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## Traffic Congestion Ad-hoc Scrutiny Committee

19 June 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services

### Summary

1. This report presents Members with an update on the work completed to date in regard to this scrutiny review.

### Background

2. At the final meeting of this Ad-hoc Scrutiny Committee prior to the election, Members considered an interim report which highlighted the work completed to date and identified factors that could affect a positive change in more than one of the objectives set out in the agreed remit for this review – see interim report and associated annex attached at Annexes A & B.
3. Members of the Ad-hoc Scrutiny Committee went on to request that the following information be presented at this first meeting after the election:
  - A presentation on
    - a) where congestion is at its worst in York and how air quality is presently managed
    - b) the position we will be in as a result of the second Local Transport Plan (LTP2)
    - c) a 15 year view
  - Evidence of CYC's soft measures presently in place to encourage cultural change
  - A clear prioritised programme of works for carrying out the mapping work scheduled as a result of LTP2, plus a costing for carrying out the additional mapping work identified in the interim report and approved by Scrutiny Management Committee

### Consultation

4. Although not relevant for the production of this report, consultation was undertaken with previous members of this ad-hoc scrutiny committee and relevant officers from City Strategy when producing the attached interim report.

## **Options**

4. Having regard to the aims and objectives of this topic remit and having considered the information presented in the interim report and at the meeting, particularly in respect of the cost of carrying out the additional mapping works, Members may decide to recommend that this extra mapping work be included in the programme of works scheduled.

## **Analysis**

5. Paragraph nine of the interim report highlighted the key issues around improving accessibility for all as stated in LTP2, and Members questioned the definition of 'disabled' in an effort to understand how a figure of 12% had been reached.
6. This figure originated from the Economically Active table from the 2001 Census but the percentage relates to 12% of the Economically Inactive population being permanently sick or disabled. The official definition for Economically Inactive from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) is:
7. "Within the Economic Activity classification, a person is either economically active or inactive. Specific categories of economic inactivity are: retired, student (excludes those students who were working or in some other way were economically active), Looking after the home/family, Permanently sick/disabled and Other. A person who is looking for work but is not able to start within two weeks is counted as economically inactive. Economic activity questions are only asked of people aged 16-74".
8. Unfortunately, the ONS offer no further definition of disabled people and it is thought that this is because the census questionnaire listed this category as an option to choose, if the person thought it was applicable to themselves or a member of their household.

## **Corporate Objectives**

9. Members might consider that this topic would contribute to Corporate Priority no 2 – Increase the use of public and other environmentally friendly modes of transport.

## **Implications**

10. Financial & HR - It is recognised that more mapping work would require additional Financial and HR resources in line with the costing provided at the meeting by City Strategy officers.

There are no Equalities, Legal or other implications.

## Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendation of this report.

## Recommendations

12. In light of the information provided by City Strategy officers at the meeting, Members are asked to
  - i. Consider if they want the additional mapping work to be undertaken
  - ii. Clarify how they wish this review to proceed

Reason: To progress this review in accordance with the timescale agreed by Scrutiny Management Committee

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**Interim Report  
Approved**

**Date**

6 June 2007

**Wards Affected:****All**

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**Background Papers:** Local Transport Plan 2

## Annexes

**Annex A** – SMC Interim Report dated 23 April 2007

**Annex B** - Presentation on LTP2 Action Plan