

**13 September 2012****Agenda Item:14****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS****INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL  
PROGRAMMES 2013/14****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Committee approval for the provisional integrated transport and highway maintenance capital programmes to be implemented during 2013/14. The proposed schemes are detailed in the appendices to this report.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan and its accompanying Implementation Plan sets out the County Council's long term transport strategy and how it will be implemented. The funding for local transport improvements, such as addressing congestion or road safety, is called the integrated transport block. The integrated transport block and highway capital maintenance block allocations both benefit from capital grant funding from the Department for Transport.
3. A balanced range of integrated transport measures has been developed that contribute to delivering the County Council's Strategic Plan 2011-2014 and Sustainable Communities Strategy 2010-2020; national transport priorities; and the local transport goals and objectives. These packages of measures and the programme detailed in the appendices reflect a balance of member, public and stakeholder requests and priorities, evidence of need, value for money and delivery of the County Council's vision and transport objectives.
4. The highway capital maintenance block is used to carry out planned structural maintenance across a range of highways assets. Maintenance works are allocated across the seven districts in Nottinghamshire based on network/asset size and taking into account the condition of the highways assets. Prioritisation of the maintenance works programme involves analysis of technical condition survey data supplemented with local knowledge/judgement, customer enquiry information, inspection history, reactive maintenance costs, utility works and any other relevant information. This analysis is being integrated through the implementation and development of Confirm, the Authority's highway asset management system.

5. Actual allocations for integrated transport and highway capital maintenance will be determined at the 28 February 2013 County Council meeting but the provisional 2013/14 allocations , as set out in the County Council Budget Book, are:
- Integrated transport £6.7m
  - Highway capital maintenance £15.987m
  - Additional road safety £0.35m.
6. The proposed capital spending levels for different integrated transport and highway maintenance sub-headings based on the provisional 2013/14 allocations are set out in the table below.

<b>Funding block</b>	<b>2013/14 provisional allocation (£m)</b>
Access to local facilities (e.g. footway improvements and new crossings)	1.000
Bus improvements (e.g. bus stop infrastructure and bus stop clearways)	0.700
Capacity improvements (e.g. traffic signal and junction improvements)	1.000
Cycling, leisure and health (e.g. multi user routes and cycle parking)	0.500
Environmental weight limits (e.g. HGV weight limits and HGV route signing)	0.150
Local centre improvements (e.g. environmental improvements to improve vitality)	0.150
Traffic monitoring and advanced design of future schemes	0.350
Public transport interchanges (e.g. bus station and rail station improvements)	0.300
Rail improvements (e.g. improvements to services and stations)	0.100
Parking (e.g. review of parking in town centres, and delivery and review of new residents' parking schemes)	0.150
Safety improvements (e.g. local safety schemes and safer routes to school)	1.100
Smarter choices (e.g. community transport support and support for businesses developing travel plans)	0.150
Speed Management (e.g. addressing local speed concerns and interactive signs)	0.300
Contribution to footway maintenance	0.750
<b>Total integrated transport measures allocation</b>	<b>6.700</b>
Carriageway maintenance	7.850
Surface dressing (including pre-patching)	2.500
Footway maintenance (includes £500k from ITM block)	1.000
Bridges	1.000
Street lighting renewal	1.500
Street lighting – part night lighting project	0.887
Traffic signal renewal	0.350
Flood alleviation and drainage	1.100
Safety Fencing	0.300
<b>Total highways capital maintenance allocation</b>	<b>16.487</b>
<b>Additional road safety</b>	<b>0.350</b>

7. Construction is well underway on the new Mansfield Passenger Transport Interchange with the scheme programmed to open in March 2013. Work is underway on land assembly and feasibility design for a new bus station located on Queen Street, Worksop. A public exhibition will be held in early October with a

planning application submission to follow later in the year. A report on the scheme seeking a capital funding allocation for its development and implementation will be reported to the appropriate Committee during Autumn 2012.

8. A public exhibition on the proposed changes to the Hucknall Town Centre Improvement scheme was held on 6-8 September in Hucknall. A new planning application is being prepared for submission later this year. Negotiations to acquire private land required for the scheme are ongoing. The scheme is currently programmed to open in 2016.

## **Conclusions**

9. The provisional integrated transport and highway capital maintenance programmes, detailing the proposed schemes to be delivered during 2013/14 are attached as appendices 1 and 2 respectively to this report. The programmes are subject to capital budget approvals at this meeting and 28 February 2013 County Council meeting. Each of the schemes is also subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation.
10. The proposed capital programmes include:
  - Continued investment in the highway maintenance programmes including additional funding for footway maintenance
  - Further investment in highway safety improvements including at the A612 Mile End road junction
  - Further investment in the popular interactive speed sign programme
  - 13 new or improved pedestrian crossings, including a puffin crossing on Derby Road, Stapleford and new zebra crossings on Watnall Road, Nuthall and Musters Road, West Bridgford
  - Capacity improvements to help make journey times more reliable including improvements to the A614/A617 Lockwell Hill roundabout
  - Continued investment in improving local centres including Central Avenue, Beeston and Tuxford town centre
  - The introduction of bus transport hubs across the county to support the TITAN bus service review.
11. Approval at this Committee meeting and at this time is required to allow detailed design and necessary consultations to start. A further report will be presented to the 6 February 2013 Transport and Highways Committee meeting to seek approval of the final 2013/14 integrated transport block and highways capital maintenance block programmes.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using

the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) It is recommended that Committee:
  - a) approve the proposed integrated transport block programme for implementation as contained in paragraphs 6 above and detailed in Appendix 1 of this report
  - b) approve the proposed highway capital maintenance programme for implementation as contained in paragraphs 6 above and detailed in Appendix 2 of this report.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SHB.20.08.12)**

13. Committee has power to decide the Recommendation.

### **Financial Comments (MA 21/08/2012)**

14. The financial implications are as detailed in the report and appendices, with final Capital Programme allocations confirmed by Council when the budget is approved in February 2013.

### **Background Papers**

Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Strategy 2011/12-2025/26  
Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2011/12-2014/15  
Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Evidence Base 2010

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All