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## **1.0 Recommendations**

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

## **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 Local highway authorities have a statutory duty to produce LTPs, which set out strategies for the development of local integrated transport for their areas, supported by a programme of transport improvements and initiatives. The LTPs cover road schemes, maintenance of local roads (excluding trunk roads), pavements, public rights of way and greenways, traffic management, public transport services (bus and community rail), community transport, access to services, road safety and environmental protection.
- 3.2 There is no restriction on the size of schemes to be delivered through LTP funding, but those with costs greater than £5 million are also eligible for inclusion in "major schemes" programmes funded separately through the Department for Transport. These are 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.

- 3.3 Whilst the current LTPs cover a five year period (2006-2011), the new LTPs will comprise a long term Strategy, covering the period 2011-2026, and a short term Implementation Plan, to be reviewed at three year intervals.
- 3.4 South Derbyshire is currently split between two separate LTPs, the Derby Joint LTP, covering most of the northern part of the district, and the Derbyshire LTP covering the remainder. It has been decided that the new Derbyshire LTP will include the whole of South Derbyshire, whilst the new Derby LTP will cover only the area lying within the city boundary.
- 3.5 Members may recall that this Council was previously consulted on the emerging Derbyshire LTP when the Questionnaire Survey of Transport Goals was considered at Environmental and Development Services Committee on 27 August 2009 (minute EDS14 refers). The County Council has combined the results of that consultation, together with policy and data analysis, to create an overall impression of Derbyshire's challenges and consider the range of measures available to address them. This work is summarised in a short background paper, 'Local Transport Futures: Challenges and Options Consultation', copies of which have been placed in the Members' lounges and are available to view on-line at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation).
- 3.6 It should be noted that this stage of the consultation process relates to broad policies and packages of options for Derbyshire, rather than individual schemes and locations. The County Council has prepared a questionnaire and this has been completed in draft form by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Environmental and development Services Committee (see Annexe A). Subject to any amendments the Committee may wish to make, it is proposed that this be forwarded to the County Council as the District Council response.
- 3.7 The results of the survey will feed into the draft long term strategy to 2026, and will also form the basis for developing the shorter term Implementation Plan. There will be a further consultation once the Strategy and Implementation Plan have been drafted later this year, prior to finalising the documents for implementation in 2011.

#### **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. 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", insofar as the provision and maintenance of transport infrastructure and services can influence the

attraction and retention of business investment. Community Transport provision can be influenced through the LTP. The LTP and Local Development Framework must complement and support each other and will therefore be prepared in parallel.

- “Safe and Secure” in that the LTP will include measures to address highway safety, parking and accessibility issues.
- “Lifestyle Choices” in that the LTP strategy will seek to reduce levels 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. Community Implications**

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

- “Healthier Communities”, in that the LTP will provide for greater opportunities for walking and cycling which can produce health benefits.
- “Safer Communities”, in terms of providing for road safety improvements.
- “Vibrant Communities”, in relation to the reduction in carbon emissions per person, toward which changes in travel behaviour may contribute.
- “Sustainable Development”, in terms of improving sustainable accessibility.
- “Children and Young People” in relation to reducing obesity through walking and cycling, road safety and improving access to education and training.

## **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 A draft response to the questionnaire has been prepared in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee (Annexe A). Subject to any amendments the Committee may wish to make, it is proposed that this be forwarded to the County Council as the District Council response.

## **8.0 Background Papers**

“Derbyshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026  
Local Transport Futures: Challenges and Options  
Consultation”

Derbyshire County Council  
2010

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

Derbyshire County Council  
2009