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Report of the Corporate Director Growth and Regeneration		
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LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2017/18

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide information regarding the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme of Works 2017/18 to the Committee before being submitted to the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider the proposed LTP Programme of Works for 2017/18 and to comment on the programme prior to its submission to the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development.

3. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND RELEVANT CABINET PORTFOLIO

- 3.1 The report links closely to the following corporate priorities:

- Drive growth, regeneration and economic development
- Improve educational attainment and skills
- Safeguard vulnerable children and adults
- Implement the Environment Capital agenda
- Support Peterborough's culture and leisure trust Vivacity
- Keep all our communities safe, cohesive and healthy
- Achieve the best health and wellbeing for the city

- 3.2 The report falls within the Cabinet portfolio of Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development.

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 transport settlement of £4,485k for 2017/18 comprising of £1,407k Integrated Transport Block Grant and £3,078k Capital Maintenance Block Grant.

- 4.3 In addition to the £4,485k in 4.2 the Council is expected to continue to allocate additional funding of £1,223k 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

2017-18 Programme Categories	£k
LTP Integrated Transport Block	£1,407
Highways Maintenance	£2,761
Street Lighting Maintenance	£500
Bridge Maintenance	£1,040
Total	£5,708

- 4.4 The Council budget for 2017/18 has not yet been finalised and it should be noted that the programme of works included in this document forms an outline proposal. In addition to this, under Devolution this funding will be devolved to the new Combined Authority so the total amount could change. The Combined Authority is due to make the decision on this funding in February 2017. 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 exercise.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 To consider the details of the indicative programme of works proposed to be carried out in 2017/18 for the following reasons:

The street lighting maintenance allocation will be utilised alongside the ongoing LED project to maximise efficiencies through the delivery of associated street lighting works as part of the LED delivery programme. The LED project will see 17,000 street lights upgraded to energy-efficient LEDs in the next three years. The replacement programme will be rolled out a ward at a time across the whole city with the initial upgrades taking place in North, Park and Central wards. The project will include the continuation of the Parkway Road Lighting Strategy that will see lighting improved at parkway junctions and removed between parkway junctions to realise both energy and maintenance cost savings.

Annex 1, 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.

Annexes 2 and 3, 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.

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6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Highways Act 1980 puts a duty on local authorities to maintain the highway network. This requires that the highway has to be maintained so that it is reasonably passable by the ordinary traffic of the area. Failure to identify a timely programme of works could result in a risk that the authority may not meet its legal duty to maintain the highway.

Additionally, failure to identify a timely programme of works could result in the Council being

unable to deliver the 2017/18 LTP allocation in full. This may result in a reduced LTP allocation for subsequent financial years, impacting negatively on the authority's highway network. In addition 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 4, which sets out the strategic transport and highway priorities for Peterborough following a substantial period of consultation with stakeholders and partners.

The legal and financial implications of approving the LTP Programme of Works 2017/18 are that the highway network can be maintained thereby meeting the statutory duty to maintain the highway, and improvements can be carried out using grant funding from DfT, thereby meeting the objectives set by the Local Transport Plan 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 and Local Transport Plan 4 2016-2021 were adopted by the Council on the 27 January 2016 following extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. The new document has been revised to align with current Council priorities and strategies whilst clearly defining how we will align with national transport goals. 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 Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development for approval through a Cabinet Member Decision Notice.

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 4 (2016- 2021)
<http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/ltp>

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1
- The 2017/18 Integrated Transport Programme (Annex 1)
 - The 2017/18 Highway Maintenance Programme (Annex 2)
 - The 2017/18 Bridge Maintenance Programme (Annex 3)

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