

PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

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LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4

Report of the Director for Places (Environment, Planning and Transport)

Strategic Aim:	Creating a safer community for all Building our Infrastructure	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:

1. Notes the timescale for the production of Local Transport Plan 4.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report outlines the reasons for revising the Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) and provides a timescale for this work to be carried out.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Local Transport Act 2000 introduced a requirement on local authorities to produce an LTP for their area, a requirement retained in the Local Transport Act 2008.
- 2.2 Rutland County Council's LTP3 (3rd edition LTP) was launched in March 2011 and runs until 2026. This edition however requires updating to include the revised Council's strategic aims and objectives when they are approved by Cabinet, together with findings and actions that arise out the transport review that is currently taking place.
- 2.3 In addition, largely as a result of the successful Local Sustainable Transport Funding award (LSTF) from the Department for Transport in 2012 (£4.01m), many of the actions contained in LTP3 have been achieved.

3 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The programme for producing LTP4 is attached as Appendix A. This programme shows that LTP4 will be taken to Council for approval in March 2017.
- 3.2 The shelf life of LTP4 will align with the Local Plan and will therefore run until 2036.
- 3.3 Initially the governance of the production of LTP4 will be managed through the transport review project board and will morph into a separate LTP project board as the transport review comes to an end.
- 3.4 As part of the Council's transport review it is proposed to undertake a travel survey. The primary aim of this survey is to assess the need for travel and whether those needs are being adequately met. However a number of questions will be included which will be specifically used to inform sections of the LTP, such as sustainable transport initiatives and network condition information.
- 3.5 This survey will be sent to all households in Rutland and will also be available to complete online. The survey will be sent out in March 2016.
- 3.6 To understand the impact that Local Plan growth will have on our transport network and to ensure that these two strategic documents link up with each other, it is proposed to commission a consultant to undertake a transport modelling exercise.
- 3.7 The transport modelling exercise will allow us to better understand the ability of our existing highway network to cope with the increased traffic created by planned growth in housing and employment. It will also enable us to identify and target where we need to focus transport planning work in the coming years.
- 3.8 As well as this strategic overview it is also proposed to have a more targeted model of the effect of increased level crossing closures in Oakham. This will help to determine what mitigation strategies will need to be included in LTP4.

4 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The LTP will be revised to align with the Council's new strategic aims and objectives, the transport review and the emerging Local Plan. The Places Scrutiny Panel is asked to note the timeline for the project is shown in Appendix A.

5 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1 The Council's Local Transport Plans can be viewed using the link below:

http://www.rutland.gov.uk/transport_and_streets/local_transport_plan.aspx

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