

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 4 NOVEMBER 2021**

ENGAGEMENT ON THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive, the purpose of which was to seek the Committee's views on the draft Strategic Plan (2022 – 26) as part of the 12-week public consultation period which commenced on 1 November 2021. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 8', is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. P. Posnett CC, the Cabinet Lead Member for Community and Staff Relations, to the meeting for this item.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) Whilst members endorsed the ambitions set out in the Strategic Plan, they raised concerns that the funding was not available to match those ambitions.
- (ii) Members were of the view that some of the aims in the Strategic Plan were in opposition to each other, for example the plan to increase cycling and walking conflicted with the major road programme which would increase traffic. In response members were referred to section 5.4 of the Strategic Plan which set out how the local economy would be decarbonised.
- (iii) The Strategic Plan was a living document and could be updated as time went on to reflect the difficulties bus operators were facing as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and whether that situation improved or not.
- (iv) The Director undertook to speak to Mr D. Bill CC regarding his concerns about the Council's response to the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan 2020-2039.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the update on the work undertaken to review and refresh the Council's Strategic Plan be noted.
- (b) That the Chief Executive be requested to give consideration to the comments now raised as part of the consultation on the Council's Draft Strategic Plan (2022 – 2026).

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