

JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD AND AREA COMMITTEES	AGENDA ITEM. 5
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Highways Capital Programme of Works 2013/14

RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM: Mark Speed: Transport and Infrastructure Planning Manager

It is recommended that the Neighbourhood and Area Committees agree the annual programme of works contained within the Highways Capital Programme for 2013/14.

The details of the annual Highways Capital Programme of Works are contained in the attached annexes:

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

Please Note: This programme is subject to further modification following consultation with the Neighbourhood Committees.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information necessary for the Neighbourhood Committee's to agree the annual programme of works contained within the Capital Programme for 2013/14.
- 1.2 This report is for the Committee to consider under its delegation 3.13.7 - To agree the annual programme of works contained within the Highways Capital Programme for 2013/14.

2. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2013/14

- 2.1 The block allocation for highways maintenance for each local authority is calculated through a needs 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.

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 is planning to submit a response to this consultation.

- 2.2 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 is subject to change.

1) The draft Council Budget is currently out for consultation therefore the figures above are based on the best information available to the author at the time of writing this report. Budget allocations may change as a result of the consultation.

2) 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 decision. Decisions below this threshold will be taken by the Head of Planning, Transport and Engineering Services.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 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 are now being consulted on the Highways Capital Programme for 2013/14 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.

4. REASONS

- 4.1 The Highways Capital Programme for 2013/14 has been developed to support the goals for transport 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

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The following options were considered and rejected:

5.1 Not to deliver a capital programme of works would mean the residents of Peterborough and the wider travelling public would not receive improvements to:

- the condition of roads and pavements
- street lighting
- public transport
- road safety
- accessibility and the environment

5.2 Agree an alternative scheme/works programme: The schemes put forward have been developed in consultation with a wide range of key stakeholders and assessed to ensure they meet objectives and provide value for money. Alternative schemes, some of which broadly met objective, have not been included in this year's programme due to low prioritisation and finite budget allocations.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Failure to identify a timely programme of works could result in the Council not spending the 2013/14 LTP allocation in full. This may result in a reduced LTP allocation for subsequent financial years, impacting negatively on the authority's highway network.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

7.1 Annex 5 Department for Transport's Local Transport Settlement 2013/14 letter dated 21 December 2012

7.2 Peterborough Long Term Transport Strategy (2011 to 2026) and Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 to 2016) can be viewed at the following web address:

http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/traffic, travel and parking/strategies, policies and plans/transport_planning/ltp3/ltp3_doc.aspx

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