

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 20 APRIL 2010

SUBJECT: SECOND MORAY LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To present a Draft Moray Local Transport Strategy (LTS) and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment (Non Technical Summary) to Committee.
- 1.2 To seek approval to undertake a period of consultation.
- 1.3 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the function of the Council as Roads Authority and to prepare Local Transport Strategy for consideration by the Moray Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Committee is invited to:-

- (i) **Note the contents of this report and associated Appendices - A (Draft Moray Local Transport Strategy), B (List of Consultee Organisations) and C (Strategic Environmental Assessment Non Technical Summary);**
- (ii) **Delegate the Director of Environmental Services to undertake consultation, with the list of stakeholder organisations identified including SEA submission and;**
- (iii) **Submit a future report to Committee on the responses and a Final Local Transport Strategy for approval.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Environmental Services Committee on 30 May 2007 (para 10 of the Minute refers) that the second Moray Local Transport Strategy would be taken forward through three different stages. The first stage, including public consultation, has been completed.
- 3.2 The second stage of developing the Moray Local Transport Strategy is now complete and this report presents a Draft Moray Local Transport Strategy to Committee for approval to be used for consultation. A copy of the document is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.3 The final stage (third stage) involves consultation on the Draft Moray Local Transport Strategy. It is intended to give the public, key stakeholders, and

local companies an opportunity to comment on the Strategy. A consultation period of 8 weeks is proposed. Two drop-in sessions will be held during this period. A list of organisations that will be directly consulted is shown at **Appendix B** to this report.

- 3.4 The LTS is required to be accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with current legislative requirements. The SEA examines the policies and programmes of the LTS within a wider environmental context. A copy of the SEA Non Technical Summary is attached at **Appendix C** to this report.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

- (i) This report contributes to SOA National Outcome 1, SOA 8. Roads/Transport – Addressing the transport infrastructure and encouraging sustainable travel;**
- (ii) SIP 2.2 Moray will benefit from an improved and safer Transportation Infrastructure.**

(b) Policy and Legal

The LTS has been prepared in accordance with the Scottish Government's "Guidance on Local Transport Strategies". The process of developing the second Moray Local Transport Strategy is required to follow the STAG process and meet the requirements of the SEA Regulations.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

A broad range of Council staff and two external consultants have been involved with the second stage of developing the LTS. The proposed stage 3 consultation will be undertaken as part of the workload for Transportation staff. The cost of external consultants has been met from existing 2009/10 transportation studies revenue budget.

(d) Consultations

Mark Cross, Principal Planning Officer has been consulted and is in agreement with the recommendation.

Fiona Simpson, Equal Opportunities Officer has been consulted and it is confirmed that an Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out on the Strategy.

Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant has been consulted on this report and is in agreement with the financial implications.

Alasdair McEachan, Principal Solicitor (Commercial and Conveyancing) has been consulted and is in agreement with the recommendation.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The Draft Moray Local Transport Strategy acknowledges many of the changes in policy and organisations since the publication of the original Moray Local Transport Strategy, including the Moray Structure Plan and the Moray Local Plan (2008).**
- 5.2 The Draft Moray Local Transport Strategy recognises the circumstances affecting local government finances.**
- 5.3 The third stage of developing the Draft Moray Local Transport Strategy involves undertaking a period of consultation. Following the consultation responses will be reviewed and a Final Moray Local Transport Strategy will be prepared and submitted to a future committee.**

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Background Papers: Moray Local Transport Strategy Stage 1 and 2 documents

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