

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways
Date of Meeting:	22 November 2017

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 6 November 2017, regarding the approval of the extension of the period for the current Local Transport Plan and to start the process of refreshing the Local Transport Plan.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the extension of the Local Transport Plan, 2011 to 2016, until April 2018.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to the Director of Place to make minor amendments to the Local Transport Plan document as necessary and publish the plan.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Blackpool Council is required to have a Local Transport Plan in place. Continuing with the current plan enables continuity while a refresh of the plan is undertaken.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool".

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 Blackpool Council is required to have a Local Transport Plan in place and the current Local Transport Plan expired on 31 March 2016. To enable the Council to meet its statutory requirements and to review fully the plan for the future, it is proposed to extend life of the current document for a further year so a new plan can be prepared.
- 5.2 The current Local Transport Plan originally approved by Council in March 2011 identified six key issues: highway maintenance, road safety, congestion, visitor economy, parking and accessibility, which remain valid. It is proposed to continue with these priorities for a further year to enable continuity while seeking to deliver a new Local Transport Plan for 2018/ 2023, with its associated implementation plan.
- 5.3 A new plan will enable the emerging regeneration position to be considered from the transport needs perspective within the new plan, including the new conference centre, leisure quarter development and possible employment hub.
- 5.4 The Executive considered this proposal at its meeting on 6 November and agreed to recommend Council accordingly. This purpose of this report is to give formal consideration to the extension of the plan.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

6.0 List of Appendices

Appendix 6(a) – Executive Decision Notice EX38/2017

A copy of the supporting documentation to this decision notice was submitted with the agenda for the Executive and can be found on the [Council's website](#)

7.0 Legal considerations

7.1 None.

8.0 Human Resources considerations

8.1 None.

9.0 Equalities considerations

9.1 None.

10.0 Financial considerations

10.1 None.

11.0 Risk management considerations

11.1 The Council is legally required to have a Transport Plan under the Transport Act 2000, amended by the Local Transport Act 2008.

12.0 Ethical considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 Consultation took place before the initial approval of the Local Transport Plan and extensive consultation is planned for its refresh.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.