

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Communities

Report to:	County Council
Date:	12 April 2013
Subject:	Adoption of 4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan

Summary:

This report outlines the development of the 4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan and seeks adoption of the attached Plan.

Recommendation(s):

That the 4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan as proposed be adopted.

1. Background

- 1.1 Work has been ongoing to prepare the 4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan (LTP4) due to be published in April 2013. This will supersede the 3rd LTP which adopted a “light touch” approach due to the uncertainties around many transport related issues at the time it was being prepared. The new Plan builds on many of the successful initiatives of the first three LTPs and pulls together many existing transport policies and strategies.
- 1.2 Although some transport-related national issues have become clearer, some issues remain uncertain, such as the programme for the franchising of rail services and the funding level for major schemes to be allocated to the new Local Transport Boards. However, a draft LTP4 was prepared during 2012 and consulted upon with key stakeholders. Following consideration of the comments received, a final version of the 4th LTP has now been prepared. This is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.3 The draft 4th LTP was considered by the Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 11th March 2013. It was also due to be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 3rd April 2013.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The proposed 4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan outlines the overarching transport strategy for the county for 2013/14 – 2022/23. It will be

reviewed from time to time in the light of future changes to national and local transport-related policies and issues.

3. Legal Comments:

The Local Transport Plan is part of the Council's Policy Framework. The Executive is responsible for publishing proposals for the Policy Framework and recommending those proposals to the Council in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. The Council will consider the proposal of the Executive and may adopt it, amend it or refer it back to the Executive for further consideration or substitute its own proposals in their place. The Executive will consider this on 3 April (after this report is written) and an update on their comments will need to be given.

The recommendation is in accordance with the Constitution, is lawful and within the remit of the Council.

4. Resource Comments:

This report approves the overarching strategy for the way Lincolnshire will maintain and improve its road network. Funding to deliver the strategy is provided by a number of streams including capital grants for Asset Protection and Integrated Transport, revenue funding through the general revenue support grant and specific grants for large named schemes such as the Lincoln Eastern Bypass.

The Council recently approved its budget for 2013/14 to 2014/15. Within this budget there was provision for an average annual spend of circa £26m for Asset Protection and circa £5.5m Integrated Transport and circa £25m for revenue maintenance. The capital programme also makes provision for four major highways schemes, the Lincoln Eastern Bypass, Lincoln East-West Link, Grantham East-West Relief Road and Spalding Western Relief Road.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

The 4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan has been considered by the Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee on a number of

occasions during its preparation. The final draft was considered by the Committee on 11 March 2013. The Committee recommended that the Plan should be approved by the Executive on 3 April 2013. In addition, the Committee made the following comments:

- On page 66 of the Plan, distances should be stated in miles rather than kilometres.
- The importance of Lincolnshire County Council continuing to engage with Network Rail was stressed, to ensure that footbridges across the railway line in the High Street and Brayford Wharf East in Lincoln are progressed.
- Paragraph 9.8 on page 42 of the Plan refers to the market place in Gainsborough. Officers were requested to check with West Lindsey District Council that it agreed that the scheme had increased the viability of local retail and business users as stated in the Plan.

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

The LTP supports many of the wider policies of the Council including encouraging economic growth, access to key services, community safety and public health.

The impact of individual proposals on the natural and built environment will continue to be considered as schemes and initiatives are progressed in more detail.

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan <i>(Please note: Due to the size of this document it has only been circulated electronically and is available to view at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/committeerecords)</i>

7. 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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