

Individual Executive Member Decision

Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme 2017/18

Committee considering report: Individual Executive Member Decision

Date ID to be signed: 30 March 2017

Portfolio Member: Councillor Jeanette Clifford

Forward Plan Ref: ID3261

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the Traffic Management and Road Safety Works Programme 2017/18 for consideration by the Executive Member for Highways & Transport.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Executive Member for Highways & Transport approves the Traffic Management & Road Safety Works Programme for 2017/18.

3. Implications

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

Acting Leader of Cllr Graham Jones - To date no response has been received

Council: from Councillor Graham Jones, 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 – Reported ‘I have no problems with the report’.

Local Stakeholders: All Members were consulted and the following responses were received – Councillor Graham Bridgeman requested further information on four items on the programme for which I have supplied a response and has been acknowledged. Councillor Rick Jones ‘Thanks for the information, it looks good to me’. Councillor Jeff Beck ‘Thank you for sending this documentation, I have scanned through and not found any item to require further explanation/clarification’.

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:

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 2017/18. 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 2017/18.

Approximately 60% of the work undertaken by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Team is planned. These schemes are identified under a number of work areas including signing and marking maintenance (programmed), network and tourism signing schemes, local and school safety schemes, parking review, speed limit review and road safety.

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 may include assessments, signing and marking maintenance (reactive), reviewing planning applications, road closures, petition reports, recharge schemes, correspondence and telephone enquiries.

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 2017/18, 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.
- 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 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 Proposed Programme for 2017/18.