



## Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director – Place

Report to:	<b>Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>8 March 2021</b>
Subject:	<b>The Fifth Local Transport Plan (LTP V)</b>

### Summary:

This report provides a progress update for Lincolnshire County Council's Fifth Local Transport Plan (LTP V). Ideas and thoughts from members of the Committee are welcomed as part of the shaping of the work.

### Actions Required:

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

1. consider the development of the Local Transport Plan.
2. share thoughts and ideas to help shape the document's development.
3. receive a further report as the plan is being finalised.

## 1. Background

Work has begun on a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Lincolnshire. A statutory requirement under the Local Transport Act 2008, the document will establish the policy structure for local transport delivery going forward.

A report came to this Committee in December 2020 describing the process, the audience for the LTP and its purpose. This report provides an update on some of the areas of work currently being undertaken, the emerging themes and the engagement process.

### Emerging themes and priorities

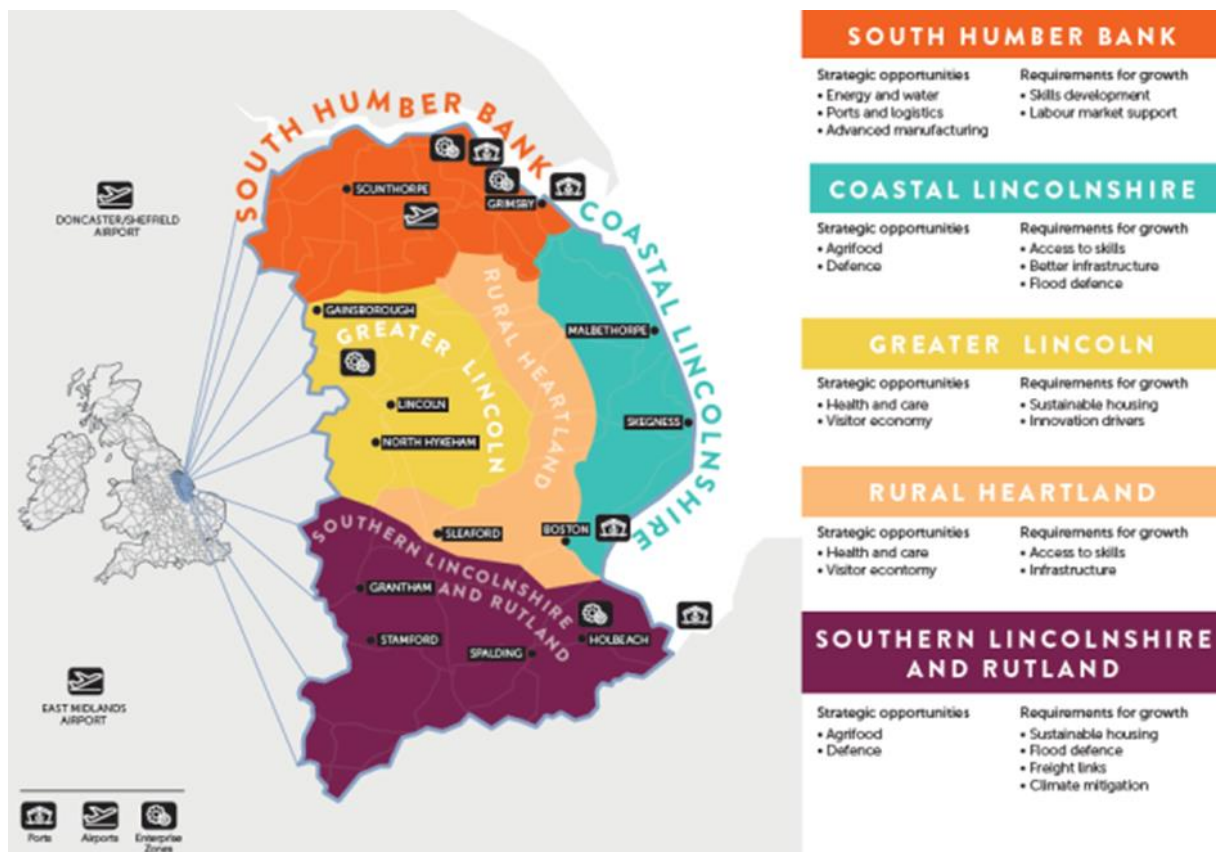
There will be a number of complementary supporting documents to LTP V including strategies for different **modes**: rail, bus and walking in addition to the cycling strategy that came to the Committee in the autumn. This will provide the depth and detail needed and will provide space to look at alternative scenarios, particularly for public transport, where there is so much uncertainty.

For example, the rail industry is facing three significant challenges:-

- **The Williams Rail Review** – this review was established in September 2018 to look at the structure of the whole rail industry and the way passenger rail services are delivered.
- **Covid-19** – currently services are operating reduced timetables and carrying much lower patronage due to Covid-19.
- **Spend on rail** - the Government has taken a long-term mind-set on rail. If this continues the Government will not reduce service specification or the quantum of services in the medium or longer term.

The **environment** will be a very strong theme too. The document is being written to complement the Green Masterplan – expanding thinking around decarbonisation for example. An alternative fuel strategy is also being produced which will contain a roadmap for decarbonisation in Lincolnshire.

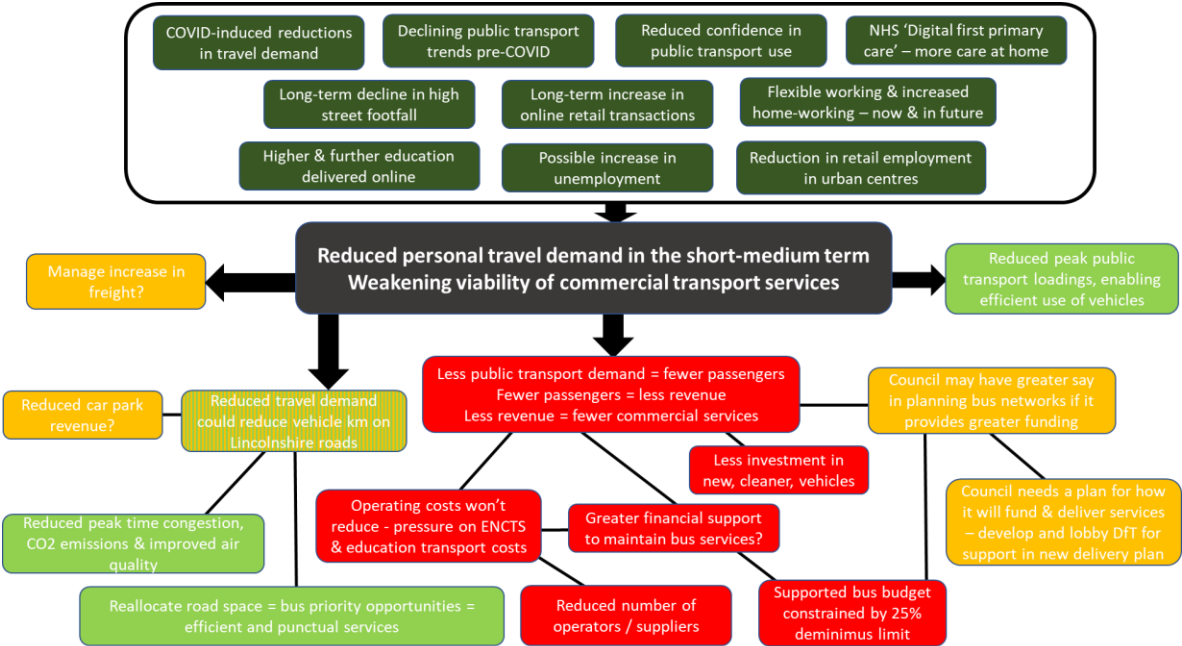
Using a **place** based approach we intend to be able to articulate the scale of Lincolnshire's ambition to outside audiences too, for example, Midlands Connect and the Department for Transport.



Much of this ambition will connect to the support for the post Covid-19 economic recovery. This includes improving opportunities through good connectivity, both within Lincolnshire and externally, to the strategic road and rail network. LTP V provides an opportunity to support **sectors** and support positive **growth** in Lincolnshire, for example, by supporting the Agri-food sector and the Food Valley, with a focus on freight, data and connectivity to the strategic road network and

ports; and maximising the opportunities for cycling and walking holidays with the visitor economy, working closely with the Tourism Action Plan and Tourism Commission.

The impact of **Covid-19** on the way that we live and work will influence the final document. The illustration below attempts to capture some of the impacts on the transport network.



**Engagement**

As the team begins to draft the document we are attending a variety of meetings to share the thinking so far and of course to talk to those involved about their thoughts and ideas too. This includes attending the local transport boards; scrutiny committees; meeting with partner organisations and holding workshops.

**Questions for consideration**

1. Do you think that the balance of proposed themes is right? Are there any that you would recommend prioritising over others?
2. How is Covid-19 changing how people move now and in the longer term in your divisions?

**2. Conclusion**

This report sets out the emerging themes for the Fifth Local Transport Plan and the engagement work being undertaken. The report seeks support from the Committee for the approach with a further report to be presented to the Committee as a draft document emerges.

### **3. Consultation**

#### **a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

None

### **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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