

4th July 2013

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

ADDITIONAL ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES 2013/14

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Committee approval for additional road safety schemes to be included in the Highways Capital Programme 2013/14. The schemes are as detailed in this report.

Information and Advice

Casualty Reduction Schemes

2. The County Council's Accident Investigation Unit receives reports of road traffic injury accidents direct from the Police. A comprehensive database of this information is maintained, and this is used to identify accident problem sites. Engineering remedial schemes and other measures are then devised to reduce the number of casualties at the sites.
3. This activity is carried out in fulfilment of a statutory requirement under the Road Traffic Act 1988. The process is part of the Council's continued investment in Road Safety, and has contributed greatly to the dramatic reduction in road accident casualties achieved over recent years.
4. Analysis of road accident data is carried out continuously throughout the year. Once a problem site is identified, and a viable remedial scheme identified for its treatment, the sooner the scheme can be implemented the better. This is because any delay risks further accidents, and injury to road users.
5. The following additional schemes are proposed for inclusion in the Highways Capital programme. They were identified when accident reports received in late 2012 and early 2013 were included in longer term accident studies. These latest reports were felt to confirm emerging longer term patterns in the accident data. Engineering scheme proposals to reduce accidents have been developed and are detailed below:
 - Blyth Road (Kilton Hill to Thievesdale Lane) Worksop (£20k). – a number of amendments to junctions to reduce accidents on this section, the study

includes reports received from late 2012 and early 2013. A short extension of the existing 30mph limit may also be included subject to consultation.

- Carsic Road and Alfreton Road Sutton (£48k) - Upgrades to the existing street lighting. A recent county wide study has identified a higher than expected number of injury accidents during the hours of darkness on these roads, including a further accident in February 2013. No new lighting columns are proposed, the scheme will provide modern, more efficient, replacement lanterns on the existing street lighting columns.
- A38 Alfreton Road / Common Road Sutton (£17k) – minor modifications to the operation and specification of this traffic signal junction. This is in response to a rapidly worsening accident pattern at the junction during 2012.
- A616 Kneesal (£20k) – High friction surfacing on a bend which has seen a sudden increase in reported injury accidents in late 2012.

Safer Routes to School

6. Safer Routes to School schemes are designed to improve the safety of children on their way to and from school. In achieving this aim they also encourage children to walk or cycle, which are healthier and more sustainable alternatives to car journeys.
- Cropwell Road and Bingham Road Radcliffe on Trent (£20k) – Signing and lining improvements at the location of two School Crossing Patrol (SCP) sites. Concerns have recently been raised by SCP supervisors, and these measures seek to improve safety by increasing driver awareness of the SCP sites. These roads are frequently used as diversion routes from the A52.

Conclusions

7. Each of the schemes included within the report are still subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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.

Implications for Service Users

9. The proposals in this report are expected to reduce the number of people injured in road traffic accidents on the County's road network.

Financial Implications

10. The cost of these proposed schemes will be contained within the current Highways Capital Programme. The current programme follows best practice by including some over-programming so that delivery can be planned around unexpected delays due for example from additional time needed to consider the outcome of consultation or external factors such as coordination with utility works.

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that Committee approve the implementation of the proposed Road Safety schemes.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB.18.06.13)

Committee have power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 13/06/2013)

The financial implications are set out in paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Worksop North East and Carlton	CC Rhodes
Worksop East	CC Gilfoyle
Sutton in Ashfield Central	CC Kirkham
Sutton in Ashfield West	CC Hollis
Southwell and Caunton	CC Laughton
Radcliffe on Trent	CC Cutts