

Local Government North Yorkshire and York**24 July 2015****North Yorkshire Strategic Transport Prospectus****1.0 Background**

- 1.1 At a recent meeting of Transport for the North, the Northern Transport Strategy 'The Northern Powerhouse' was discussed (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/northern-transport-strategy>).
- 1.2 At the meeting Transport for the North (TfN) agreed to engage with the County Council in order to consider strategic transport issues in North Yorkshire in the context of The Northern Powerhouse. In order to be able to effectively engage with them TfN suggested that NYCC produce a North Yorkshire Strategic Transport Prospectus that sets out our potential to benefit from and contribute to The Northern Powerhouse.

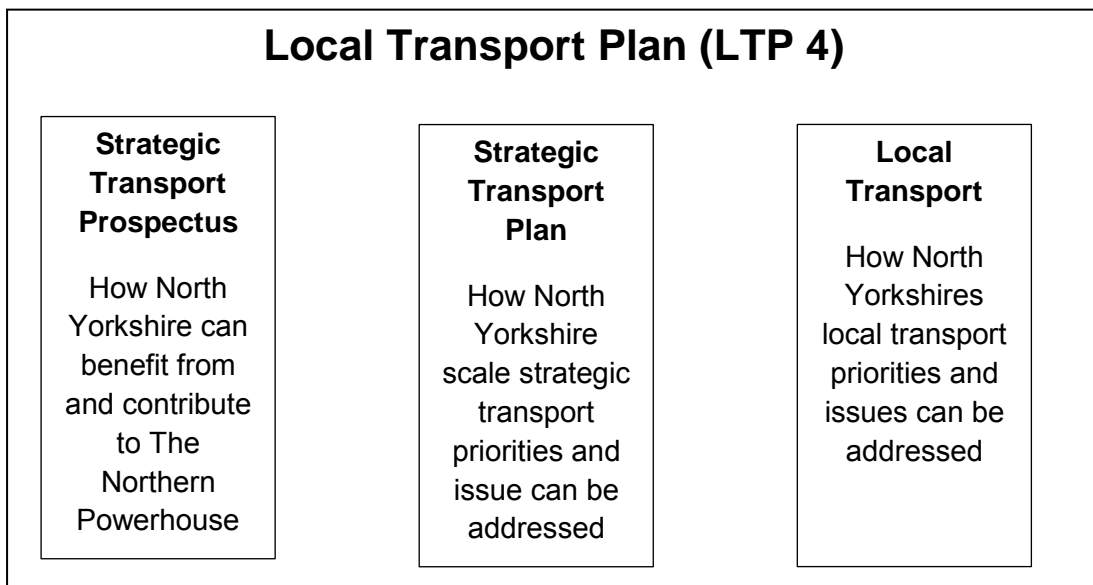
2.0 Strategic Transport Prospectus

- 2.1 The Prospectus whilst primarily developed by North Yorkshire County Council has been based on work from the Directors of Development Group. The content of the Strategic Transport Prospectus has been mainly drawn from the current Local Transport Plan (LTP3), YNY&ER Strategic Economic Plan and the development of a spatial plan for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding. Engagement with the planning authorities in North Yorkshire has already been undertaken to ensure that the Prospectus takes into account their priorities and views. Additionally, TfN and the DfT have provided some comments and input on the draft Prospectus as it was being developed.
- 2.2 It should be noted that the Prospectus only considers Strategic Transport in the context of The Northern Powerhouse, specifically from South of Sheffield to the border with Scotland (see plan below). As such the identified priorities and interventions are those that are directly relevant to this context and scale.



- 2.3 It is fully accepted that there are equally important strategic transport issues in a North Yorkshire context (e.g. urban traffic congestion, local housing growth, links to neighbouring cities). On the advice of TfN and the DfT these have not been included in the Strategic Transport Prospectus so that it is focussed on our ‘ask’ of Transport for the North.

- 2.4 The North Yorkshire scale strategic transport issues will be considered as part of a North Yorkshire Strategic Transport Plan which is currently being developed as part of the next Local Transport Plan (LTP4). Similarly, localised issues (e.g. active travel, road safety, highway maintenance, local air quality) will be considered as part of LTP4. Figure 1 below shows this relationship graphically.



- 2.4 Development of LTP4 has recently commenced and the North Yorkshire Local Planning Authorities will be involved throughout the process including the on-going liaison with NYCC Highways and Transportation on the development of local plans. Additionally, as part of the development of the Strategic Transport Plan, the County Council will be directly discussing the planning authorities long term strategic transport needs and aspirations from both the point of view of current transport priorities and considering long term housing and employment growth aspirations.
- 2.5 The developing Local Transport Plan (including the Strategic Transport Prospectus and Strategic Transport Plan) covers the period from 2016 to 2045. In the shorter term (up to around 15 years) the LTP is likely to consider firm and deliverable proposals. For the longer term (2030 to 2045) these are likely to become increasingly aspirational. However, this long timeframe is necessary to allow long term transport planning. Due to the necessary statutory processes and Government funding periods the lead in time from concept to delivery of a major highway scheme is usually in excess of 10 years and the lead in time for new rail schemes is often considerably longer. Realistically therefore any major transport scheme that is required to accommodate growth aspirations for the period post 2030 needs to be identified in the next 2 to 3 years.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the LGNYY Leaders note, discuss and formally endorse the YNYER Spatial Plan.

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