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LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2013/14

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report contains information regarding the draft Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works and the highways revenue maintenance schemes 13/14.

The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's views on programme of works prior to its consideration by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee scrutinise the proposed programme of works contained in annexes 1-4 and make any appropriate recommendations:

- Annex 1- Integrated Transport Programme
- Annex 2- Highway Maintenance Programme
- Annex 3- Street Lighting Maintenance Programme
- Annex 4- Bridge Maintenance Programme

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 There are a number of links to the shared objectives within the Third Peterborough Local Transport Plan (LTP) and those outlined within the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement (LAA), which are related to, or reliant upon the works outlined in this programme. The programme provides a co-ordinated and cost effective approach to deliver against these objectives. The Issues addressed through the programme include:

- i. Road Safety/Community Safety – accident reduction schemes, road maintenance, street lighting and CCTV systems.
- ii. Environment – congestion reduction schemes, encouraging sustainable transport through improved public transport, walking and cycling routes.
- iii. Health/education – improved information/access to services and the promotion of healthier lifestyles
- iv. Network management – developing new infrastructure/systems or improving existing facilities, to improve network efficiency and cater for and support predicted economic growth.

- 3.2 The programme for 2013/14 has also been developed to support the goals for transport set out in the LTP as adopted by full Council on the 13th of April 2011 which are as follows:

- Tackle climate change
- Support economic growth
- Improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- Contribute to better safety, security and health

- Promote equality of opportunity

4. **BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Department for Transport calculates the block allocation for highways maintenance for each local authority using a need based formula. This is based on several factors including: total road length by classification and condition; the number of bridge structures and whether they require significant maintenance or strengthening; and the number of street lighting columns over 40 years old. The block funding for integrated transport improvement schemes is available for supporting development; improving road safety; public transport patronage; tackling traffic congestion; improving accessibility; and minimising pollution.
- 4.2 The Department for Transport (DfT) is currently consulting on the future distribution of the Integrated Transport Block Funding; the department is looking into changes to the factors that are used to distribute funding between local authorities. The council has submitted a response to this consultation.
- 4.3 The Council has been awarded a total of £4,440k transport settlement for 2013/14 comprising of £1,500k Integrated Transport Block Grant and £2,940k Capital Maintenance Block Grant, (see Annex 5, the Department for Transport's 2013/14 Local Transport Settlement letter dated 21 December 2012).

The Council continues to allocated additional funding to support the maintenance of the highway network, which has been added to the transport funding allocations detailed in Table 1 below:

Table 1– Proposed Allocation of Funding

2013-14 Programme Categories	£k
Annex 1 LTP Integrated Transport Block	1,500
Annex 2 Highways Maintenance	3,309
Annex 3 Street Lighting Maintenance	499
Annex 4 Bridge Maintenance	1,100
Total	6,408

Please Note: This is a draft budget and therefore may be subject to change.

Any significant deviation (i.e. in excess of £500k) from the final programme would be referred to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning for a decision. Decisions below this threshold will be taken by the Head of Planning, Transport and Engineering Services.

6. **IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Failure to get approval of the proposed programme by March 2013 is likely to present difficulties in delivering all of the schemes. The consequent reduction in spend will have a direct and negative impact on delivering objectives.

7. **CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Local Transport Plan 3 2011-2016 (LTP) and the generic five year programme was adopted by the Council on the 13th of April 2011 following an extensive consultation with statutory consultees and a wide range of stakeholders.

The Neighbourhood Committees have been consulted, and agreed the programme for 2013/14, at a meeting on the 13 February 2013.

The programme for 2013/14 is now being submitted to scrutiny before being approved by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning.

Appropriate consultation will be undertaken on individual schemes in the programme as required.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 The Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhood and Planning will consider the committees recommendations prior to making a Cabinet Member Decision.

The delivery and spend on individual schemes in the programme for 2013/14 will be monitored on a regular basis through scheme highlight reports submitted to the project board. Overall programme delivery/spend will be monitored by the LTP Project Board.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 9.1 **Peterborough Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 to 2016)**

<http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/ltp>

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1
- Annex 1- Integrated Transport Programme
 - Annex 2- Highway Maintenance Programme
 - Annex 3- Street Lighting Maintenance Programme
 - Annex 4- Bridge Maintenance Programme
 - Annex 5- Local Transport Settlement 2013/14- Letter from DfT Dated 21/12/12

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