

Open Report on behalf of Paul Coathup, Assistant Director Highways and Transportation

Report to:	Councillor W S Webb, Executive Councillor Highways and Transport
Date:	01 March 2013
Subject:	Transport Asset Management Plan 2012-2016
Decision Reference:	02134
Key decision?	Yes

Summary:

Lincolnshire County Council's Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) has been developed further. The TAMP aims to improve our ability to use our available resources as efficiently as possible and provides improved information and guidance to those delivering highway services.

Recommendation(s):

That the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) is accepted by the Executive Councillor for Highways and Transport.

Alternatives Considered:

1. None

Reasons for Recommendation:

The TAMP has been presented to Members at the Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee. The TAMP allows Lincolnshire County Council to:

- Formalise our strategies for investment in the key highways asset groups (carriageways, footways, structures, street lighting, signals)
- Define affordable service standards
- Improve how the highways assets are managed
- Ensure value for money is delivered in the management of our assets.

1. Background

- 1.1 Lincolnshire County Council's first Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) was produced in 2006. Since then work has been undertaken to update and improve the information we hold on our highways asset in addition to investment in a new Highways Asset Management System (CONFIRM). National developments such as the implementation of SCANNER (Surface Condition Assessment for the National Network of Roads) machines to measure the condition of the surface of the carriageway have also been implemented. The TAMP will help ensure that investment decisions are robust and balanced across the various asset groups.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 Lincolnshire County Council's Transport Asset Management Plan 2012-2016 has now been developed (see Appendix A).

3. Legal Comments:

The Executive Councillor has the remit to approve the TAMP provided he has the delegated authority of the Leader.

4. Resource Comments:

Highways maintenance is funded in two ways. Direct capital grant provided for Asset Protection from the Department of Transport and revenue funding from the Council's overall budget. The TAMP shows that total funding over the last seven years has ranged from £44m-£56m and approved budgets 2012/13 to 2014/15 show £48.7m, £48.0, and £46.6m respectively earmarked to be spent maintaining the road network and an assumed amount of £46.6m 2015/16 and beyond.

Since the TAMP was written, the Department for Transport has recognised the deterioration in the condition of the road network nationally and announced additional capital funding for Asset Protection of £6.5m spread over the next two years. This will increase the total spend on the network to £52.2m in 2013/14 and £48.9m in 2014/15.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

The Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee had considered a draft Transport Asset Management Plan 2012-2016 at its meeting held on 22 October 2012.

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire County Council Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) 2012-2016

7. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
HT&T Scrutiny Committee Report, Review of Highways Asset Management Plan, 26 March 2012	IDOX
HT&T Scrutiny Committee Report, Draft Transport Asset Management Plan, 22 October 2012	IDOX

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