

CABINET

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MOVING RUTLAND FORWARD AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Report of the Strategic Director of Places

Strategic Aim:	All	
Key Decision: Yes	Forward Plan Reference: FP/120419	
Reason for Urgency:	NA	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the content of the consultation report; and
2. Recommends Moving Rutland Forward, and associated documents and assessments (Appendices B-M) to Council for approval.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the consultation process for Moving Rutland Forward (MRF) and associated documents. Appended to it are the final versions of MRF (post consultation and scrutiny) and its associated documents and assessments for cabinet to consider.
- 1.2 It is recommended that MRF and associated documents and assessments are recommended to council for approval.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Local Transport Act 2000 introduced a requirement on local authorities to produce a local transport Plan (LTP) for their area, a requirement retained in the Local Transport Act 2008. The content of Rutland County Council's current Local Transport Plan 3 no longer accords with the council's corporate aims and objectives and many of its aspirations have been delivered. Therefore a new Local Transport Plan is required.
- 2.2 Moving Rutland Forward (MRF) is the name of Rutland's 4th Local Transport Plan - a statutory document setting out the council's long term strategic vision for transport. Whilst MRF sets out our long term vision (running up to 2036 – to coincide with the time frame of the consultation draft local plan), it will be a 'living document', and as such can be reviewed if necessary to reflect future changes to local or national policy and aspirations.
- 2.3 Development of the plan began in 2016 and the project was steered by a project board comprising the portfolio holder, director for places, deputy director for people and the project team. Development of the plan began with the identification of key challenges in the county, as identified through: analysis of the evidence base; officer and member engagement; engagement with key stakeholders as part of earlier transport reviews; and the findings of our 2016 countywide travel survey.
- 2.4 Subsequently the project team worked to deepen their understanding of these challenges before setting out the overall vision of the plan, the key themes, challenges within each theme, goals and, importantly, solutions that will help surmount the challenges. The outcome of this process is the local transport plan and its associated documents.
- 2.5 MRF is the overarching document for a range of other plans, policies and strategies. Included within this report are our Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) and Passenger Transport Strategy. Further strategies and plans will be produced post adoption.
- 2.6 MRF represents the starting point from which we can build (through the development and implementation of a range of sub-policies and projects) to help us achieve our vision of a transport network and services that: facilitate delivery of sustainable population and economic growth; meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents; and support a high level of health and wellbeing (including combating rural isolation).

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The consultation versions of the documents were considered by Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny on 15th November 2018. Feedback from this was included in the post consultation documents attached to this report.
- 3.2 Public consultation on Moving Rutland Forward and associated documents took place for 12 weeks beginning in October 2018. 218 responses were received (77.5% from members of the public, 20.2% from an organisation, business or body and 2.3% from unspecified respondents).

- 3.3 The number of responses to the consultation demonstrates a high level of engagement with the plan and associated documents. The responses received were, on the whole, very positive. Indeed, the majority of respondents strongly supported or supported the overarching vision of Moving Rutland Forward and the vision and aims of the Passenger Transport Strategy. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan was also received very positively with a high percentage of respondents strongly supporting the statements of action.
- 3.4 Feedback received during the consultation has been reviewed, considered and where required amendments have been made to the relevant documents. A copy of the consultation report, providing further details of the consultation, can be found in appendix A.

4 REVISED DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 As outlined above, MRF and associated documents have been updated to reflect any changes required as a result of the public consultation.
- 4.2 The revised documents are appended to this report (see section 16).

5 IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 MRF, the Passenger Transport Strategy and ROWIP each have an implementation plan. These set out the actions to be delivered over the life of the documents.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Retain Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) – however this document is out of date and does not align with the Corporate Plan and wider policies.

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 All documents will be updated and maintained by existing staff, with costs covered via staffing budgets.
- 7.2 Implementation of some elements of MRF, the RoWIP and Passenger Transport Strategy is dependent on the retention of existing budgetary resources and/or on receipt of additional funding from external sources such as national government grants. The MRF implementation plan (appendix D) sets out existing and potential future funding sources in more detail.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The LTP is part of the Policy Framework therefore it is Cabinet's role to consider the document and decide whether or not to refer the Plan to Council.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has been completed. No adverse or other significant risks/issues were found. A copy of the DPIA can be obtained from the Transport Strategy Officer. Please email tstrategy@rutland.gov.uk

10 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 An equality questionnaire has been carried out for MRF, the Passenger Transport Strategy and Rights of Way Improvement Plan. A full equality impact assessment has been completed for MRF and the Passenger Transport Strategy. These can be seen as appendix H – J.

11 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 MRF sets out our intention to produce a road safety strategy during the life of the first MRF implementation plan. Through MRF and the road safety strategy we will set out our actions to reduce the number of casualties on our roads.

12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 A health impact assessment has been carried out – which concluded that implementation of our MRF, ROWIP and Passenger Transport Strategy will have a positive overall impact on our resident's health and wellbeing. The health impact assessment can be found in appendix K.

13 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Environmental implications

- 13.2 A Strategic Environmental Assessment (appendix G) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (Appendix L) have been carried out on MRF and the RoWIP.

13.3 Human Resource implications

- 13.4 Monitoring and updating will be undertaken by existing staff. Delivery will be undertaken by existing staff. Changes to existing staffing levels may impact delivery timescales.

14 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 MRF and associated documents have been developed to address the transport challenges faced in Rutland that have been identified via in-depth interrogation of a wide ranging evidence base and engagement with various stakeholders.

- 14.2 The vision and aspirations of MRF and associated documents will help to deliver solutions to these challenges, whilst also delivering against the council's corporate aims and objectives. As such, adoption of MRF and its subsequent delivery has a vital role to play in the future evolution of Rutland and will – we hope – achieve its title and help move Rutland forward.

15 BACKGROUND PAPERS

15.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

16 APPENDICES

- Appendix A: Moving Rutland Forward consultation report
- Appendix B: Moving Rutland Forward (Rutland's 4th local transport plan)
- Appendix C: Moving Rutland Forward – Summary
- Appendix D: Moving Rutland Forward - Implementation plan
- Appendix E: Passenger Transport Strategy
- Appendix F: Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Appendix G: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of Moving Rutland Forward and the Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Appendix H: Equality Impact Assessment of Moving Rutland Forward
- Appendix I: Equality Impact Assessment of the Passenger Transport Strategy
- Appendix J: Equality Impact Assessment of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Appendix K: Health Impact Assessment of Moving Rutland Forward, the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and Passenger Transport Strategy
- Appendix L: Habitat Regulations Assessment of Moving Rutland Forward and the Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Appendix M: Moving Rutland Forward Evidence Base

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