

4 September 2014**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS****2014/15 SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES CAPITAL PROGRAMME
UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Committee on the delivery of the 2014/15 Supporting Local Communities (SLC) capital programme.

Information and Advice

2. Following a review of the SLC programme and budget allocation a £0.5m SLC capital programme was developed for 2014/15 and subsequently approved at 6 March 2014 Environment & Sustainability Committee. The programme consists of 16 schemes and covers a wide range of improvements for the benefit of local communities across the county, including:
 - the Roll of Honour project and Misterton War Memorial restoration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One
 - new skate parks in Clipstone, Ollerton and Rainworth
 - improvements to a play park in Manton
 - improvements to local shopping areas in Bilsthorpe and Carlton.
3. Delivery of the 2014/15 SLC programme is under way with delivery planned throughout the financial year and the table below gives a brief update on the progress of the schemes.

Scheme name	Progress to date
Roll of Honour	Scheme complete. Public are now sharing family history via the NCC website
Contribution to Misterton War Memorial restoration	The restoration on the War Memorial has been completed and work on the refurbishment of the surrounding landscape area will start shortly
Contribution to Mansfield Woodhouse Heritage Centre refurbishment works	Scheme complete
Delivery of environmental improvements outside The Crescent, Bilsthorpe shops	Scheme currently being designed and is due to be constructed in November 2014

Contribution towards gym equipment at Manor Complex, Mansfield Woodhouse	The scheme will no longer proceed as Mansfield District Council has withdrawn the funding
Contribution towards and delivery of skate park at Rainworth	Design work is ongoing. A contribution from Section 106 funding has been confirmed and a WREN bid has been submitted
Contribution towards creation of a new storage facility at Edwinstowe Cricket Club	Scheme on schedule for delivery this financial year
Contribution towards and delivery of skate park at Clipstone Welfare Sports area	Design work is underway and a WREN bid has been submitted
Provision of sink, cupboards and electrical equipment, Collingham men in sheds	Funding is being used to extend the initial scheme to additional sheds and is on schedule to be completed this financial year
Contribution towards and delivery of skate park at Ollerton	Ground investigation complete, scheme awaiting design
Contribution towards the creation of community pride garden/allotment in Hawtonville	The scheme has been passed to Newark & Sherwood District Council for delivery and is on schedule to be delivered this financial year
Provision of play equipment & surfacing at Manton Villas play park	The design is complete and construction work has begun. The scheme is currently awaiting a safety inspection, and following this (and any snagging works required) will be complete
Contribution towards the provision of an indoor skate park facility in Worksop	Scheme is unlikely to proceed in 2014/15. A location for the scheme is still to be found and until such time funding bids cannot be secured
Refurbishment of shopping area in Honeywood Gardens Estate, Carlton	Topographical surveys have been commissioned prior to developing scheme options. The scheme will then be developed to be delivered later this year or early in the new year (avoiding the Christmas period)
Contribution towards the provision of market stalls & canopies at Retford Market Place	Scheme complete
Contribution towards the conversion of Babworth sports hall into a meeting centre	Scheme on schedule for delivery this financial year
Contribution to Helena's Church Nave, South Scarle	Scheme complete. £95k external funding was secured for the scheme and with £5k SLC contribution scored very highly. Given its low cost this scheme was able to be delivered during 2014/15

4. Work continues to identify, secure and maximise external funding opportunities and the SLC allocations to the schemes above should help to lever in over £800k of external funding should all of them proceed as planned.
5. Each of the schemes included in the 2014/15 SLC programme is still subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation.
6. Expenditure is currently within budget but is unlikely to allow any additional schemes to be delivered this financial year (including acceleration of reserve schemes).

2015/16 programme

7. It is planned that invitations to apply for 2015/16 SLC funding will be issued in September 2014 (a copy of the application form is attached as Appendix 1) and a report on the 2015/16 SLC programme will be brought to Committee for approval in the New Year.

Other Options Considered

8. Other options considered are set out within this report. The package of SLC schemes detailed above were developed to reflect a balance of member, public and stakeholder requests and priorities, value for money and delivery of the County Council's objectives.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The SLC programme will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis to ensure financial and delivery implications are considered and acted upon accordingly.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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 and approve the delivery of the 2014/15 SLC programme

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Constitutional Comments (LM 21/08/14)

11. Environment and Sustainability Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (IC 20/08/14)

12. The financial implications are as contained in paragraphs 4 and 6 of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- Supporting Local Communities Fund report to 6 March 2014 Environment & Sustainability Committee

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All