

AGENDA 11, Enc xi) LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NCC HIGHWAYS (placed on the agenda by Cllr David Coyle)

Background

At the meeting of 14 April 2026, representatives of Northumberland County Council presented the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2026–2029, which included details of planned investment across the programme period. Following the presentation, the Department for Transport PAS 2161 road condition ratings and a map of rated roads within the Ashington wards was shared.

The condition ratings were provided for the Ashington wards only. To enable Members to better understand the investment set out in the presentation and the Local Transport Plan Programme 2026–2029, and how this relates to road condition across the county, it would be helpful to see the equivalent ratings for the other areas, together with confirmation of the period to which the ratings apply.

Recommendation

That the Council writes to Northumberland County Council requesting:

1. The Green, Amber and Red condition ratings for each of the other areas of the county (North Northumberland, Tynedale, Castle Morpeth, and Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley), to assist the Council in understanding the investment set out in the Local Transport Plan Programme 2026–2029;
2. Confirmation of the date and survey period to which the current ratings apply — specifically, whether the ratings reflect condition data gathered within the last twelve months or from earlier survey cycles, and whether this differs between A, B, C and unclassified roads; and
3. The confirmed 2026/27 works programme by named location for those schemes presented in the Local Transport Plan Programme 2026–2029 as countywide or "Various" (including surface dressing, micro-surfacing, high-risk and route action sites, footway and public rights of way programmes), noting that the final programme was agreed by Cabinet in March 2026;
4. The outcome of the North East Combined Authority report on the £9.4m Reserve Schemes (Highway Maintenance Incentive Fund) referred to in the presentation, and details of how these schemes will be allocated.