

**COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
22 FEBRUARY 2024**

DARLINGTON TRANSPORT PLAN – DELIVERY REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the draft Cabinet report regarding the above, copy attached at **Appendix 1**, which is scheduled for 5 March 2024 Cabinet meeting.

Summary

2. The report provides Members with an annual update on highways and transport from a regional and local perspective. It outlines delivery, performance and public satisfaction in 2023/24 and seeks approval for the 2024/25 Darlington Transport Plan and Highways Maintenance programme, including the release of funding.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Scrutiny Members consider the contents of this report.

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Background Papers

None

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S17 Crime and Disorder	Crime and disorder implications were considered in the preparation of the Darlington Transport Plan and will be considered in the development and delivery of specific transport schemes or measures.
Health and Wellbeing	Health and wellbeing implications have been considered in the preparation of the Darlington Transport Plan and its implementation. The transport strategy seeks to achieve better health and longer life expectancy for everyone by reducing the risk of death, injury or illness from transport and by providing travel options to keep people active and independent.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	Carbon emissions and their impact have been considered in the preparation of the Darlington

	<p>Transport Plan and its implementation.</p> <p>The transport programme seeks to reduce carbon emissions from transport through a shift towards electric and hydrogen vehicles from petrol and diesel. The programme also seeks to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport and mass public transport, as well as seeking ways to reduce the need to travel or travel shorter distances.</p> <p>Highway design, construction and asset management all seek to minimise the impact of transport through flood risk management, Sustainable Urban Drainage, recycling highway materials, low energy lighting (LED), low energy processes and electric fleet vehicles.</p>
Diversity	<p>An Equalities and Disability Impact Assessment was undertaken in the preparation of the Darlington Transport Plan. The Plan seeks to achieve a fairer society by enabling people to access jobs, education, training, health, food and green spaces; and to achieve a better quality of life for all by improving the journey experience and minimising the negative impacts of transport such as noise, air pollution and accidents on the natural environment, heritage, landscape and people. As highway schemes have an impact on the built environment, disability groups are consulted to ensure the needs of disabled people are considered.</p>
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	There are no proposals that impact on specific groups.
Budget and Policy Framework	<p>This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.</p> <p>The Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan was adopted by TVCA Cabinet on 31/01/2020 as the Local Transport Plan for the Tees Valley including the constituent local authorities. The Darlington Transport Plan sets out local priorities and provides an overarching policy framework for other subsidiary documents such as the Asset Management Plan and Rights of Way Improvement Plan.</p>
Key Decision	This is a Key Decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an Urgent Decision
Council Plan	The report demonstrates how the transport programme is supporting delivery of the key actions in the Council Plan, namely reviewing and delivering a revised parking strategy and working

	with TVCA to deliver improved transport links within Darlington and the Tees Valley.
Efficiency	The Darlington Transport Strategy seeks to implement schemes that demonstrate value for money and/or deliver the greatest outcomes at a local level. Schemes are identified and prioritised to meet the objectives in the Transport Strategy. Maintaining the highway network will reduce traffic disruption in the longer term and improve network management. Vehicle delay has a negative impact on the economy, including logistics and freight.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers