

## External Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 6 March 2018

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

### Transport for the North - Consultation on the Draft Strategic Transport Plan (Appendices A, B, C and D refer)

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#### Executive Summary

Jonathan Spruce, Interim Strategy Director and Robin Miller-Stott, Senior Policy and Strategy Officer from Transport for the North will attend the meeting to present the key messages of the draft Strategic Transport Plan for the North; a 30-year vision for transport investment currently out for consultation. Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor – Transport Planning from Lancashire County Council will also attend the meeting.

#### Recommendation

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to formulate recommendations for potential inclusion in the County Council's response to the Transport for the North's consultation on the draft Strategic Transport Plan for the North which will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting scheduled on 12 April 2018.

#### Background and Advice

Transport for the North (TfN) is a pan-northern partnership of civic and business leaders from across the North that will become the first Sub-National Transport Body in England on 1 April 2018. Working with the Department for Transport, Highways England, Network Rail and High Speed 2 (HS2) Ltd, TfN is tasked with setting out the future requirements of the North's transport networks through the development of a Strategic Transport Plan for the North. TfN is now consulting on a draft of that plan.

The full draft Strategic Transport Plan is available from the [Transport for the North's website](#) (98 pages). Key messages from the plan are set out at **Appendix A** to this report. In addition to this, TfN are also consulting on their Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) a series of assessments that the draft Strategic Transport Plan has been subject to such as the Sustainability and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA), Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) and Community Safety Assessment (CSA). The [full ISA documentation is also available on the Transport for the North's website](#) (103 page report, 482 pages of

appendices and a 45 page Habitats Regulations Assessment). The executive summary for the ISA is set out at **Appendix B** to this report.

The consultation closes on 17 April 2018. The questionnaire is hosted by [Ipsos MORI Surveys and is available on their website here](#). A copy of the consultation questions is set out at **Appendix C** to assist the Committee in formulating any recommendations for potential inclusion in the County Council's response which will be presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 12 April 2018.

Members of the Committee should note that whilst a paper copy of all the consultation questions has been provided, it is preferred, should any member choose to respond to the consultation in their own capacity (and not as a member of the External Scrutiny Committee) that [members complete the online the survey](#).

A copy of the presentation to be delivered by TfN at the meeting is set out at **Appendix D**.

Members will note that a Bite Size Briefing on this matter has been scheduled for Wednesday 28 February 2018 at 10am. This briefing will summarise the work undertaken to date, including how the County Council is ensuring that the whole of Lancashire can benefit from this vision. Members of the External Scrutiny Committee are encouraged to attend this event.

The External Scrutiny Committee therefore has the opportunity to contribute to the County Council's response before it is agreed by Cabinet.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A