

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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

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**Committee considering report:** Individual Executive Member Decision

**Date ID to be signed:** 16 March 2016

**Portfolio Member:** Councillor Garth Simpson

**Forward Plan Ref:** ID3076

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### 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

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### Background Papers:

None

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**Subject to Call-In:**

Yes: X      No: ☐

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval ☐

Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council ☐

Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position ☐

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 ☐

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**Wards affected:**

All Wards

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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