

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 19 DECEMBER 2000

LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the Committees approval for:-

- a) the East Ayrshire Council Local Transport Strategy: Final Draft; and
- b) the Local Transport Strategy to be professionally printed.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Committee considered the Interim Local Transport Strategy: Consultative Draft at its meeting on 3 August 1999. A consultation strategy was subsequently agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 26 October 1999.

2.2 The Consultative Draft was circulated for comment to the general public, representative groups, Council Members, neighbouring local authorities and Central Government earlier this year. The public and other responses were reported to the Committee on 6 June 2000.

2.3 The feedback from the consultation process has been used to amend the Interim Local Transport Strategy, which was then :-

- (a) circulated to the seventeen individuals and organisations who gave formal responses to the Interim Local Transport Strategy: Consultative Draft. (A further six follow-up responses have now been received); and
- (b) used a basis for a seminar for East Ayrshire Council members on 12 December 2000.

3. THE LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: FINAL DRAFT

3.1 The recent comments have been taken into account in preparing the Local Transport Strategy: Final Draft (attached as a separate document). In accordance with the guidance issued by the Scottish Executive the final draft incorporates:-

- (a) Transportation Aims
- (b) Objectives
- (c) Transportation Targets
- (d) Implementation Programmes

3.2 Minor adjustments have also been made to the first two of the five previously approved transportation aims. The five aims are set out in full below: -

Aim 1 - To promote economic activity and regeneration in East Ayrshire.

Aim 2 - To promote an integrated transport network that increases the relative attractiveness of public transport, walking and cycling and reduces car dependency.

Aim 3 – To improve personal safety and security.

Aim 4 - To protect the environment and enhance communities.

Aim 5 - Improve accessibility for vulnerable groups.

3.3 It is proposed that the Final Draft shall be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 31 December 2000 in accordance with the approved, extended, timescale.

3.4 Thereafter it is proposed that the Corporate Development and Communications Department will amend the layout as necessary prior to the Local Transport Strategy being professionally printed. It is also proposed to prepare a summary leaflet to be distributed with the next addition of Headlines.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The cost of printing the Local Transport Strategy and Summary Leaflet will be met from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the report;
- (b) approves the Local Transport Strategy: Final Draft for submission to Scottish Executive by 31 December 2000; and
- (c) agrees that the Corporate Development and Communications Department shall arrange for the Local Transport Strategy to be professionally printed.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Interim Local Transport Strategy: Consultative Draft.
2. Interim Local Transport Strategy: Consultation Report.
3. Further responses to the Local Transport Strategy.

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AGENDA