

Individual Decision

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Individual Executive Member Decision

Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme 2016/17 – Summary Report

Committee considering report: Individual Executive Member Decision

Date ID to be signed: 16 March 2016

Portfolio Member: Councillor Garth Simpson

Forward Plan Ref: ID3076

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the Traffic Management and Road Safety works programme 2016/17 for consideration by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and Emergency Planning.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and Emergency Planning approves the Traffic Management & Road Safety Works Programme for 2016/7

3. Implications

3.1 **Financial:** None arising from this report because the Traffic Management and Road Safety programme is funded from the Councils Revenue and Capital Programme.

3.2 **Policy:** The recommendations within this report accord with existing Council policy.

3.3 **Personnel:** None arising from this report.

3.4 **Legal:** None arising from this report.

3.5 **Risk Management:** None arising from this report.

3.6 **Property:** The public highway is an important and valuable asset. Failure to maintain it and the associated equipment will devalue the asset and conflict with the government's aim to implement Highway Asset Management and Whole Life Accounting.

3.7 **Other:** N/A

4. Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Cllr Roger Croft - To date no response has been received from Councillor Roger Croft, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Cllr Emma Webster - To date no response has been received from Councillor Emma Webster, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Opposition Spokesperson: Cllr Billy Drummond - To date no response has been received from Councillor Billy Drummond, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Members:
Cllr Jeff Beck - Without Prejudice to any Budgetary Restraints that may be imposed the Works and Activities appear eminently acceptable to me.

Cllr Graham Bridgman - My comments relate to Goring Lane. I know that the speed limit there was discussed relatively recently, but in my view the parameters have changed, given the Mortimer to The Willink assessed walking route (I note that appendix C mentions The Willink and presume that this relates to road safety in the school environs).

My view is that the whole issue of the Goring Lane/Hollybush Lane/Brewery Common offset junction speed limit/signage/etc needs to be revisited in the light of a substantial potential increase in use should the bus saving be included in the final budget, as seems very likely.

Cllr Rick Jones - Thanks for this, I appreciate the information. Can I ask, talking to Alex Drysdale recently, he has a good scheme proposed for Purley's Hazel Road issue, which I am very happy to support. Can I assume that this is included in your parking amendment 25/26 plans?

Local Stakeholders: N/A

Officers Consulted: Mark Edwards and Mark Cole.

Trade Union: N/A

5. Other options considered

N/A

Background Papers:

None

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: X No:

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Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months

Item is Urgent Key Decision

Report is to note only

Wards affected:

All Wards

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority:

X SLE2 – Deliver or enable key infrastructure improvements in relation to roads, rail, flood prevention, regeneration and the digital economy

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6. Executive Summary

- 6.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2016/17. The programme needs to be approved at this time so that it runs alongside the Councils Capital Programme and is in place for the financial year 2016/17.
- 6.2 Approximately 50% of the work undertaken by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Team is planned. These schemes are identified under the following work areas:
- School Safety Programme.
 - Local Safety Schemes.
 - Network Signing Schemes.
 - Parking Schemes.
 - Speed Limit Review.
 - Section 106 Schemes.
 - Safety Campaigns.
 - Road Safety Events.
- 6.3 Due to the nature of the work undertaken by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Team many schemes cannot be identified in advance as they are requested throughout the year by Members, in correspondence with stakeholders, at Neighbourhood Action Groups or from maintenance inspections. These activities fall within the following work areas:
- Assessment Reports – Traffic Assessments, Home to School Assessments and School Crossing Patrol Assessments.
 - Road Marking Maintenance.
 - Road Signing Maintenance.
 - Reviewing and commenting on planning applications.
 - Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders – e.g. Road Closures.
 - Petition Reports.
 - Rechargeable Schemes – e.g. Tourist Signs, Access Protection Markings.
 - Vehicle Operators Licences – Assessment and attending Public Inquiries.
 - Letters & E-mails requiring a response.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Given the high volume of work and the available resources to deliver it the prioritisation of work is important. The Traffic Management and Road Safety programme for 2016/17, which includes an estimated number of schemes for unplanned work in response to the various stakeholder's requests, is shown in Appendix C. This is based on the level of work completed in previous years, budgets for 2016/17 and reductions to staffing levels.
- 7.2 If the programme is approved it will commit a fully resourced Traffic Management and Road Safety team for the year. Any variations to the programme resulting from changed priorities will require the approval of the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and Emergency Planning and may result in reprogramming of some schemes.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A - Supporting Information
- 8.2 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment
- 8.3 Appendix C – Traffic Management and Road safety Works Programme 2016/17

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Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme 2016/17 – Supporting Information

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme for 2016/17. The programme needs to be approved at this time so that it runs alongside the Councils Capital Programme and is in place for the financial year 2016/17.

2. Supporting Information

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- Telephone enquiries.

2.3 A programme of schemes for 2016/17 is provided in Appendix C and is based on the level of work completed in previous years, draft budgets for 2016/17 and reductions to staffing levels.

2.4 Delivery of the works programme for 2016/17 is based on a fully resourced Traffic Management and Road Safety Team. The precise number of schemes to be delivered within the programme is dependent on the detail of what is actually required when the individual schemes are developed. This programme is therefore a desirable outcome subject to sufficient funding being available from various funding sources. Any variations will be agreed with the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and Emergency Planning.

3. Options for Consideration

3.1 Please refer to Appendix C – Proposed Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme for 2016/17.

4. Proposals

4.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the proposed Traffic Management and Road Safety programme for 2016/17.

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Appendix B

Equality Impact Assessment - Stage One

We need to ensure that our strategies, policies, functions and services, current and proposed have given due regard to equality and diversity.

Please complete the following questions to determine whether a Stage Two, Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Name of policy, strategy or function:	Annual Traffic management & Road Safety Works Programme
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	N/A
Owner of item being assessed:	Glyn Davis
Name of assessor:	Mark Cole
Date of assessment:	25/01/16

Is this a:		Is this:	
Policy	No	New or proposed	Yes
Strategy	No	Already exists and is being reviewed	Yes
Function	Yes	Is changing	Yes
Service	Yes		

1. What are the main aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the policy, strategy function or service and who is likely to benefit from it?	
Aims:	To maintain traffic management assets on the highway and improve safety for those using the highway.
Objectives:	To achieve our aims by means of maintenance, good design and education.
Outcomes:	The proposed works programme will guide the team in meeting its duty to maintain and improve traffic management highway assets and deliver quality road safety education to the residents of West Berkshire.
Benefits:	A safer improved highway network.

<p>2. Note which groups may be affected by the policy, strategy, function or service. Consider how they may be affected, whether it is positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this.</p> <p>(Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender)</p>

Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.)		
Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this
All Highway Users encompassing all of the strands.	Traffic Management & Road Safety Works affect all users. We will continue to identify and help vulnerable road users through better design and education.	H & S legislation The Traffic Signs Manual The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions Manual
Further Comments relating to the item:		
No further comments		

3. Result	
Are there any aspects of the policy, strategy, function or service, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer: All highway users needs will be considered in delivering the programme.	
Will the policy, strategy, function or service have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer: The impact of all schemes in the programme will be taken into consideration.	

If your answers to question 2 have identified potential adverse impacts and you have answered 'yes' to either of the sections at question 3, or you are unsure about the impact, then you should carry out a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment.

If a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment is required, before proceeding you should discuss the scope of the Assessment with service managers in your area. You will also need to refer to the Equality Impact Assessment guidance and Stage Two template.

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	No
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	N/A
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	N/A
Stage Two not required:	Not required

Name: Glyn Davis

Date: 25/01/2016

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Appendix C

Traffic Management & Road safety Proposed working programme for 2016/17

Project Name	Scheme	Comments
School Safety		
	St Pauls - Tilehurst	Safety improvements to be investigated
	St Johns - Mortimer	Safety improvements to be investigated
	The Willink - Burghfield	Safety improvements to be investigated
	Bradfield Primary School	Safety improvements to be investigated
Local Safety Schemes		
	TMA188 A343 - Sand Pit Hill	Recommendations from TMA 188 implemented
	Burghfield shops	Pedestrian dropped kerb
	VAS Hungerford Newtown	Replace VAS both A338 approaches
	A340 Calleva Park Roundabout	Improvements post accident investigation.
Speed Limit Review		
	Speed limit review process	1 meeting per year
	Implementation of approved Speed Limits	Average 12 per review
	A343 Washwater	Introduce 40mph Speed Limit
	A329 Purley Rise	Extend 30mph limit
	A339 Vodafone Rbt	Extend 50mph limit
	East Ilsley	Introduce 20mph speed limit - one way system and Church Hill
Parking Schemes		
	Parking amendment 25	locations to be identified
	Parking amendment 26	Locations to be identified
	Parking amendments identified throughout the year	Locations to be identified
	Disabled Parking Bays (8 per year)	Location to be identified
Signing Schemes (average 10 schemes per year)		
	Boundary Road, Newbury	review of weight limit following bridge reconstruction
	Hyde End Lane Unsuitable for HGV's	Signs to prevent hgv's
	Manns Lane	review of weight limits
	Kirtons Farm Road	Introduce 7.5T environmental weight restriction
	Schemes identified throughout the year.	7-10 to be identified
Traffic Signals (average 5 schemes per year)		
	Traffic cameras at traffic signals	Location to be identified.
	Schemes identified throughout the year.	2-5 to be identified
Traffic Signal Contract		
	Maintenance of signals and equipment	Various sites identified throughout the year.
Signing & Lining Maintenance		
	Average 50 road sign maintenance schemes per year	This is a reactive programme as schemes are identified throughout the year following inspections or as a result of sign being knocked
	Average 30 road marking maintenance schemes per year	
	B4000 A338-Wickham	Refresh markings
	Newtown Rd Near cemetery	Realign the centre line
Rechargeable Work		
	Access Protection Road Markings - average 5 schemes per year	1-5 to be identified
	TRO - One Way Lourdes Way	Priory Road Hungerford - Developer to pay
	Tourist / Direction Signs - (8 schemes per year)	1 - Tourist sign to Newbury & Crookham Golf Club
		2-5 to be identified
	Damaged Signs / rechargeable work - average 10 per year	1-10 to be identified
Section 106 funded schemes		
	Pangbourne	Safety improvements to Reading Road
	Pangbourne	Safety improvements on Pangbourne Hill adjacent to Church
	Pritchard Close - Greenham	Investigate Bollards to prevent overrunning Marchants Close
	Hungerford	Introduction of zebra crossing on Bridge Street
	Brimpton	VAS Manor Road
	Schemes identified throughout the year.	
Other Schemes		
	(maximum 5 per year)	
	Wash Water - Members Bid	VAS signs (x2)
	Aldermaston Wharf Swing Bridge	Introduce permanent order for bridge maintenance purposes
	Slippery Road Signs	Installation or removal of warning signs at identified sites.
	Schemes identified throughout the year.	4-5 to be identified

Permanent / Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders		
	Section 14(2) & Section 21 - Emergency orders	Average 65 per year.
	Section 14 (1) Programmed Temporary Orders (i.e. road closures)	Average 65 per year.
	Section 16A Programmed Temporary Orders (i.e. Special events)	2 Orders covering approx 40 regular Charitable events and Remembrance Day Parades
	Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847	Mainly required for Street Parties
Road Safety Events and Campaigns		
	Safe Drive Stay Alive	Three day event to be held during November 2016
	Driver campaigns	Drive Start: 3 to be held throughout year
	Driver campaigns	Flourish: 3 to be held throughout year
	Powered Two Wheeler campaign	Ride start 50cc: 3 to be held throughout year
	Powered Two Wheeler campaign	Enhanced Rider 500+cc: 3 to be held throughout year
	Supporting National Road Safety campaigns	Campaigns to be identified: 1 - 5 to be identified
	Child Car Seat Safety Event	2 events to be identified
	Road Safety Theatre Productions	To be identified
	Cycle Events	Urban Limits
		2 to 3 to be identified
	Junior travel ambassador	Pilot scheme
Cycle training:-		
	Exchanging Places with Royal Mail	Yr6 Project: 1 - 10 to be identified (Pilot Scheme in Schools)
	New instructor training sessions, risk assessment of sites and cycle training admin.	
	Cycle Training (Subject to government funding)	Bikeability training and monitoring
	Cycle Training	Holiday Courses during school summer holidays
	Cycle Training (Subject to H&W funding)	Adult cycle training
Road Safety Education		
	Various schemes	e.g. Walking Bus, Footsteps, older drivers etc....
	Work Related Road Risk	Presentations and meetings as necessary
	School in take information	Presentation and information to schools for start of new school year
	Child Pedestrian Training - Safer Steps	Presentations to identified schools 1 - 10
Reports / Assessments		
	Petitions (approx 3 Petitions per year)	
		1 - 3 to be identified
	Home to School Transport Assessments / School Travel Plans (approx 5 assessments per year)	
		1 to 5 to be identified
	School Crossing - New Site Assessments (approx 3 new assessments per year)	
		1 to 3 to be identified
	School Crossing Patrol - Risk Assessments of existing Sites (approx 6 assessments per year)	
		1-6 to be identified
	Traffic Management Assessments (approx 5 per year)	
		Accident Investigation Goring Lane
		Curridge School parish concerns
		Other assessments to be identified.
	Vehicle Operators Licence	
	Checking applications	Average 26 per year
	Preparing and attending inquiries	If required
	Planning Applications	
	Checking and commenting on planning applications and developers drawings	Average 20 per year
	Accident Investigation and monitoring	Monthly updates and post fatal accident meetings
	Letters & Emails	Average 135 responses / month - Including letters, e-mails & Streetcare enquiry's
	Telephone enquiries	Approximately 1,000 calls per month