

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2014/15
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	31 st March 2014
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2823

Purpose of Report: To seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2014/15.

Recommended Action: That the the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision approves the Programme.

Reason for decision to be taken: To ensure that the programme is approved so that it runs alongside the Councils Capital Programme and is in place for the financial year 2014/15.

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation:

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Implications

Policy:	The recommendations within this report accord with existing Council policy.
Financial:	None arising from this report because the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme is funded from the Councils Revenue and Capital Programmes, which provisionally total £302,420 and £260,000 respectively. .
Personnel:	None arising from this report.
Legal/Procurement:	None arising from this report.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising from this report.

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes		Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outcome (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)				
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at www.westberks.gov.uk/eia			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Consultation Responses

Members:

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

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Brian Bedwell has no comment.

Ward Members: All Councillors will be sent a copy of the report prior to the Individual Decision meeting and any comments will be verbally reported before the Decision is made.

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Keith Woodhams notes the report.

Local Stakeholders: N/A

Officers Consulted: Mark Edwards, Mark Cole

Trade Union:

N/A

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2014/15. 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 2014/15.
- 1.2 Approximately 50% of the work undertaken by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Team is planned and consists of schemes that are approved by the Council during March as part of the Capital Programme. 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.
- 1.3 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 schemes 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.
 - Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders – i.e. Road Closures.
 - Petition Reports.
 - Rechargeable Schemes – i.e. Tourist Signs, Access Protection Markings.
 - Vehicle Operators Licences – Assessment and attending Public Inquiries.
 - Letters & E-mails requiring a response.
 - Telephone enquiries.

- 1.4 A programme of schemes for 2014/15 is provided in Appendix A and is based on the level of work completed in previous years and the draft budgets for 2014/15.
- 1.5 At the end of March 2014 approximately 97% of the 315 schemes and projects listed in the 2013/14 works programme will have been completed. This includes an additional 58 schemes and projects that were not originally identified as part of the works programme.
- 1.6 Delivery of the works programme for 2014/15 is based on a fully resourced Traffic Management and Road Safety Team. The precise number of schemes to be delivered within the programme is dependant 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 (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 2.1 The main aim of this item is for the approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety works programme for 2014/15. The programme consists of many different types of schemes/projects and any requiring an Individual Decision report will have an EIA attached at that stage if required. For the schemes/projects that do not require an Individual Decision, the appropriate groups will be considered as part of the design and implementation process.

3. Conclusions

- 3.1 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 2014/15, which includes an estimated number of schemes for unplanned work in response to the various stakeholder's requests, is shown in Appendix A. This is based on the level of work completed in previous years and draft budgets for 2014/15.
- 3.2 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 (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision and may result in reprogramming of some schemes.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2014/15 as shown in Appendix A is approved.

Appendices

Appendix A - Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2014/15