

The North East Local Transport Plan (LTP)

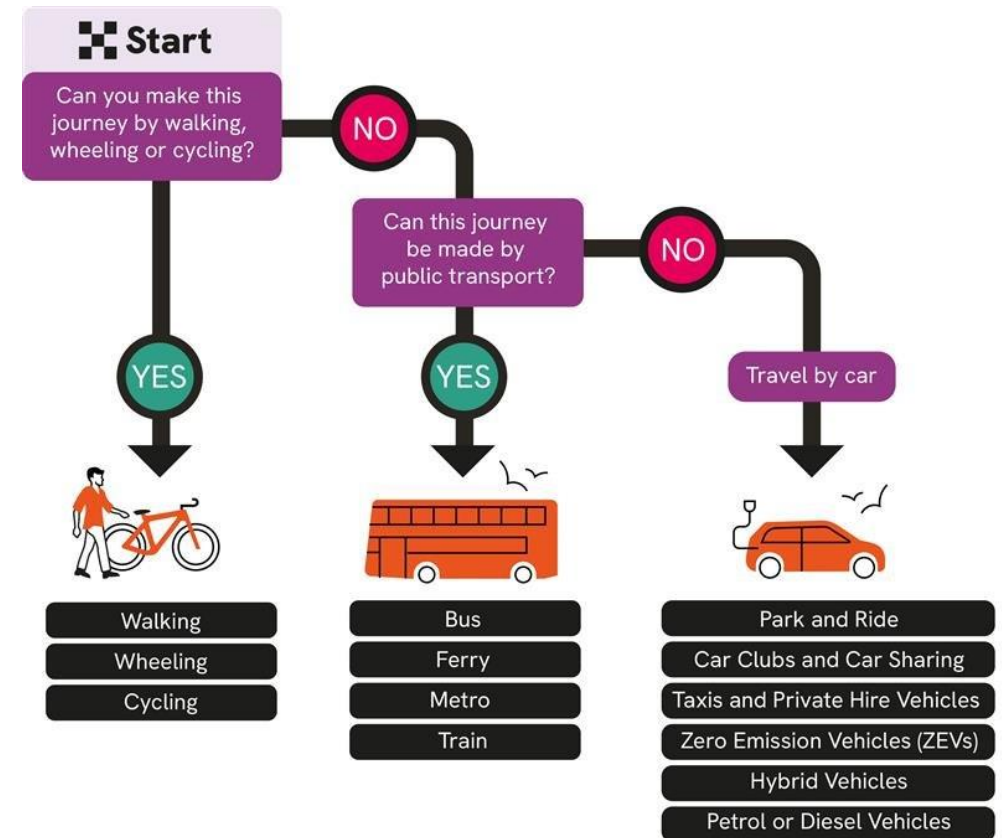
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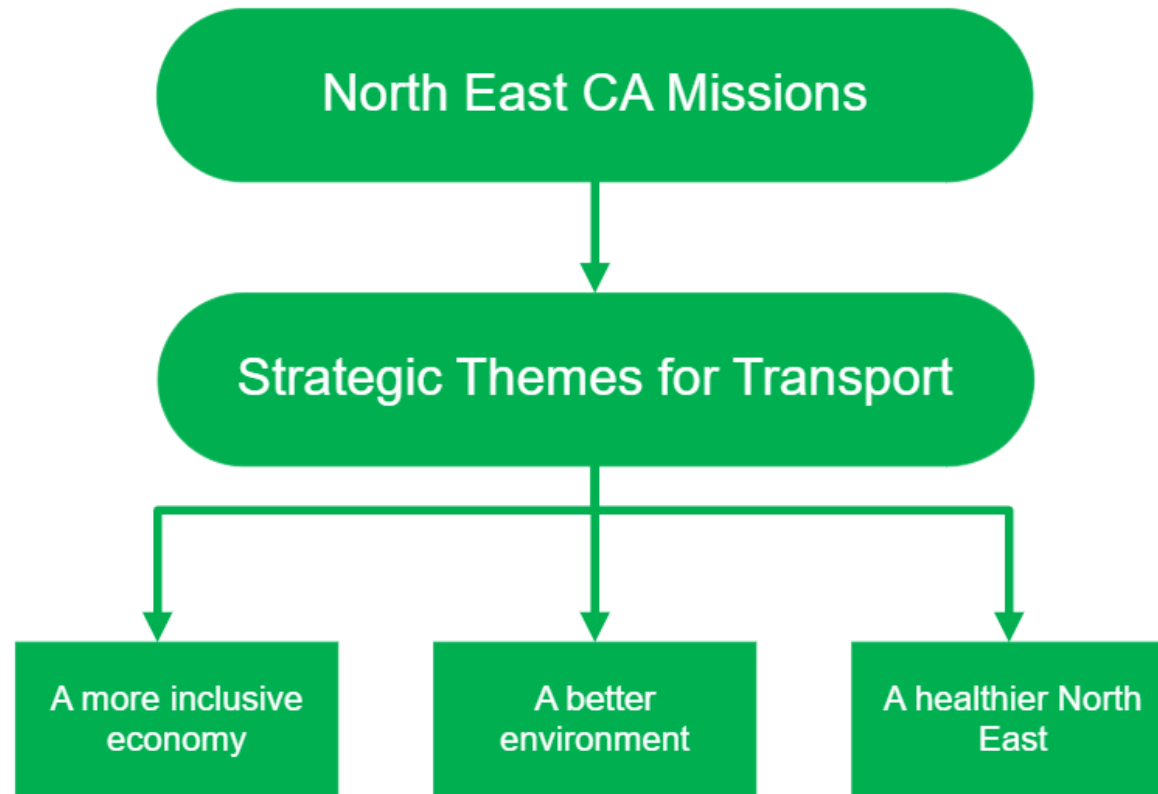


What is the NE Local Transport Plan (LTP)?

- The LTP is a statutory plan which sets out in strategic terms what the Mayor aspires to achieve through transport provision and why.
- Accompanied by delivery plan - the list of what we will build, introduce or change up to 2040 and what mechanisms we will use to deliver interventions.
- **Aim:** to create a green, integrated transport network that works for all.
- Covers movement of both people and freight.
- Making journeys is good as it benefits our economy. Greener journeys are even better as they also benefit our environment and health.



Local Transport Plan Outcomes





Where we want to be

The draft LTP sets out an ambitious set of service standards for an improved transport network. These service standards come under one of the five key focus areas:

- 1. Planning journeys, informing users, and supporting customers.** Information should be easy to find and accessible for everyone, this includes live journey information.
- 2. Ticketing and fares.** Tickets and fares should be simple, affordable, and easy to use. People should be able to travel across the region on different transport types without having to buy multiple tickets.
- 3. Reach and resilience of infrastructure.** The network should extend to all areas of the region including rural and coastal areas whilst also being capable of dealing with extreme weather changes.
- 4. Safety, especially of women, girls, and other vulnerable groups.** Everyone should feel safe when using public transport.
- 5. Connections between different transport types.** Transport should be well co-ordinated making it easier to switch between different transport types.





How we will get there- delivery plan

- Sets out the actions that can be taken by the North East CA and partners to 2040 for example, what we will build, introduce and change, to deliver the LTP.
- Sets out a pipeline of 327 schemes with an estimated value of £8.2bn.
- Highlights powers and other delivery mechanisms (e.g. Bus Reform) which are the tools to make this happen.
- Sets out a range of interventions that are costed and set against potential funding options.
- We can deliver interventions (subject to funding and powers) in the following time periods: up to 2027, 2028-2032 and 2033-2040.
- Maintained as a live programme which can evolve as schemes develop, new funding priorities are identified, and we progress through delivery.





Northumberland context – what the LTP proposes

- The LTP acknowledges that a ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach cannot meet the needs of all communities.
- Tailored solutions that address the specific challenges faced by communities in Northumberland, including tackling transport-related social exclusion (TRSE).
- Proposes investing in integration initiatives, demand-responsive transport, car clubs, community-led transport schemes, and mobility hubs.
- Ensuring that the green, integrated transport network is designed to connect communities across Northumberland, making it easier for people to access jobs, education, and essential services without being dependent on car ownership.
- The LTP recognises that cars or vans may remain the only viable option for some journeys, especially in rural areas. There is a focus on ensuring there are realistic alternatives to reduce this reliance where possible.





LTP Consultation Findings

- Consultation ran across a 12-week period between 4 November 2024 and 26 January 2025.
- Over 16,000 responses received of which:
 - 15,565 were from individuals;
 - 19 were from statutory consultees;
 - 41% were from males;
 - 54% were from female;
 - 80% were from respondents in urban areas and 20% from in rural areas
 - 15% of responses are from Northumberland compared to the 16% ONS population.
- 81% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with the ambition, 85% strongly agreed or agreed that the LTP identifies the right challenges, and 81% believe that we are focusing on the right improvements.



Timescales and next steps

- **February 2025** - Mayor to finalise the LTP and accompanying documents in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport.
- **March 2025** - post consultation version of LTP, delivery plan and summary document to North East CA Cabinet for review.





Thank you for your time

Any questions?