

Meeting: TfN Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Draft Freight and Logistics Strategy

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1. Purpose of the Report:

- 1.1 The draft Freight and Logistics Strategy has been developed within Transport for the North (TfN) and covers road, rail, warehousing and port activity. The draft strategy clearly articulates the key investments in road and rail required to support a strong and growing freight and logistics sector in the North.
- 1.2 Following discussion with TfN Board members in July, TfN is now preparing to develop the draft strategy for consultation with the public and stakeholders during the autumn before seeking final approval for the Strategy at the Board meeting planned for the 24 November.
- 1.3 Input from Scrutiny Members and discussions at Committee have been invaluable in developing the draft strategy. The meeting on the 9 is a further opportunity to review the draft and advise officers before the document is finalised for consultation.

2. Recommendations:

- 2.1 Members are asked to review the draft strategy and provide comments during the meeting on 9 September.

3. Corporate Considerations:

3.1 ***Financial and Resource Implications***

TfN's HR and Finance Teams have each respectfully confirmed that there are no new financial or resource implications as a result of this report.

3.2 ***Legal Implications***

The TfN Legal Team confirm that there are no new legal implications for TfN as a result of this report.

3.3 ***Risk Management and Key Issues***

The paper does not require a risk assessment and therefore, there are no new risk implications.

3.4 ***Environmental Implications***

This report does not constitute or influence a plan or programme which sets the framework for future development consents of projects listed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive and therefore does stimulate the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or EIA.

The Freight and Logistics Strategy has been developed alongside TfN's Decarbonisation Strategy and is supportive of the aims and objectives of this Strategy.

3.5 ***Equality and Diversity***

An equality and diversity impact assessment has not been undertaken. The development and operation of freight and logistics projects and operations, have the potential to lead to uneven distributional impacts and it will be important that the appropriate level of equalities impact assessment is undertaken where legislated. The results of the current Transport Related Social Exclusion (TRSE) workstream being undertaken by TfN will allow TfN and its partners to better understand the distribution and causes of TRSE in the North.

3.6 ***Consultations***

Extensive consultation with partner officers, members and stakeholders have informed the development of the draft strategy. A non-statutory consultation is being prepared.

4. Background Papers

4.1 TfN CEO Consultation Call paper 27 July 2021

4.2 Draft Freight and Logistics Strategy

5. Appendices

5.1 None

Glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used

Please include any technical abbreviations and acronyms used in the report in this section.

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment
SEA Strategic Environmental Assessment
TRSE Transport Related Social Exclusion
TfN Transport for the North