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REPORT TO CABINET

13 JULY 2006

REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM

COUNCIL & CABINET DECISION

Regeneration and Transport – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor R Cook
Environment – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor S I Nelson

THE FIRST STOCKTON-ON-TEES LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN, 2001 TO 2006: FIVE-YEAR DELIVERY REPORT

SUMMARY

The Council's Five-Year Local Transport Plan Delivery Report is due to be submitted to the Department for Transport and the Government Office for the North East by 31 July 2006. The Delivery Report sets out, as concisely as possible, the impact on the Borough of the First Stockton-on-Tees Local Transport Plan, which covered the period from April 2001 to March 2006.

This Report summarises the format of the Delivery Report, and seeks approval for the draft document as the basis of the Council's final submission in July.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The draft Five-Year Delivery Report, **Appendix 1** to this Report, be approved as the basis of the Council's submission to the Department for Transport and the Government Office for the North East in July 2006;
2. Subject to Council approval of Recommendation (1) above, the Corporate Director for Development and Neighbourhood Services be authorised to complete and submit the Five-Year Delivery Report in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport; and
3. Members note the proposed format of the Delivery Report and the summary of the key achievements over the lifetime of the First Local Transport Plan contained in this Report.
3. Reasons for the Recommendations

The First Stockton-on-Tees Local Transport Plan (LTP1) was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Government Office for the North East (GO-NE) in July 2000. LTP1 performed two key functions. Firstly, it was a strategic document, covering the five financial years from April 2001 to March 2006 and setting out the Council's 'blueprint' for future transport provision within the Borough. Secondly, it acted as a bid to Central Government for capital funding for measures designed to achieve the objectives laid down in the Plan.

Now that LTP1 has been superseded by the Second Stockton-on-Tees Local Transport Plan (LTP2), the Council – in common with all other Transport Authorities in England – is required to submit a Five-Year Delivery Report, setting out as concisely as possible the impact of the First Plan on the Borough. The deadline for submission of this Report to GO-NE and the DfT is 31 July 2006. This report seeks approval for the draft Delivery Report as the basis of the Council's submission, and for officers to complete the drafting of the Report in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport to ensure that it is submitted by the July deadline.

The final Delivery Report will be assessed and scored by GO-NE and the DfT. The Council's score will contribute directly to its final LTP funding allocation for 2007/08, due to be announced in December 2006, and its indicative funding allocations for the three financial years from 2008/09 to 2010/11 inclusive. The Delivery Report will also be forwarded to the Audit Commission for potential use as part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) framework in future years.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (paragraph 8) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (paragraph 10 of the code of conduct).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting is being held, whilst the matter is being considered; not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (paragraph 12 of the Code).