

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Executive
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	31 March 2011
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	EX 2205

**Purpose of Report:** To seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12.

**Recommended Action:** That the Executive approves the Programme.

**Reason for decision to be taken:** To ensure that this year's programme is approved at the same time as the Councils Capital Programme and is in place for the financial year 2011/12.

**Other options considered:** None.

**Key background documentation:** None

The proposals will also help achieve the following Council Plan Theme(s):

- CPT1 - Better Roads and Transport**
- CPT2 - Thriving Town Centres**
- CPT5 - Cleaner and Greener**
- CPT6 - Vibrant Villages**
- CPT12 - Including Everyone**
- CPT13 - Value for Money**
- CPT15 - Putting Customers First**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Plan Priorities and Themes by:

- a) Providing better information to stakeholders on timetable and prioritisation of work ;
- b) Improving road safety;
- c) Improving traffic management.

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## Implications

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- 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 £291,990 and £305,000 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.
- Equalities Impact Assessment:** EIA stage 1 completed

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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 Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Executive Summary**

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### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12.

### **2. Proposals**

- 2.1 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. Due to the nature of the work undertaken by the 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 and from maintenance inspections. A programme of both planned and an estimate of unplanned schemes for 2011/12 is provided in Appendix A.
- 2.2 That the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12, as shown in Appendix A is approved.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 Given the high volume of work and the available resources to deliver it the prioritisation of work is important. 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 (Operational) and ICT and may result in reprogramming of some schemes.

# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12. 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 2011/12.
- 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 and 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 enquires.
- 1.4 A programme of schemes for 2011/12 based on the level of work completed in previous years is provided in Appendix A.
- 1.5 At the end of March 2011 it is expected that approximately 95% of the 409 schemes and projects listed in the 2010/11 works programme will be completed. This includes an additional 70 schemes and projects that were not originally identified as part of the works programme.
- 1.6 Delivery of the works programme for 2011/12 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 (Operational) and ICT.

## **2. Conclusions**

- 2.1 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 2011/12, 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.
- 2.2 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 (Operational) and ICT and may result in reprogramming of some schemes.

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Executive approve the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12 as shown in Appendix A.

## **Appendices**

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Appendix A - Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12

## **Consultees**

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**Local Stakeholders:** Not applicable.

**Officers Consulted:** John Ashworth, Mark Edwards, Mark Cole.

**Trade Union:** Not applicable.