

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 19 January 2023

Report of the Executive Director of Growth, Environment & Transport

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;
Protecting our environment;
Supporting economic growth;
Caring for the vulnerable;

Lancashire County Council Highways and Transport Strategy 2023-25

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

This report presents a new Highways and Transport Strategy for Lancashire County Council to run from 2023 to 2025. It principally deals with the work covered by the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and presents a high-level view of how we will deliver against the county council's corporate priorities.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the requirements of Standing Order C19 have been complied with.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the Lancashire County Council Highways and Transport Strategy 2023-25 as set out at Appendix 'A'.

Detail

Appendix 'A' sets out a new Highways and Transport Strategy covering the county council's contribution to work in this area for 2023-2025.



The document follows similar strategies for health and education and is the third of three county council strategies covering the economy, environment and climate, and highways and transport being brought to Cabinet from the Growth, Environment and Transport directorate. The linkages between the three strategies are recognised as well as the contribution highways and transport activities can have to wider corporate objectives such as health.

The council has important highways and transport roles to play at both the strategic and operational levels. This strategy brings together existing policies and programmes of work in one place and provides a single point of reference on the county council's vehicular highways and transport priorities. It gathers the actions that are underway or proposed and organises these under four areas of activity and twelve objectives relating to the vehicular highway network and rail network. The strategy sets these out as follows:

Highways asset management

- Manage our highways assets efficiently and effectively to support connectivity to employment and to essential services
- Build our understanding of the condition of all our highways assets to focus our maintenance activity and leverage investment
- Reduce the carbon footprint of our highways' maintenance activities

Network management and safety

- Improve the efficiency of our urban and rural road networks
- Reduce all road casualties and progress towards zero killed or seriously injured
- Create safe and social spaces

Public transport and active travel

- Deliver sustainable travel choices that are accessible, inclusive and affordable for all
- Support bus and rail services and encourage opportunities to use different forms of transport for single journeys with improved interchanges and better inter-urban and rural connectivity
- Reduce the need to travel by car particularly for shorter journeys

Strategic partnerships

- Facilitate economic growth, regeneration and levelling up
- Establish a pipeline of plan-ready transport interventions to leverage investment
- Bring partners together to align local, regional and national investment priorities



The twelve objectives will inform the county council's action planning, with progress measured through a set of milestones and key performance indicators within departmental and corporate performance dashboards.

Consultations

The strategy has been developed to form part of the suite of strategies supporting delivery of the county council's corporate priorities and has been informed by a wide-ranging evidence base, dialogue with key services and work with key stakeholders on the emerging Lancashire 2050 strategy.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The strategy sets out activities that the county council will take to meet statutory duties and deliver to corporate priorities, providing a framework for action planning. Without this strategy it will not be possible to measure progress on delivering against the council's highways and transport priorities.

Financial

The strategy does not contain any specific financial implications. Any requirements for funding to support the strategy will be presented to Cabinet for approval. There should be acknowledgment that funding may be a limitation to the scope of activities that can be delivered within the strategy.

Equality and Cohesion

Any subsequent action plans and projects resulting from this strategy will consider the need for an equality impact analysis.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

