

## **REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

### **INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMMES 2012/13**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Cabinet approval for the integrated transport and highways maintenance capital programmes to be implemented during 2012/13. The proposed schemes are detailed in the Appendices to this report.

#### **Background**

2. 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.
3. The provisional funding allocations are detailed below, subject to County Council approval at the meeting on the 23 February 2012. It should be noted that this includes £1.25m 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).
4. The Autumn budget statement allocated an additional £50m for transport expenditure. The Authority's share of this pot has now been confirmed at £823k and this will support the programmes detailed within this report.

<b>Block</b>	<b>Provisional allocations</b>		
	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Integrated transport	£7.98m	£6.7m	£7.281m
Additional road safety investment	£0.621m	£0.35m	£0.35m
Highways capital maintenance	£13.557m	£13m	£13m
Flood Risk Alleviation	£0.5m	£0.6m	£0.6m
Street lighting (implementation of part night lighting)	£0.6m	£0.887m	£0.502m
Street lighting column replacement programme	£1.5m	£1.5m	£1.0m

## Integrated transport block

5. The Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan documents set out the County Council's transport strategy and how it will be implemented. The Local Transport Plan's Implementation Plan (approved by County Council on 31 March 2011) set out indicative spending levels for different sub-headings based on the DfT's funding allocations. A review of the County Council's priorities has, however, led to refinements to these allocations and the table below details the proposed revised programme for 2012/13. The revised programme reflects:

- Increased expenditure on speed management
- Signalisation of A614 Rose Cottage junction
- A programme of local centre environmental improvements (in partnership with Local Improvement Schemes [LIS]) to help local businesses
- Contribution to the A1 Elkesley junction improvements (carried over from 2011/12)
- Potential Local Sustainable Transport Fund match funding (carried over from 2011/12).

Type of scheme	Revised allocation (£000)
Access to local facilities (e.g. footway improvements and new crossings)	1,000
Bus improvements (e.g. bus stop infrastructure and bus stop clearways)	700
Capacity Improvements (e.g. traffic signal and junction improvements) including a £250k contribution to A1 Elkesley junction improvements carried over from 2011/12	1,000
Cycling, leisure and health (e.g. multi user routes and cycle parking)	450
Environmental weight limits (e.g. HGV weight limits and HGV route signing)	150
Local centre improvements (e.g. environmental improvements to improve vitality)	550
Management, monitoring and advanced design	350
Public transport interchanges (e.g. bus station improvements and pocket park and ride)	200
Rail improvements (e.g. improvements to services and stations)	100
Residents' parking	170
Safety improvements (e.g. local safety schemes and safer routes to school)	1,250
Smarter choices (e.g. community transport support and support for businesses developing travel plans)	155
Speed Management (e.g. addressing local speed concerns and interactive signs)	400
Additional road safety investment	621
Local Sustainable Transport Fund match funding (carried over from 2011/12)	1,000
Contribution to footway maintenance	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,596</b>

## Highways capital maintenance block

6. The highways capital maintenance block is used to carry out planned structural maintenance across a range of assets as detailed in the table below. Maintenance works are then allocated across the 7 districts in Nottinghamshire based on network/asset size and taking into account condition. Technical condition survey data is supplemented with local knowledge/judgement, customer enquiry information, inspection history, reactive maintenance costs, utility works and any other relevant information when prioritising works for inclusion in the works programme. This is being integrated through the implementation and development of Confirm, the Authority's Highway Asset Management System (HAMS) and the needs of the customer and road users are considered along with sound engineering decisions.

<b>Budget heading</b>	<b>Revised allocation (£000)</b>
Bridges	1,200
Traffic signal renewal	350
Carriageway maintenance	7,889
Footway maintenance (includes £500k from ITM block)	1,000
Surface dressing (including pre-patching)	2,500
Highway Drainage	600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,057</b>

## Conclusions

7. The provisional integrated transport block and highways 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. The programmes are subject to capital budget approvals at this meeting and 23 February 2012 County Council meeting; and each of the schemes is subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation. Approval at this Cabinet meeting and at this time is required to allow detailed design to start.

## Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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 Cabinet in principle:
  - a) approve the proposed integrated transport block programme for implementation as contained in paragraphs 6 above and detailed in Appendix 1 of this report subject to County Council approval of budgets
  - b) approve the proposed highways capital maintenance programme for implementation as contained in paragraphs 7 above and detailed in Appendix 2 of this report subject to County Council approval of budgets.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SHB.16.01.12)**

9. Cabinet has power to decide the Recommendation.

### **Financial Comments (MA 18/01/12)**

10. The funding for the programme is contained within the capital programme proposals to be presented for approval by the County Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012, but may be subject to variations following the meeting.

### **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