

Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX38/2017
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways
Date of Meeting	6 November 2017

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider recommending Council to approve an extension of the time period for the current Local Transport Plan and start the process of refreshing the Local Transport Plan.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To recommend the Council to extend the Local Transport Plan strategy, 2011 to 2016, until April 2018.
- 2.2 Subject to the approval 2.1 above, to recommend Council to delegate authority to the Director of Place to make minor amendments to the Local Transport Plan document as necessary and publish the plan.
- 2.3 To note the work already undertaken in refreshing the Local Transport Plan and that an updated Implementation Plan will also be produced for approval next year.

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. The current Local Transport Plan expired on 31 March 2016, being extended as noted above in paragraph 1.1. To enable the Council to meet its statutory requirements and also 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 that takes account of:

- Blackpool Local Plan, Part 1: Core Strategy (2012-2027), adopted January 2016.
- the Blackpool Strategic Parking Review being produced by consultants AECOM for the Council.
- the Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan, July 2015, produced jointly with Lancashire County Council
- Any Department for Transport guidance that becomes available.

5.2 The current Local Transport Plan was approved by Executive in March 2011 (EX27/2011) and is attached in amended form as an appendix. In view of the continuing uncertainty around a possible combined authority, an Local Transport Plan pertaining to Blackpool’s transport needs solely will be prepared.

5.3 The plan identified six key issues: highway maintenance, road safety, congestion, visitor economy, parking and accessibility, which remain valid. Strategic objectives had been devised to address the issues that had been identified and the strategy described how the challenges would be met over the five-year Local Transport Plan period. 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. 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 Blackpool was required to develop a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) to be in place for the year 2016, which would be sent to the Department for Transport (DfT). At the Council meeting of 29 June 2016, it was determined that the current plan approved

in March 2011 would be extended for a further year.

5.5 Over the intervening period, no further guidance on Department for Transport's expectations for a new plan has been released. Also there has been uncertainty regarding the combined authority proposal, possibly involving a joint Local Transport Plan with Lancashire County Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council.

5.6 In the light of this, it has not been possible to prepare a new Local Transport Plan to take effect during 2017 and it is therefore proposed that the March 2011 Local Transport Plan with its associated Implementation Plan be extended for a further year to April 2018 as work to refresh the current strategy is underway.

5.7 **Is the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this report?** Yes

The Corporate Delivery Unit has been involved in the production of this report and has accepted the rationale behind the extension of the Local Transport Plan. It has been agreed that the Corporate Delivery Unit will be integral in the development of the revised Plan.

5.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.9 **List of Appendices**

Previously approved Local Transport Plan 2011-2016 (amended to 2018).

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

9.0 **Financial considerations:**

9.1 None.

10.0 **Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

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

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 7/2017

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days?

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 27 October 2017 Date approved: N/A

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

The Executive resolved as follows:

1. To recommend the Council to extend the Local Transport Plan strategy, 2011 to 2016, until April 2018.
2. Subject to the approval of 1 above, to recommend Council 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. To note the work already undertaken in refreshing the Local Transport Plan and that an updated Implementation Plan will also be produced for approval next year.

18.2 Date of Decision:

6 November 2017

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

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.

19.1 Date Decision published:

7 November 2017

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillor Benson, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 Non-Executive Members in attendance: Councillors D Coleman and L Taylor

Apologies were received from Councillors Cain and Cross who were elsewhere on official Council business.