
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

- 2.1 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.

- 2.2 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.
- 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.
- 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.

5. Conclusion

5.1 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 stakeholders' requests, is shown in Appendix C. This is based on the level of work completed in previous years, draft budgets for 2016/17 and reductions to staffing levels.

5.2 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.

Background Papers:

None.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

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

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Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council

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Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position

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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:

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

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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.

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. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender

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

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