

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
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LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2015/16

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide information regarding the Local Transport Plan Programme of Works 2015/16 to the Committee before being submitted to the Leader and Cabinet Member for Growth, Strategic Planning, Housing, Economic Development and Business Engagement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider the proposed Local Transport Plan Programme of Works for 2015/16 and to comment on the programme prior to its submission to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Services.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The programme has a positive impact on the following Community Strategy objectives:
- Creating opportunities - tackling inequalities
 - Creating strong and supportive communities
 - Creating the UK's environment capital
 - Delivering substantial and truly sustainable growth

The Local Transport plan contributes to the following National Indicators:

- Principal road condition
- Non-Principal classified road condition
- Total killed and seriously injured
- Child killed and seriously injured
- Public transport patronage
- Accessibility Indicator -access to services
- Mode share for journeys to school
- Bus punctuality
- Congestion

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Department for Transport (DfT) 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 small integrated transport improvement schemes is also available for supporting development in less prosperous areas; improving road safety statistics; public transport patronage; traffic congestion; accessibility; and tackling pollution.

4.2 The Council expects to be awarded a total of £4,869K transport settlement for 2015/16 comprising of £1,407k Integrated Transport Block Grant and £3,462K Capital Maintenance Block Grant.

4.3 The Council is expected to continue to allocate additional funding (£1,489K) to support the maintenance of the highway network, which has been included in the transport funding allocation detailed in Table 1 below:

Table 1-Proposed Allocation of Funding

2015-16 Programme Categories	£k
Annex 1 LTP Integrated Transport Block	£1516
Annex 2 Highways Maintenance	£3376
Annex 3 Street Lighting Maintenance	£500
Annex 4 Bridge Maintenance	£966
Total	£6358

The Council budget for 2015/16 has not yet been agreed and it should be noted that the programme of works included in this document is an outline proposal. The number of schemes delivered will be adapted as further information regarding the funding available for the programme becomes clear. As with the development of this programme schemes will be added or deleted as required based on a clear “needs based” prioritisation basis.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 To consider the details of the indicative programme of works proposed to be carried out in 2015/16 for the following reasons:

Annex 3, street lighting maintenance programme, is required to replace old columns and, at the same time, provide benefit through saving on the Council’s energy payments as new low energy bulbs are also installed.

Annexes 2 and 4, Highway Maintenance Programme and Bridge Maintenance Programme, are undertaken on an assessment basis as the Council has a legal obligation under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain the public highway network in a safe and passable condition.

The Integrated Transport Plan block funding enhances the network for all forms of transport and is calculated following assessments, in addition to being aligned to the Council’s Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme.

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6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Failure to identify a timely programme of works could result in the Council being unable to deliver the 2015/16 LTP allocation in full. This may result in a reduced LTP allocation for subsequent financial years, impacting negatively on the authority’s highway network.

6.2 The legal implications of not approving the spend outlined in this document and the annexes may mean that the Council cannot meet the requirements of the Local Transport Plan 3. In addition it could also impact on the Council’s legal duty to inspect and maintain

the highway.

6.3 The legal and financial implications of approving the LTP Programme of Works 2015/16 are that the highway network can be maintained and improvements can be carried out using grant funding from DfT (Department for Transport), thereby meeting the statutory duty to maintain the highway.

6.4 The programme relates to the city as a whole and therefore the implications are city-wide.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Long Term Transport Strategy 2011-2026 (LTTS) and Local Transport Plan 3 2011-2016 (LTP) was adopted by the Council on the 13 April 2011 following an extensive consultation with statutory consultees and a wide range of stakeholders. Appropriate consultation will be undertaken on individual schemes in the programme as required.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 The programme will be submitted to the Leader and Cabinet Member for Growth, Strategic Planning, Housing, Economic Development and Business Engagement for approval.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Peterborough Local Transport Plan 3 (2011- 2016)

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

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1
- The 2015/16 Integrated Transport Programme (annex 1)
 - The 2015/16 Highway Maintenance Programme (annex 2)
 - The 2015/16 Street Lighting Maintenance Programme (annex 3)
 - The 2015/16 Bridge Maintenance Programme (annex 4)

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