

6 February 2013**Agenda Item:5****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS****INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL
PROGRAMMES 2012/13****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the delivery of the integrated transport and highway maintenance capital programmes to be implemented during 2012/13.
2. The County Council is on track to deliver a £24million programme of capital highway improvements and maintenance schemes by the end of March 2013. This includes:
 - Almost £8million of new road surfaces – about 30 miles
 - £80,000 flood alleviation scheme completed at East Markham and over £400,000 at Welham Road, Retford
 - Over 1,000 worn-out street lighting columns replaced
 - Safety improvements including a right turn facility on the A17 in Newark
 - A road safety and congestion reducing new traffic signal junction at Rose Cottage on the A614
 - Pedestrian crossings, residential parking schemes, environmental weight limits, cycling and bus improvements, footway renewal and surface dressing

Information and Advice

3. The funding for local transport improvements, such as addressing congestion or road safety, is called the integrated transport block. The integrated transport block and highways capital maintenance block allocations both benefit from capital grant funding from the Department for Transport.
4. The funding allocations are detailed below, and were approved by County Council at the meeting on the 23 February 2012. It should be noted that this includes £1m carried over from 2011/12 for potential Local Sustainable Transport Fund match funding and a contribution towards Elkesley A1 junction improvements being carried out by the Highways Agency (approved in November 2011); and an

additional investment in road safety (£621k in 2012/13, £350k in 2013/14; and £350k in 2014/15).

5. The Autumn budget statement allocated an additional £50m for transport expenditure. The Authority's share of this pot was £823k and this will support the programmes detailed within this report and its appendices.

Block	Provisional allocations		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Integrated transport	£7.98m	£6.7m	£7.281m
Highways capital maintenance	£16.157m	£15.97m	£15.102m

6. The detailed integrated transport and capital maintenance programmes were approved at the 8 February 2012 Cabinet meeting. Further development work has, however, been undertaken on the two programmes and some additional schemes have been included as a result of completion of feasibility, design work, community concerns and recent deterioration. An additional three schemes have been included in the 2012/13 capital maintenance programme:

Schemes added to the capital maintenance programme

- Main Street, Radcliffe on Trent – column replacement numbers 36 to 48 (brought forward from future programme due to structural integrity of assets)
- Salmon Lane, Kirkby in Ashfield – provision of new highway drainage (due to flooding issues)
- A161 Stockwith Road, Walkeringham – section over railway bridge including high friction resurfacing 100m either side (due to safety issues, part funded with safety grant)

7. Three schemes that were previously included in the 2012/13 integrated transport measures programme will not be progressed:

Integrated transport measures that will not be progressed

- B6030 Clipstone Road West (SW of Pump Hollow Road) interactive speed sign – to be funded by developers and therefore postponed until proposed development takes place
- Pinfold Lane, Elston footway – the scheme has encountered major feasibility issues due to tree roots and land required to build an alternative scheme
- Front Street, Arnold amendments to parking restrictions – the scheme was requested by Gedling Borough Council who have subsequently withdrawn their request

Progress on delivery of the programmes

8. Most schemes have now been scheduled for construction and these dates are included on the attached appendices. Each County Council Member will, however, be provided with monthly bulletins to update them on the schemes planned within their ward including proposed construction dates.

9. Scheme development work is underway for future years' programmes. Reserve schemes could potentially be delivered during the 2012/13 financial year should other schemes become undeliverable or if other funding sources become available – these schemes can be identified on the attached appendices as 'Feasibility/design work only'.

Conclusions

10. The integrated transport block and highway capital maintenance block programmes, detailing the proposed schemes to be delivered during 2012/13 are attached as appendices 1 and 2 respectively to this report. Each of the schemes is subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation. Due to the flooding issues in the Farnsfield & Lowdham area the part-night lighting programme has been delayed whilst further consultation takes place.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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

It is recommended that Committee note the progress of the schemes as shown in the appendices.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB 16.01.13)

12. Committee have power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 17.01.13)

13. The financial implications are set out in the report.

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