



**10 September 2015**

**Agenda Item: 4**

## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS**

### **INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMMES 2015/16**

#### **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).

#### 2015/16 capital highways programmes

3. Following the highways capital funding allocations approved at the 26 February 2015 County Council meeting, the integrated transport and capital maintenance detailed programmes (schemes) were approved at the 19 March 2015 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 programme.
4. The proposed amendments to the programme include additional:
  - Local safety schemes to address the specific causes of reported road injury accidents identified following further investigation of reported accident data
  - Traffic management schemes, such as additional signing, to reduce the impact of traffic on communities
  - Pedestrian improvements to help people access local facilities such as new crossings
  - Carriageway maintenance schemes identified as a priority through further investigation
  - Maintenance schemes to address drainage issues.

5. Following completion of consultation and feasibility works a number of schemes have also been removed from the 2015/16 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 2015/16 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. The new £3.2m Worksop Bus Station was completed on time, within budget and became operational on Sunday 30 August 2015. The new bus station, a modern building reflecting the 1930s civic design of the adjacent Memorial Avenue and the old library replaces on-street bus shelters. The new bus station will accommodate over 700 bus service arrivals/departures each week.
9. The Hucknall Town Centre Improvement Scheme commences in October 2015 with demolition works taking place up to the end of the year. The main contractor takes ownership of the site and starts construction of the new road in January 2016 following completion of the works to divert utilities. The scheme is intended to complete in Spring 2017.

#### **Other Options Considered**

10. 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 2015/16 financial year's programme. Reserve schemes could potentially be delivered during the 2015/16 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**

11. 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**

12. 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 (SJE 28/08/2015)**

13. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Highways Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the planning, management and maintenance of highways has been delegated.

## **Financial Comments (NDR 01/09/2015)**

14. The main Department for Transport allocations and County Council funding required to fund the Transport and Highways capital programme is approved within the current capital programme. Notification of any additional external funding is required to be reported through the usual approval process.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- Integrated transport and highway maintenance capital programmes 2015/16 Transport & Highways Committee report – 1 October 2014
- Integrated transport and highway maintenance capital programmes 2015/16 Transport & Highways Committee report – 19 March 2015
- 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