

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Traffic Management & Road Safety 2019/20 Works Programme

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<b>Committee considering report:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decision
<b>Date ID to be signed:</b>	04/03/2019
<b>Portfolio Member:</b>	Cllr Jeanette Clifford
<b>Date Portfolio Member agreed report:</b>	18 February 2019
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID3680

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Traffic Management and Road Safety works programme 2019/20 for consideration by the Executive Member for Transport & Countryside.

### 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Executive Member for Transport & Countryside approves the Traffic Management & Road Safety works programme 2019/20.

### 3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** None arising from this report because the Traffic Management & Road Safety programme is funded from the Councils Revenue budget and Capital Programme.
- 3.2 **Policy:** The recommendations within this report accord with the 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 Graham Jones - Any comments received will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
- Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:** Cllr Emma Webster - Any comments received will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
- Ward Members:** Cllr Jeff Beck – Will you kindly provide me with brief details relating to; Local Safety Schemes – Benham Hill install Pedestrian Refuge to resolve petition.

Cllr Jeff Beck - Thank you for sending through the information which I requested. This Scheme has my support and I agree with you that the Speed Review should not take place until after a “Settling In Period of Time”, following completion of the Works.

Cllr Keith Chopping - May I suggest a note to the Beenham Parish Council to seek their input on the proposed refuge on Beenham Hill. I would have thought that just one would not be enough – possibly two or three are needed. Their next PC meeting is next Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>. I am copying this to the PC Chairman.

*Should have been Benham Hill Cllr Chopping informed and Appendix C amended and circulated.*

All Other Ward Members – to date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

### Opposition Spokesperson:

Cllr Alan Macro - I am the opposition spokesman on Highways and Transport (the ID document says Lee Dillon). The accident investigation in Appendix C is for “A4/Spring Road”. I don’t think that there is a “Spring Road” in West Berkshire. Should the site be the junction at the Spring Inn on the A4 – i.e. with Sulhamstead Hill?  
There have been several accidents (one involving me) at the A340/Common Hill junction. I think that junction needs looking at again. A decision on the new Theale Primary School should be made next week, If it gets the go ahead then work should start on site in February. Its planning permission requires traffic calming and other road safety work.  
*Responded confirming Spring Inn and would consider A340/Common Hill for investigation next year. Opposition Spokesperson amended on the ID report.*

**Local Stakeholders:** N/A

**Officers Consulted:** Jon Winstanley and Mark Cole

**Trade Union:** N/A

## **5. Other options considered**

5.1 None

## **6. Introduction/Background**

6.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme 2019/20. The programme needs to be approved at this time so that it runs alongside the Councils Capital Programme and is in place for the new financial year 2019/20.

## **7. Supporting Information**

7.1 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, local and school safety schemes, parking review, speed limit review and road safety.

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

## **8. Options for Consideration**

8.1 Please refer to Appendix C – Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme for 2019/20.

## **9. Proposals**

9.1 To seek approval for the proposed Traffic Management and Road Safety programme for 2019/20.

## **10. Conclusion**

10.1 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 2019/20, 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.

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 Transport & Countryside.

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**Background Papers:**

Appendix C – Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme for 2019/20

**Subject to Call-In:**

Yes:  No:

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**Wards affected:**

All

**Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:**

The proposals will help achieve the following Council Strategy aim(s):

- BEC – Better educated communities**
- SLE – A stronger local economy**
- P&S – Protect and support those who need it**
- HQL – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities**
- MEC – Become an even more effective Council**

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

- BEC1 – Improve educational attainment**
- BEC2 – Close the educational attainment gap**
- SLE1 – Enable the completion of more affordable housing**
- SLE2 – Deliver or enable key infrastructure improvements in relation to roads, rail, flood prevention, regeneration and the digital economy**
- P&S1 – Good at safeguarding children and vulnerable adults**
- HQL1 – Support communities to do more to help themselves**
- MEC1 – Become an even more effective Council**

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**Appendices**

10.2 Appendix A – Data Protection Impact Assessment

10.3 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment

10.4 Appendix C – Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme 2019/20

## Appendix A

### Data Protection Impact Assessment – Stage One

The General Data Protection Regulations require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for certain projects that have a significant impact on the rights of data subjects.

Should you require additional guidance in completing this assessment, please refer to the Information Management Officer via [dp@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:dp@westberks.gov.uk)

Directorate:	Economy & Environment
Service:	Transport & Countryside
Team:	Traffic Services
Lead Officer:	Glyn Davis
Title of Project/System:	Traffic Management & Road Safety Programme 2019/20
Date of Assessment:	15/01/2019

**Do you need to do a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)?**

	Yes	No
<p><b>Will you be processing SENSITIVE or “special category” personal data?</b></p> <p>Note – sensitive personal data is described as “<i>data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person’s sex life or sexual orientation</i>”</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Will you be processing data on a large scale?</b></p> <p>Note – Large scale might apply to the number of individuals affected OR the volume of data you are processing OR both</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Will your project or system have a “social media” dimension?</b></p> <p>Note – will it have an interactive element which allows users to communicate directly with one another?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Will any decisions be automated?</b></p> <p>Note – does your system or process involve circumstances where an individual’s input is “scored” or assessed without intervention/review/checking by a human being? Will there be any “profiling” of data subjects?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Will your project/system involve CCTV or monitoring of an area accessible to the public?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Will you be using the data you collect to match or cross-reference against another existing set of data?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Will you be using any novel, or technologically advanced systems or processes?</b></p> <p>Note – this could include biometrics, “internet of things” connectivity or anything that is currently not widely utilised</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**If you answer “Yes” to any of the above, you will probably need to complete [Data Protection Impact Assessment - Stage Two](#). If you are unsure, please consult with the Information Management Officer before proceeding.**

## 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 as set out in the Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149 of the Equality Act), which states:

- “(1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:**
- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;**
  - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; This includes the need to:**
    - (i) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;**
    - (ii) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;**
  - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, with due regard, in particular, to the need to be aware that compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.**
- (2) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.**
- (3) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.”**

The following list of questions may help to establish whether the decision is relevant to equality:

- Does the decision affect service users, employees or the wider community?
- (The relevance of a decision to equality depends not just on the number of those affected but on the significance of the impact on them)
- Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?
- Is it a major policy, or a major change to an existing policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?
- Will the decision have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?
- Does the decision relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?
- Does the decision relate to an area with known inequalities?
- Does the decision relate to any equality objectives that have been set by the council?

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

<b>What is the proposed decision that you are asking the Executive to make:</b>	To approve the Traffic Management & Road Safety works programme 2019/20.
<b>Summary of relevant legislation:</b>	N/A
<b>Does the proposed decision conflict with any of the Council's key strategy priorities?</b>	No
<b>Name of assessor:</b>	Glyn Davis
<b>Date of assessment:</b>	02/01/2019

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

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

<b>2 Note which groups may be affected by the proposed decision. Consider how they may be affected, whether it is positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this.</b> (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.)		
<b>Group Affected</b>	<b>What might be the effect?</b>	<b>Information to support this</b>
Age	Where possible traffic management & road safety	H & S legislation



	schemes will continue to identify and help vulnerable road users through better design and education.	The Traffic Signs Manual The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions Manual
Disability	Where possible traffic management & road safety schemes will improve facilities to cater for the needs of those with disabilities.	As above and facilities will where possible be constructed to comply with the 'Streets for Living' guidelines for disabled access.
Gender Reassignment	There is no evidence to indicate that there will be a greater impact on this group than on any other.	H & S legislation The Traffic Signs Manual The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions Manual This applies to all groups affected.
Marriage and Civil Partnership	As above.	As above.
Pregnancy and Maternity	As above.	As above.
Race	As above.	As above.
Religion or Belief	As above.	As above.
Sex	As above.	As above.
Sexual Orientation	As above.	As above.
<b>Further Comments relating to the item:</b>		
No further comments.		

<b>3 Result</b>	
<b>Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Please provide an explanation for your answer: All highway users needs have been considered in undertaking this review.</b>	
<b>Will the proposed decision have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Please provide an explanation for your answer: We strive to make the highways easier and safer to use for all. All needs are considered when designing schemes and some schemes may be specifically designed to improve the life of our disadvantaged users.</b>	

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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 Two 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](#).

<b>4 Identify next steps as appropriate:</b>	
<b>Stage Two required</b>	No
<b>Owner of Stage Two assessment:</b>	N/A
<b>Timescale for Stage Two assessment:</b>	N/A

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**Date:03/01/2019**

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Please now forward this completed form to Rachel Craggs, Principal Policy Officer (Equality and Diversity) ([rachel.craggs@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.craggs@westberks.gov.uk)), for publication on the WBC website.