

22 September 2016**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PLACE DEPARTMENT****INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL
PROGRAMMES 2016/17****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Committee on the current highway capital programme and seek approval for variations to the programme including provision for additional local safety schemes and traffic management schemes to address local community concerns. The proposed schemes are detailed in the appendices to this report.

Information and Advice

2. The funding for local transport improvements, such as new crossings, 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 (DfT).

2016/17 capital highways programmes

3. Following the highways capital funding allocations approved at the 25th February 2016 County Council meeting, the integrated transport and capital maintenance detailed programmes (schemes) were approved at the 17th March 2016 Transport & Highways Committee meeting. This report proposes various amendments to those programmes following completion of feasibility, design work, local member / community consultation, recent deterioration, and accident investigations, all as set out in the appendices to this report. All proposed works, as shown in the appendices, are funded from within the approved Transport & Highways capital programmes.
4. The proposed amendments to the programme are:
 - Pedestrian improvements to help people access local facilities such as new crossing facilities on Storth Avenue, Hucknall; High Pavement, Sutton in Ashfield; and Southdale Road, Carlton
 - Bus stop improvements in East Leake
 - Signing schemes in Worksop and Giltbrook to improve traffic flows
 - Parking schemes at four locations to address increases in non-residents parking following the opening of the tram, These schemes have been prioritised on roads

which have had significant increases in parking, do not have off-street parking, and do not have enough space to accommodate the increase in vehicles parking

- A local safety scheme on the A60, Warsop to address the specific causes of reported road injury accidents identified following further investigation of reported accident data
 - A carriageway maintenance scheme in Hucknall (Wighay Road) carried over from 2015/16.
5. Following completion of consultation and feasibility works a number of schemes have also been removed from the 2016/17 programmes. These schemes are also included in the appendices along with the reason why they will no longer be progressed.
6. Each of the schemes included in the 2016/17 capital highways programmes is still subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation. Work is also ongoing to identify, secure and maximise external funding opportunities for transport improvements (such as developer contributions) and the attached appendices also include the schemes utilising external funding.
7. Delivery of both the integrated transport and maintenance capital programmes is under way with delivery and construction works now scheduled wherever possible through to the end of the financial year. Where the construction dates have been scheduled these are also included in the appendices.

Major transport schemes

8. Three major transport schemes are being delivered by the County Council during 2016/17:
- i. Hucknall Town Centre Improvement Scheme: Work on the scheme started in October 2015 and the demolition phase was completed before Christmas. The construction of the new road started in January 2016; and it is due to open to traffic in Autumn 2016 with the pedestrianisation of the High Street completed in Spring 2017
 - ii. A57/A60/B6024/St Anne's Drive, Worksop roundabout improvements: Works on this scheme started in February 2016 and the scheme is due to complete in Winter 2016
 - iii. Harworth access links: The scheme includes improvements to the A614/ Bawtry Rd/Blyth Rd and the A1/A614 junctions. Works on these junction improvements are planned to start in late 2016/17 and continue into 2017/18.

Other Options Considered

9. Other options considered are set out within this report. Whilst the highway capital programmes are detailed within the appendices to this report, scheme development work is underway for future years' programmes as well as feasibility work on schemes which have been included as reserve schemes in the 2016/17 financial year's programme. Reserve schemes could potentially be delivered during the 2016/17 financial year should other schemes become undeliverable or if other funding sources become available enabling schemes to be brought forward.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. The capital programmes detailed within this report and its appendices have been developed to help ensure delivery of County Council priorities, national priorities and local transport goals and objectives. The packages of measures and the programmes detailed in the appendices have been developed to reflect a balance of member, public and stakeholder requests and priorities, evidence of need (including technical analysis), value for money (including the co-ordination of works) and delivery of the County Council's vision and transport objectives.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, 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 have been brought out within the report. 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 revised integrated transport programme as detailed in this report and appendix 1 to the report
 - b) approve the proposed revised capital maintenance programme as detailed in this report and appendix 2 to the report.

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Constitutional Comments (RHC 12/09/2016)

12. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Transport and Highways Committee by virtue of their terms of reference.

Financial Comments (GB 12/09/2016)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

- Integrated transport and highway maintenance capital programmes 2015/16 Transport & Highways Committee report – 17 March 2016
- Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Strategy 2011/12-2025/26
- Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2015/16-2017/18

- Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Evidence Base 2010

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All