

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 26 JUNE 2000

REPORT ON: LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR DUNDEE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform committee on the process to date of preparing a Local Transport Strategy for Dundee, the submission of the Strategy to the Scottish Executive by the end of October 2000 and to seek Committee approval of the policy statements made in the Draft Local Transport Strategy.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee endorses the policy statements in the Draft Local Transportation Strategy for Dundee and approves its submission to the Scottish Executive in October 2000.
- 2.2 That the Committee authorises the Director of Planning and Transportation to use the Local Transport Strategy as a basis for advancement of external funding bids and for consultation purposes with appropriate bodies.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The advancement of the strategy objectives would involve financial expenditure, however, such works will be subject to project - specific reports to Committee for approval as required.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Local Transport Strategy addresses a number of key themes including
- efficient use of resources
 - limiting levels of pollution
 - meeting local needs locally
 - improved access to facilities
 - services and goods is not achieved at the expense of the environment and are accessible to all
 - health is protected through steps to improve and create pleasant environments.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Transport Strategy has social inclusion as one of its main objectives. It aims to ensure accessibility for all sectors of our community to the facilities of Dundee.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Committee will recall that a previous report on the progress of the Local Transport Strategy (LTS) on 26 June 2000 indicated that any final revisions to the strategy would be reported to the committee at its meeting on 30 October 2000.
- 6.2 While there have been a number of changes made to the original document these are mainly in the nature of improving and updating the document rather than any changes at a substantive nature to the content or strategy.
- 6.3 The focus of the Local Transport Strategy targets is on the Local Authorities plans for the short term. However the underlying objectives to which they relate span a greater period of time and are therefore seen towards the context of the local and structure plan timeframes of 10 and 20 year visions.
- 6.4 The measure of the success of the strategy can be related to five key objectives which have at their heart the desires and aspirations of the community it serves.
- To promote the integration of all forms of transport and land use planning leading to a better, more effective transport system.
 - To promote accessibility to everyday facilities for all sectors of our community, including those without a car.
 - To contribute to an efficient and prosperous economy, and to support sustainable economic growth.
 - To protect and enhance the built and natural environment.
 - To improve safety for all travellers.
- 6.5 Whilst not a statutory document, the Scottish Executive will use the Local Transport Strategy as a vehicle for assessing bids for additional funds, such as the public transport fund.
- 6.6 In this respect a draft copy of the revised strategy has already been sent to the Scottish Executive in support of this years fund submission which was required by the end of August.
- 6.7 Copies of the Local Transport Strategy have been placed in the members lounge.
- 6.8 This final version of the Local Transport Strategy will now be submitted to the Scottish Executive.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, and , have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.
- 7.2 The Strategy was formulated after extensive consultation involving community and business groups and the strategy reflects a balance of the opinions received.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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