



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	12 December 2022
Subject:	Grantham, Sleaford and Skegness & Mablethorpe Transport Strategies 2022

Summary:

The report provides the final update on the Grantham, Sleaford and Skegness and Mablethorpe Transport Strategies and includes the final Grantham, Sleaford and Skegness and Mablethorpe Transport Strategies 2022 and summary documents.

Actions Required:

- (1) The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is invited to review and make comments on the contents of and endorse each of the three area Transport Strategies:
 - Grantham Transport Strategy
 - Sleaford Transport Strategy
 - Skegness and Mablethorpe Strategy
- (2) That the Committee also approves the plans contained within each Transport Strategy.

1. Background

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) is seeking to publish three new strategies to support the economic and spatial development of the Grantham, Sleaford, and Skegness and Mablethorpe urban areas and beyond through the delivery of improvements to access and transport. Through the LCC Technical Services Partnership, WSP were commissioned to undertake a project to develop the new Transport Strategies.

Since the previous Transport Strategies were developed, transport plan-making has evolved, and the approach now focuses not just on the transport services and schemes that need to be delivered but also consider these in the context of broader economic and spatial planning aspirations. Transport strategies need to be developed as part of an

integrated suite of policies that aim to improve the economy of areas, steer their spatial development and improve access and transport for both communities and businesses.

In addition, there has been significant change in working patterns following the pandemic which has changed travel habits to a certain degree with more people using online services and working in home/work hybrid scenarios.

The final Grantham Transport Strategy in the form attached at Appendix A has been developed by Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council.

The final Sleaford Transport Strategy in the form attached at Appendix C has been developed by Lincolnshire County Council and North Kesteven District Council.

The final Skegness and Mablethorpe Transport Strategy in the form attached at Appendix E has been developed by Lincolnshire County Council and East Lindsey District Council.

The aim of the strategies is to make travel within, through and around the respective study areas inclusive and sustainable, encouraging people to walk and cycle for short journeys and use shared and public transport when they must travel further. When car travel is necessary, the Transport Strategies aim to encourage the uptake of low emission vehicles whilst also making journeys safer and more reliable.

The strategies also aim to bring new travel choices and approaches to the study areas both now and over the course of the strategy period, whilst also monitoring how new technologies are changing travel around the country and how this may affect our towns.

This sustainable and future ready approach will help to support the growth of the towns, make their economy stronger and more resilient and their communities more vibrant, healthy and inclusive.

The new Local Transport Plan 5 was adopted by LCC in the early part of this year and these strategies are aligned to its key themes and outcomes.

2. Conclusion

The production of the three strategies has now come to the final stages and approval is now sought for the Grantham, Sleaford and Skegness and Mablethorpe Transport Strategies and the associated summary document attached in the appendices.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

Risks and Impact Analysis activities will be considered at the time that individual proposals within the strategies are progressed.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Grantham Transport Strategy
Appendix B	Grantham Transport Strategy summary
Appendix C	Sleaford Transport Strategy
Appendix D	Sleaford Transport Strategy summary
Appendix E	Skegness and Mablethorpe Transport Strategy
Appendix F	Skegness and Mablethorpe Transport Strategy summary

5. 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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