

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND ROAD TRAFFIC
REDUCTION PLAN**
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The current Local Transport Strategy (LTS) for the Falkirk Council area was prepared in 2005 and was originally intended to cover the period 2006-2009. It was subsequently agreed to review the current LTS and Road Traffic Reduction Plan (RTRP) in conjunction with the emerging Local Development Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The LTS sets out the Council's transport policy in detail for the next few years as well as giving the longer term transportation vision for Falkirk. It is a non statutory document but is useful in bidding for transport funding and in setting out clearly for the public the Council's transport priorities over the period of the strategy. There is a statutory requirement on the local authority to produce a RTRP. It is logical that the RTRP is developed in tandem with the LTS and contained within it.

3. REVIEW PROCESS

- 3.1 The review process has been completed with the consultation on the First Draft of the LTS and RTRP. This consultation is described in more detail in Section 4 below. The objective of this consultation was to allow the public the opportunity to review the draft LTS and make comment. The draft LTS, shown in Appendix 1, has been amended where appropriate to produce the final draft document. This final draft document is being submitted to the Executive today for further consideration and approval.

4. CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 4.1 The initial consultation process with the public for the LTS review began in 2011 with a series of roadshow events in conjunction with the emerging Local Development Plan. As part of these road show events a transportation related questionnaire was handed out with a prepaid envelope to return to Development Services. This allowed a draft LTS to be prepared. The Economic, Strategy and Development Committee on 26 February approved a public consultation on the draft LTS.
- 4.2 The second round of consultation on the draft LTS took place in April 2013 and the results are presented in Appendix 1. The draft LTS was made available on the Council's website with a return email address for any responses. A copy was

supplied to the Citizens panel to be sent to members to allow for comment to be made. Those who had completed questionnaire surveys in the first consultation, and had given contact details were sent details of the second round consultation and asked for comments.

- 4.3 Comments were received from 20 people and organisations and the key themes were:
- Traffic Calming
 - Bus services
 - Potholes and state of Council's roads
 - Town centre parking

The comments are summarised in Appendix 1 along with a response and any action that may be required.

5. POLICY, LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal, financial, or personnel implications arising from updating the Local Transport Strategy and Road Traffic Reduction Plan. The attached draft document is compatible with other Council policy documents such as the Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Plan, Structure Plan and Local Plan, and the Falkirk Local Development Plan: Proposed Plan.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 **It is recommended that the Executive approves the Local Transport Strategy and Road Traffic Reduction Plan.**

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Director of Development Services

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01324 504728 and ask for Kevin Collins.