



3rd October 2013

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMMES 2013/14

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 investment in 20mph speed limits outside schools.
2. The County Council continues to invest in providing and maintaining a quality highway network for the benefit of local residents, road users and the local economy through a programme including:
 - Continued investment in the highway maintenance programmes including additional funding for footway maintenance
 - Continued investment in sustainable transport including programmes to improve passenger transport, walking and cycling infrastructure
 - Further investment in the interactive speed sign programme (approximately 25 signs)
 - 14 new or improved pedestrian crossings, including a puffin crossing on Nottingham Road, Selston and a new zebra crossing on Watnall Road, Nuthall
 - 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 Tuxford town centre
 - The introduction of bus transport hubs across the county to support the TITAN bus services review
 - The introduction of a programme of 20mph speed limits outside schools that is realistically deliverable during this financial year (as detailed in the 17 September 2013 Transport & Highway Committee report on 20mph speed limits).

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 (DfT).

2013/14 capital highways programmes

4. The highways capital funding allocations were approved by County Council at the meeting on the 28 February 2013 and the integrated transport and capital maintenance detailed programmes (schemes) were approved at the 6 February 2013 and 21 March 2013 Transport & Highways Committee meetings. This report proposes various amendments to those programmes following completion of feasibility, design work, local member and community consultation, recent deterioration, and also to include delivery of 20mph speed limits outside schools (£150k in 2013/14) and a contribution towards the Bayles and Wylies bridge, a Network Rail safety scheme, (£100k in 2013/14) all as set out in the appendices to this report.
5. Some schemes will also now be delivered as part of the 2014/15 capital programmes for example because of unforeseen delays highlighted during feasibility/consultation work or to tie in with other programmed works such as NET construction all as detailed in the appendices to this report.
6. Each of the schemes included in the 2013/14 capital highways programmes are still subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation.
7. Scheme development work is underway for future years' programmes as well as feasibility work on schemes which have been included as reserve schemes for the 2013/14 financial year's programme. Reserve schemes could potentially be delivered during the 2013/14 financial year should other schemes become undeliverable or if other funding sources become available.

2013/14 capital highways programmed delivery to date

8. Delivery of both the integrated transport and maintenance capital programmes is well under way with delivery and construction works now scheduled to the end of the financial year. By the end of August 2013, £7.1m worth of schemes had been completed. This equates to 30% of the available capital highways programme funding. A delivery of a further 26% of the capital programmes is scheduled by the end of quarter 3, with the remainder of the programme scheduled for delivery by the end of quarter 4.
9. It should be noted that the schemes to be delivered during quarter 4 currently include contributions to external schemes (such as those relating to the Highways Agency and Network Rail), as well as schemes which are subject to consultation such as residents parking schemes and environmental weight limits. Such schemes could be brought forward for earlier delivery dependent on the completion of necessary consultation (or earlier receipt of invoices).

Other Options Considered

10. Other options considered are set out within this report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

12. It is recommended that Committee:

- a) approve the revised integrated transport programme as detailed in this report and appendix 1 to the report
- b) approve the revised capital maintenance programme as detailed in this report and appendix 2 to the report.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB.13.09.13)

19. Committee have power to approve the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 23/09/2013)

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

Background Papers

6 February 2013 Transport & Highways Committee report – Integrated transport and highways maintenance capital programme 2013/14 and appendices

21 March 2013 Transport & Highways Committee report – Integrated transport and highways maintenance capital programme 2013/14 and appendices

17 September 2013 Transport & Highways Committee report – Implementing 20mph speed limits in Nottinghamshire

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