

Notice of :	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX19/2018
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs)
Date of Meeting:	16 April 2018

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2018 TO 2021)

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the proposed three year Local Transport Plan works programme attached as Appendix 2a, to the Executive report, to be implemented over the financial years 2018/2019 to 2020/2021. This programme has been incorporated with the objectives and vision from the 2011 Local Transport Plan Strategy to form Blackpool's Local Transport Plan (Implementation Plan 2018 to 2021), attached as Appendix 2b, to the Executive report. It is also proposed in the longer term that a joint Local Transport Plan is developed in conjunction with Lancashire County Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To recommend to Council to approve the indicative three-year Local Transport Plan works programme 2018/2019 to 2020/2021 attached at Appendix 2a, to the Executive report.
- 2.2 To recommend to Council to approve that the programme incorporated with the objectives and vision from the 2011 Local Transport Plan Strategy forming Blackpool's Local Transport Plan (Implementation Plan 2018 to 2021) attached at Appendix 2b, to the Executive report.

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2.3 To recommend to Council that authority is granted to the Director of Place, following consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs) subject to a published officer decision, to vary the programme as required to deliver overall objectives and ensure spend of the indicative grant allocations.

2.4 Subsequent to the approval of the above recommendations by the Council, to delegate authority to the Head of Legal to enter into any legal documentation that may be required to implement the plan.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 In order that an objective-led Local Transport Plan programme for financial years 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, incorporated with continuing elements from the 2011 Local Transport Plan Strategy, to form Blackpool's Local Transport Plan (Implementation Plan 2018 to 2021) can be put in place.

3.2a	Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?	No
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3.2b	Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget?	Yes
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3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To not approve the item, which will mean Blackpool Council will not have an approved Local Transport Plan or works programme in place.

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 The Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme 2018 to 2021 is shown at Appendix 2a. The draft programme is structured around the six Local Transport Plan strategic objectives outlined below.

- 5.2 Objective 1: Highway maintenance. It is proposed that the Highways Capital Allocation (£3,063m over three years) be spent on maintenance for roads and bridges, supplemented by a vired element from the Integrated Transport Block allocation to help address the condition of the Borough's classified roads, mainly principal roads. Other elements include a contribution to ongoing Project 30 repayments and match funding for a scheme that will make further repairs to Yeadon Way.
- 5.3 Objective 2: Road safety. To support this objective and the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety, it is proposed to spend £200,000 of the Integrated Transport Block allocation over three years on road safety measures to reduce casualties on Blackpool's roads.
- 5.4 Objective 3: Congestion. From the Integrated Transport Block allocation, it is proposed to spend £465,000 on traffic control enhancements and £703,000 on highway network enhancements. These are to improve the highway network, in the town centre in particular, by enhancing traffic light control systems and by modifying the highway network to enhance resilience.
- 5.5 Objective 4: Economy. The proposed Integrated Transport Block allocations are for the following:
- Match funding towards the Town Centre Quality Corridors scheme (£537,000).
 - A £200,000 contribution towards the Tramway Extension.
 - A bus hub on Corporation Street, to increase the number of bus stops, similar to the improvements recently carried out on Market Street (estimated to cost £600,000).
 - A contribution of £525,000 to help address the poor condition of the Borough's classified roads.
- 5.6 Objective 5: Parking: The proposal is to assist with renewing facilities at the Coach Station and for signage within parking zones so they can be effectively enforced. The funding from the Integrated Transport Block allocation would be £66,000.
- 5.7 Objective 6: Accessibility: From the same allocation it is proposed to spend:
- £450,000 on the Bispham Village District Centre improvement scheme.
 - £145,000 on new bus shelters and on refurbishing existing ones where possible.
 - £30,000 on small-scale measures to assist cyclists and pedestrians.
- 5.8 The following items, all funded from the Integrated Transport Block allocation, support the Local Transport Plan Programme elements described above:
- Monitoring, for automatic and manual traffic counts (£49,000)

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- Match funding for the Yeadon Way scheme (£335,000)
- Provision for developing schemes and a contribution towards the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership (£30,000)
- Electric vehicle charging points in town centre car parks (£52,000)
- A further Project 30 contribution (£75,000)
- Staff costs for monitoring and managing the capital programme (£53,000)

5.9 All the programme elements above are included in the Draft Local Transport Plan (Implementation Plan 2018 to 2021) which is shown at Appendix 2b.

5.10 Is the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this report? Yes

The Corporate Delivery Unit has been consulted and has no issues to raise.

5.11 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.12 List of Appendices:

Appendix 2a: Draft Local Transport Plan Programme 2018 to 2021

Appendix 2b: Draft Local Transport Plan (Implementation Plan 2018 to 2021)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Providing a Local Transport Plan (LTP) and programme to expend the Council's highways and transport grant allocation appropriately is a statutory requirement.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 The majority of the Local Transport Plan programme can be delivered in-house. However, some specialist consultancy support may be necessary for certain programme elements.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 The Local Transport Plan aims to achieve improved connectivity for all in Blackpool's society and its impacts are overwhelmingly positive for the equalities agenda.

9.0 Financial considerations:

- 9.1 The proposals will be funded from the council's Local Transport Plan Highways Capital Allocation and Integrated Transport Block allocation, as notified by the Department for Transport. However, these allocations remain indicative.
- 9.2 The programme must be monitored effectively to ensure that it is delivered overall and that each year's allocation is expended within the two year limit.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1 Without approval of this item, Blackpool Council will not have a Local Transport Plan or programme in place.
- 10.2 Risk assessments are carried out for each scheme implemented under the Local Transport Plan programme.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

- 11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

- 12.1 Collaborative working has taken place between officers to agree the indicative programme.
- 12.2 The Local Transport Plan Strategy was consulted upon during its development, including questionnaire surveys and direct stakeholder engagement. The programme is carefully considered during its development, with reference to known stakeholder issues.
- 12.3 A draft Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan was published in December 2014 and was subject to an extensive consultation exercise in early 2015.

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: 10/2018

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

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: 6 April 2018 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

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4. Subsequent to the approval of the above recommendations by the Council, to delegate authority to the Head of Legal to enter into any legal documentation that may be required to implement the plan.

18.2 Date of Decision:

16 April 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

In order that an objective-led Local Transport Plan programme for financial years 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, incorporated with continuing elements from the 2011 Local Transport Plan Strategy, to form Blackpool's Local Transport Plan (Implementation Plan 2018 to 2021) can be put in place.

19.1 Date Decision published:

17 April 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillor Benson, Cain, Campbell, Cross, Jackson, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 The following non-Executive member was in attendance: Councillor L Taylor.

The Executive noted a correction to a typographical error in the report at Paragraph 5.8 where the figure for monitoring, for automatic and manual traffic counts should read £49,000 in line with the figure given in Appendix 2a, to the Executive report.