



Report of	Meeting	Date
Joint LDF Officer Team	Central Lancashire LDF Joint Advisory Committee	1 September 2011

## **CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - A DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2011/12 – 13/14**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To inform Members about the content of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) – a draft Implementation Plan for Lancashire for the next three years which is out for consultation until the 12 September 2011.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. To note the report and to note that the LCC will be consulting with the district councils.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT**

3. The report informs Members of the contents of the Implementation Plan which sets out Lancashire County Council's transport priorities across Lancashire and sets out the capital programme of transport improvements - detailing specific named projects and schemes. The Plan also sets local programmes for each local authority, which focus on the LTP spending. Each district profile covers key issues/characteristics from a transport perspective and a commentary of the proposals – see Appendix.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **(If the recommendations are accepted)**

4. To keep Members informed and involved in commenting on the draft Plan.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

5. To not inform Members of these updates.

### **BACKGROUND**

6. The Local Transport Act 2008 requires local transport authorities such as Lancashire County Council (LCC) to produce a Local Transport Plan. LCC undertook consultation on the Lancashire Local Transport Plan Strategy, which set a strategic overview in January 2011. Central Lancashire authorities submitted a joint response

to this and the Strategy was endorsed by LCC's full council in May 2011. The Implementation Plan looks more specifically at revenue spend, the capital programme, and the delivery of these schemes will be reviewed regularly.

## **THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - A DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

7. The LTP Strategy (May 2011) set out seven priorities as an approach to transport and travel. The County Council identified three which will be the main focus for its efforts and investment in a time of limited resources for transport, namely supporting economic growth, improving child safety, and maintaining existing transport assets.
8. The three key priorities form the basis for the programme of transport projects and activities presented in the first Implementation Plan to be prepared under the newly approved strategy. Delivery of the strategy over its ten-year life will work to a rolling three-year programme updated and published annually in an Implementation Plan. The draft Implementation Plan contains the programme for 2011/12 - 2013/14. The approach to developing a three-year programme under this Implementation Plan has taken the broad activities set by the approved strategy and applied these to local conditions to identify appropriate and beneficial interventions.
9. A scheme prioritisation system was developed by LCC to inform this process which takes and schemes and measures them against the priorities and key actions set out the approved strategy to determine those which deliver the best outcomes and, resources permitting, could form part of the capital programme.
10. The Implementation Plan presents a programme that will see LCC invest £381 million on highways and transport over the next three years. Projects and activities are grouped and presented under shared priorities and key actions, which emphasises that in practically every instance each project will deliver to more than one priority and demonstrates the synergy and compatibility between these priorities.

### **Priorities relevant to Central Lancashire**

12. The Implementation Plan provides Central Lancashire programmes for each district. These can be seen attached (Appendix 1 – Preston, Appendix 2 – South Ribble and Appendix 3 – Chorley) they describe the most pressing issues and map the interventions that LCC will take to sustain and improve transport and travel in each district, and in doing so aim to support local economies, improve road safety (including 20 mph areas) and ensure the upkeep of transport assets. Each local programme presents the overall level of spending, and shows that each district will see a minimum of £20 million invested in highways and transport services in their area over the next three years.
13. Plans for major road building in the next few years are complemented by local road improvements and safety measures, efforts to lobby for Central Lancashire's best interests, including high speed rail, and work to explore measures to resolve transport problems along the most congested transport corridors to be brought forward under future programmes. There are cross boundary and more strategic schemes included in the Plan which will have benefits for Central Lancashire as a whole.

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<b>Background Papers</b>			
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Local Transport Plan 2011-2021 Delivering our Priorities A Draft Implementation Plan for 2011/12 – 13/14  Lancashire County Council	August 2011		Lancastria House, Preston Civic Offices, Leyland Union Street Offices, Chorley County Hall, Preston