

External Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 16 April 2019

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Transport for the North: Revised Strategic Transport Plan

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Presentation on the revised Strategic Transport Plan, Investment Programme, Central Pennines Corridor and next steps.

Recommendation

The External Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the presentation.

Background and Advice

Transport for the North (TfN) is England's first Sub-national Transport Body which was formed to transform the transport system across the North of England, providing the infrastructure needed to drive economic growth.

As a partnership, Transport for the North brings the North's 20 local transport authorities and business leaders together with Network Rail, Highways England, and HS2 Ltd, and works with Central Government. They enable the North to speak with one voice on the transport infrastructure investment needed to drive transformational growth and rebalance the UK economy.

Transport for the North does not replace or replicate the work of existing local transport bodies. Their role is to add strategic value by ensuring that funding and strategy decisions about transport in the North are informed by local knowledge and requirements. This fits with the devolution agenda, drawing powers down from central government rather than up from local government.

Robin Miller-Stott, Senior Strategy Officer and Owen Wilson, Project Manager from Transport for the North will attend the meeting to deliver a presentation covering the following aspects:

- [Strategic Transport Plan and Investment Programme](#)
- [Central Pennines Corridor](#)

- Next steps

Over the coming year, Transport for the North will be working with Highways England to undertake a further trans-pennine study looking at the M65/A59 corridor. [Further information on this can be found on the gov.uk website.](#)

A copy of the presentation to be delivered at the meeting is set out at **appendix A** to this report.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The presentation set out at appendix 'A', represents the views of Transport for the North and are not those of Lancashire County Council.

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

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A