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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Derbyshire Local Transport Plan 3 – Questionnaire Survey of Transport Goals</b>	<b>REF:</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the completed questionnaire at Annexe A be forwarded to the County Council as the District Council response to this consultation exercise, incorporating any revisions the Committee wish to make.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To formulate a District Council response to the County Council's consultation on transport goals for the emerging Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP).

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 Derbyshire County Council, as the local highway authority, has a statutory duty to produce an LTP which sets out strategies for the development of local integrated transport, supported by a programme of transport improvements and initiatives. This includes the maintenance of roads, footways and associated infrastructure, reducing road casualties, improving access to key services and facilities, supporting the local economy, managing traffic and improving the environment. There is no restriction on the size of schemes to be delivered through Local Transport Plan funding, but those with costs greater than £5 million are also eligible for inclusion in "major schemes" programmes funded separately through the Department of Transport. These are now organised on a regional basis, with each English region providing a preferred programme against a known budget and the Department for Transport producing the definitive programme taking into account the proposals put forward by the regional authorities.
- 3.2 The current LTPs run until March 2011. The County Council is in the early stages of preparing a replacement and is in the process of updating its evidence base. It is therefore consulting interested parties on five national transport goals proposed by the Department for Transport. These are:

- Tackle climate change
- Support economic growth
- Promote equality of opportunity
- Contribute to better safety, security and health
- Improve quality of life, and promote a healthy natural environment

3.3 Views are being sought on the relative importance of these goals for Derbyshire County Council's area and what consultees consider to be the key transport problems or challenges the area faces over the next ten years or so relating to these. The results of this survey will feed into the development of options for addressing these, which will be the subject of further consultation in early in 2010.

3.4 To assist officers in gauging priorities for South Derbyshire and preparing a proposed response, the opportunity was taken to raise the questions set out in the consultation document with Elected Members present at an informal meeting held on the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, the primary purpose of which was to explore priorities for the emerging Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The proposed response is attached at Annexe A. It should be noted that the opinion of Members at that meeting in regard to the national transport goal relating to "Climate Change" was evenly split between "Fairly Important" and "Neither". Since the questionnaire allows only one box to be marked, officers propose that the issue be identified as being "Fairly Important".

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The process of preparing the LTP has no direct financial implications for the District Council. Once the LTP has been approved, the District Council may be approached for financial contributions toward particular proposals. Any such funding would be sought in the form of revenue growth items.

4.2 The Council currently contributes funding in the sum of £2000 per annum toward the cost of employing a Local Accessibility Partnership Officer, who is responsible for co-ordinating the work of the South East Derbyshire Accessibility Partnership (Environmental and Development and Services Committee minute EDS/19 refers). The role of the Partnership is to implement the Accessibility Strategy in the current LTP. The arrangements for carrying forward the work of the Partnership post 2011, in the context of the emerging LTP, have not yet been determined.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 The LTP has implications for the following themes of the Corporate Plan:

- "Sustainable Growth and Opportunity" in that the provision and maintenance of transport infrastructure and services can influence the attraction and retention of business investment. The LTP may also contribute toward the implementation of public realm improvements. The LTP and Local Development Framework must complement and support each other and will be therefore be prepared in parallel.
- "Safe and Secure" in that the LTP will include measures to enhance highway safety.
- "Lifestyle Choices" in that the LTP strategy will seek to reduce the level of CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.

5.2 District Council staff will act as consultees in the preparation and implementation of the LTP, seeking the views of Elected Members where appropriate.

## 6.0 **Community Implications**

6.1 The LTP has implications for the following themes of the Community Strategy:

- “Creating Opportunities for All” in terms of providing for improved public transport
- “Safe Communities” in terms of providing for road safety improvements
- “Healthy Communities” in that the LTP will provide for greater opportunities for walking and cycling which can produce health benefits.
- “A Vibrant Economy” in that improved transport infrastructure and services can assist in the attraction and retention of business investment.
- “A Sustainable Environment” in that the LTP can help to deliver improvements in cycle and walking routes.
- “Lifelong Learning and Culture” in that transport measures can help to improve access to learning and cultural activities.

## 7.0 **Conclusions**

7.1 Elected Members present at the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July (see para. 3.4) were asked to indicate their preferred responses to the questions posed on the survey form. Since that meeting further comments on transport issues have been provided by Elected Members to officers and have been added to the original list. All responses are set out at Annexe A.

7.2 Subject to any amendments the Committee may wish to make, it is proposed that the responses set out at Annexe A be forwarded to the County Council as the District Council response to the survey.

## 8.0 **Background Papers**

“Derbyshire Local Transport Plan -  
Questionnaire survey of transport  
goals for Derbyshire County Council's  
area”

Derbyshire County Council  
2009