

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT CONSULTATION UPDATE	
From: HEAD OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION		
Date: 19 JANUARY 2010	Ref: HQ/TT/73/15	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Partnership in respect of the development of the new Local Transport Strategy (LTS) document.

2. Background

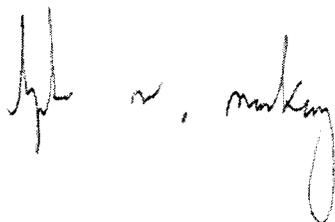
- 2.1 The Partnership will be aware that North Lanarkshire Council's current local transport strategy document is entitled "Delivering in Partnership: A Transport Strategy for North Lanarkshire". The updated LTS document will cover the period to 2012, to tie in with the Corporate and Community Plans. The document sets out the Council's vision for transport development over the subsequent three year period, and beyond, highlighting how transport contributes to wider longer-term goals.
- 2.2 The Scottish Executive had previously published guidance to local authorities on the development of updated local transport strategies. The LTS has to reflect, and inform, strategic transport issues within the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) as well as the National Transport Strategy (NTS). The new strategy will address how we intend to deliver on national objectives at a local level, and provide an action plan for meeting local challenges and objectives.
- 2.3 The development of the new LTS document was split into a number of overlapping stages, namely: the identification of issues and opportunities, through the examination of socio-demographic data and trends as well as public and stakeholder consultation; the development of objectives, to address key issues and to align with local, regional and national objectives; the development of a package of measures to meet these objectives; and the development of an Implementation Plan, identifying key actions, timescales and delivery bodies. The LTS also includes future monitoring and evaluation proposals.
- 2.4 The policies within the LTS have been split into 5 headings, to reflect the key issues for North Lanarkshire. These are:
- Safety and security;
 - Improving access by public transport, cycling and walking;
 - Reducing congestion and improving network performance;
 - Parking in town centres; and
 - Roads and footway maintenance and improvement.
- 2.5 The aims and objectives of the draft LTS are in keeping with the Council's Corporate Plan and offer extensive links to the policies of other Council Services, service providers and community groups. They also link directly to the Council's new Local Plan. The wide range

of the key actions reflects the fundamental role transport plays in every aspect of society, and its importance in ensuring the future well-being and prosperity of North Lanarkshire's community.

- 2.6 Copies of the full 'Local Transport Strategy 09 – Consultative Draft' together with a copy of the 'Local Transport Strategy 09 – Executive Summary Consultative Draft' were previously distributed. Copies were sent to the NLP Board and the various internal and external stakeholders and consultees who had previously input to the development of the LTS and had provided comment, as well as to adjoining local authorities. In addition, copies were made available in Council offices and libraries, plus a copy was published on the Council's web site, to ensure that all the key issues have been identified and recorded, and that the vision, objectives and future schemes identified within the draft LTS are appropriate and all encompassing.
- 2.7 The consultation documents were sent out mid-November, requesting that formal comments be returned by Friday 8th January 2010; however, comments would still be accepted for a short period beyond that date. Following receipt of all comments, the draft LTS will be re-examined and revised as necessary. Thereafter, the finalised Local Transport Strategy will be presented to the Planning and Transportation Committee for approval, following which it will be formally issued.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Partnership note the content of this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Mackay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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