

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills

Report to:	Executive Councillor Highways and Traffic
Date:	22 June 2010
Subject:	Motorcycling Strategy
Decision Reference:	01729
Key decision?	No

Summary:

The draft Motorcycling Strategy has been prepared as part of the on going delivery of the Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan 2 (LTP) as adopted in 2006. The draft has been developed following consultation and has been amended as requested by the Highways Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee on 17th May 2010. It is recommended that the Executive Councillor approves the adoption of the draft Motorcycling Strategy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Executive Councillor approves the adoption of the draft strategy.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Do not develop a specific Motorcycling Strategy and deal with the specific issues within the emerging draft LTP 3.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The County Council made a commitment during the development of LTP 2 that a Motorcycling Strategy would be developed. The strategy is intended to span the life of the existing LTP 2 and the emerging LTP 3. There is no advantage in delaying the development of the Motorcycling Strategy and by doing so the County Council would fail to meet its commitment in LTP 2.

The draft strategy has been consulted on and has been considered by the Highways Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee.

This process has led to some changes being made to the draft.

Approving the Strategy will meet the County Councils commitment in LTP 2 and enable continuity of approach through the period of the emerging LTP 3.

1. Background

In the second Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2006, the Council stated its intention to bring forward a Motorcycle Strategy during the lifetime of the current LTP.

“10.34 In addition, the Council will look to develop a Motorcycling Strategy for Lincolnshire, building on the National Motorcycling Strategy and the IHIE Guidelines for Motorcycling.”

The draft Motorcycling Strategy has now been prepared.

The draft strategy seeks to identify the aspects of the LTP and the Council's transport policy that have specific relevance to motorcycling. It draws these together in a single document together with the actions that the Council will take to address the issues raised. The draft strategy builds on existing policies in the LTP and on the work of the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

It is intended that the final strategy will sit along side the third LTP, which is currently in the early stages of development. As such, the draft motorcycling strategy is consistent with the LTP 3 guidance.

The draft Strategy has been the subject of a consultation. This included District Councils, Motorcycling groups and organisations that have an interest in specific issues relating to motorcycling. The latter included the Confederation of Passenger Transport and cycling groups who were felt to have an interest in issues relating to the use of bus lanes and other highway features such as advanced stop lines at signalised junctions.

The consultation was approved by the Executive Councillor for Highways and Transport and the results are attached to this report as Appendix 2.

2. Conclusion

The Motorcycling Strategy is a development of the LTP and is therefore consistent with existing policy.

3. Legal Comments:

This Motorcycling Strategy has been prepared as a result of the commitment to develop one given in LTP2. This recommendation is therefore lawful and within the remit of the Executive Councillor provided he has the delegated authority of the Leader.

4. Resource Comments:

"Approval of this report adopts a motorcycle strategy for the Council and as such does not commit any expenditure, however, within the strategy a number of different schemes will be implemented incurring some expenditure, these schemes will be funded from within existing budgets and will be reported on a scheme by scheme basis as appropriate."

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 requested that some of the data sets were updated with the latest 2009 data. This is being actioned.

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

The draft strategy is consistent with the existing policies of the County Council.

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Motorcycling Strategy
Appendix B	Consultation Responses

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
2nd Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan 2006	www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

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