

# East Lothian Local Transport Strategy 2018-2024 – Executive Summary

For those, that live, work and visit East Lothian you will be fully aware of the significant change and growth in recent years. We have seen significant growth in car ownership and an increasing requirement and demand on public Transport by road and rail. We have seen travel behaviours change and a greater desire to provide for sustainable forms of active travel. In addition, there have been changes to Council Policy, Council Plans, Single outcome agreement, as well as the development of the Local Development Plan. The updated draft Local Transport Strategy (LTS) reflects all these changes and sets out how East Lothian Council intends to meet national objectives in regards to Transport at a local level and detail actions, which will achieve local objectives.

The LTS outlines a range of problems and issues affecting Transport in East Lothian. The Council has identified five core Themes which provide the overarching framework under which the actions and measures to deliver the LTS all sit. These include

- 1. Maintenance Strategy & Whole Life Costing**
- 2. A Safer East Lothian**
- 3. Active Travel and Healthy Lifestyles**
- 4. Accommodating Growth and Supporting the Economy**
- 5. Encouraging Sustainable Travel**

**The five policies when combined form the strategy.**

To deliver each aspect of the strategy and address the identified problems & Issues a series of 4 main action plans have been defined. These include

- **Active Travel Improvement Plan**  
The purpose is to improve facilities to accommodate walking and cycling in East Lothian and increase the number of people choosing these forms of active travel. It aims to enable, encourage and support people throughout the county to choose active and sustainable travel for both every day and leisure journeys.
- **Parking Management Strategy**  
The purpose is to provide a strategic framework of interventions to improve parking performance throughout East Lothian. It aims to provide a balanced and appropriate parking provision to deliver a supply of parking opportunity that meets demand, to support economic, environmental and community objectives and improve accessibility of our towns and villages.
- **Road Asset Management Plan**  
The purpose of the RAMP is to provide a suite of maintenance strategies to improve or maintain the performance of the road network by promoting good practice and best value within budget.
- **Road Safety Plan**  
The purpose is to identify the scale and character of road collisions in East Lothian and co-ordinate between partner organisations interventions to manage speed through regulation, provide engineering improvements, educate, and encourage safer road practices.