they are both free to meet with the Task and Finish Group is 28 April 2014.

The Task and Finish Group would also like to discuss transportation issues with rail operators and bus operators. Given the timescales, it will be proposed at the next meeting on 27 March 2014 that two short surveys are produced and sent out to bus operators and rail operators with the aim of receiving responses back by the end of April.

## **2. Conclusion**

In view of the work still to be undertaken as part of this review, this Committee is invited to consider a request to extend the completion date of the review of Impact of Transportation on Maximising Economic Growth until 10 June 2014. This extends the review by six weeks.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

No policy proofing is required for this report.

#### **4. 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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