

Report of:	Director of Regeneration, Richard Horniman Executive Member for Regeneration, Councillor Ashley Waters
Submitted to:	Executive - 16 February 2021
Subject:	Middlesbrough Council Local Implementation Plan (LIP)

Summary

Proposed decision(s)
That the Executive approves the draft LIP to proceed to public consultation.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent? ¹
<i>Decision</i>	Yes	No	No

Contribution to delivery of the 2020-23 Strategic Plan		
People	Place	Business
Working with communities and external stakeholders to improve the lives of our residents.	Securing improvements in Middlesbrough’s housing, transport infrastructure and attractiveness, improving the town’s reputation, creating opportunities for local people and improving our finances.	Promoting investment in Middlesbrough’s economy and making sure we work as effectively as possible to support our ambitions for People and Place.

Ward(s) affected
The strategy affects all wards.

What is the purpose of this report?

1. To seek approval of the draft LIP and commence public consultation.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

2. The Council has prepared the draft LIP, and is requesting approval to commence public consultation. This is in line with the Council demonstrating transparency in its approach, and considering the views of its stakeholders. As the LIP contains

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transport proposals which may be contentious (from an infrastructure and policy perspective), a member decision to progress is required.

Report Background

3. Under the devolved powers of the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA), there is an expectation that each Local Authority within the region produces a LIP, in line with the Strategic Transport Plan (STP) produced by TVCA.
4. The LIP provides the local context and content as to how the local Highway Authority (Middlesbrough Council) will deliver local transport priorities and initiatives to ensure delivery of the overarching objectives of the STP.
5. The LIP also includes both Mayoral and Strategic Plan objectives; identifying the proposals that will assist in achieving these objectives simultaneously.
6. The draft LIP has been prepared following the STP being approved, and Middlesbrough Council is keen to gain public opinion on its approach to ensuring that the area develops its transport network appropriately.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

7. Approval of the draft LIP, and to commence public consultation.

Why is this being recommended?

8. The Council is required to produce a strategy document to identify how it will improve its transport network. The draft LIP has been produced by the Transport & Infrastructure team, under the guidance of TVCA's STP and both the Mayor's strategy and Council's Strategic Plan.
9. The LIP contains potentially contentious proposals, and it is required that this is approved by executive prior to placing this within the public domain.
10. The Council is keen to gauge the views of its stakeholders prior to adopting the proposed methodology. As a result, approval is required from the Executive prior to commencing public consultation on inappropriate proposals.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

11. None approval of the draft LIP. This has been rejected, as it has been developed following guidance of corporate and strategic objectives.
12. Approve the draft LIP without public consultation. This has been rejected as the Council is keen to understand the views of its stakeholders. This is imperative to ensure that the Council is delivering the right proposals for betterment of the local transport network.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

13. The recommended decision will consolidate the Councils strategy for improving the transport network, allowing stakeholders to shape the content of the document. This will ensure that the Council is complying with the expectations of TVCA under devolved power, while remaining transparent in its approach.

Legal

14. No legal implications are identified at this stage.

Financial

15. No financial implications are associated with the LIP, however the LIP will be used to develop Capital Programmes in to the future.

Policy Framework

16. There is an expectation from TVCA that Middlesbrough Council produces a LIP, in line with its STP. As this is a strategy document, it will continue to shape existing and future policy.

Equality and Diversity

17. Equality and diversity issues would be considered as part of any future programme, as and when any specific elements are progressed. This would be considered for smaller schemes, however the LIP has been subjected to an Equality Impact Assessment as a strategy document.

Risk

18. Not applicable.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

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- Publicise document for consultation; allowing feedback to be received
- Collate feedback, and consider responses for altering the document
- Provide public comment feedback (where appropriate)
- Present final LIP document for Executive endorsement

Appendices

Appendix I – Draft LIP

Appendix II – Draft LIP Delivery Action Plan

Appendix III – LIP Equality Impact Assessment

Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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