

Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Middlesbrough Council Local Implementation Plan			
Coverage:	The Local Implementation Plan (LIP) covers strategy for transport across the whole of Middlesbrough Councils Borough.			
This is a decision relating to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p><u>Key aims, objectives and activities</u></p> <p>The LIP replaces the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and sets out the strategy as to how Middlesbrough Council will deliver a transport network that is fit for the future, paying particular attention to how this fits with the corporate and Mayoral objectives. The LIP acts as a supporting document to the Tees Valley Combined Authorities (TVCA) Strategic Transport Plan (STP), and focusses upon Middlesbrough, under the STP guidance. This covers all modes of travel; impacting upon the entire Borough, covering infrastructure requirements, engaging and influencing stakeholders, behaviour change work, policy cohesion and funding.</p> <p><u>Statutory drivers (set out exact reference)</u></p> <p>Middlesbrough Council is required to produce a LIP in line with the TVCA STP. This is a requirement as part of the establishment of the Combined Authority arrangements.</p> <p><u>Differences from any previous approach</u></p> <p>The LIP is a direct replacement for the previously produced LTP. The LIP covers all subjects and topics that were previously contained within the LTP.</p> <p><u>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</u></p> <p>Residents, Businesses, Politicians, Council Officers, TVCA, Public Transport operators, Highways England and visitors to the area.</p> <p><u>Intended outcomes.</u></p> <p>To set out how Middlesbrough Council will develop the local transport network to ensure a fit for purpose service. This will include ensuring that corporate and Mayoral objectives are met, and mitigating any potential negative impact of progress.</p>			
Live date:	2021			
Lifespan:	This will be a live document, updated annually. The strategy will remain active until a review identifies a change in direction.			

Date of next review:

The document will be reviewed every 3 years

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<p>Human Rights</p> <p>Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The strategy document aims to improve access to transport for all residents. This will assist in improving accessibility to education, employment, training, retail and leisure facilities by making reasonable adjustments to services provided to new proposals, and retrofitting existing infrastructure, and therefore not impact negatively upon human rights.</p> <p>Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of the Human Rights Act 1998.</p>
<p>Equality</p> <p>Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?*</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requires that when exercising its functions the Councils must have due regard to the need to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. <p>In having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity, the Council must consider, as part of a single equality duty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; taking steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it; and; encouraging people who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation is low.
				<p>The strategy aims to improve transport access to all residents. The Council is bound by legislation, which includes ensuring that those with physical and learning disabilities, and inhibited mobility are not detrimentally impacted upon. Therefore, there are no concerns that this will impact adversely upon equality.</p> <p>Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of statutory guidance in relation to accessibility, including the Access for All legislation</p>

* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.

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<p>Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>Although some of the proposals within this strategy could divide opinion, there is no evidence to suggest that this will impact negatively upon relationships between different community groups. The Council has a duty to consult proposals with the community, and will do so in order to gauge community opinions prior to commencing with proposals derived from this strategy. It is therefore not considered that this will have a negative impact upon community cohesion. This strategy will help to maintain sustainable access routes to communities and safe road networks.</p> <p>The Council proposes to undertake consultation with the community prior to adopting this strategy, which will identify any potential issues that will need to be addressed.</p>
<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed. ➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed. 				

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