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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CLIMATE CHANGE,
BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

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Report of the Director - Economy & Regeneration

Sustainable Travel

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To set out the approach being taken to address the current challenges in de-carbonising transport and developing policies that encourage sustainable modes of travel and transport.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 The County Council has set out its clear strategic ambitions to tackling climate change:

“Our aim is to reduce emissions generated by the county council to net-zero by 2032 or sooner and help the rest of Derbyshire reduce carbon emissions generated within the county to net zero by 2050 or sooner. This is in line with national Government targets”.

- 2.2 Sitting alongside this, however, is a national growth agenda that presents very real challenges. More jobs and housing often leads to increased movement of goods, people and services and if CO₂ levels are to be reduced and climate change is to be addressed, then effective sustainable travel and transport strategies are essential.
- 2.3 The Council’s approach will be set out in the proposed Integrated Transport Strategy – the new local transport plan for Derbyshire. Whilst this is at an early stage of development (and is planned to cover the

period 2024 onwards), a number of key projects are already in train which demonstrate the commitment to tackling climate change and will impact significantly on CO2 levels.

2.4 Advice to the Committee will be provided in the form of a presentation at the meeting on 25 July but broadly, will cover:

- The national and regional policy context and implications for preparation of a new local transport plan.
- Overview of available resources and issues involved in delivery.
- Update on current sustainable travel opportunities and projects in Derbyshire.

3. Consultation

3.1 No consultation is involved in the production of this report, although some of the initiatives described will be the subject of public consultation exercises, most notably, the new local transport plan.

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 Not applicable; the report and presentation are in response to the Committee's request to consider these matters.

5. Implications

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

6.1 The existing Local Transport Plan and other supporting documents are available on the County Council website.

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- a) Notes the content of the report and accompanying presentation.
- b) Advises officers of any further information required.

9. Reason for Recommendation

- 9.1 In order to give the Committee the opportunity to explore the issues raised in the report and appendix.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 None directly associated with this report, although preparation of the local plan (LTP) and development of sustainable transport projects will need to be funded. As a statutory responsibility, the LTP is funded through core budgets. Whilst the Council's Kickstart fund is aimed at supporting preparation of transport-related projects, implementation is subject to available capital funding – most notably external grant monies.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly associated with this report, although preparation and implementation of local transport plans is set out in the Transport Act 2000. Additional guidance is expected from Government during the Summer/Autumn 2022 and will clearly impact the approach and content of the Derbyshire LTP.

Human Resources

- 3.1 None directly associated with this report, although in developing sustainable transport projects, staffing and management costs are fully embedded into total scheme costs to ensure appropriate resourcing can be secured.

Information Technology

- 4.1 None directly associated with this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None directly associated with this report but inevitably, many transport and travel solutions are aimed de-carbonising routes to work and routes to learn which fundamentally support the levelling up agenda.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 Tackling climate change is key priority of the Council's Corporate Plan and contributes to the objective of a Green and Prosperous Derbyshire.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

- 7.1 Environmental sustainability is at the core of the proposals set out in this report.