



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Spelthorne)

HIGHWAYS SCHEMES 2012/13: UPDATE REPORT

2nd August 2012

KEY ISSUE

To agree the 2012/13 highways capital maintenance programme, from the budget delegated to the Local Committee from SCC Cabinet.

SUMMARY

This report provides an updated version of the Highways report brought to the Spelthorne Local Committee on 9th July 2012. At the request of Members, capital maintenance costings have been provided by officers to enable Members to decide which schemes they wish to progress.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- i) AGREE the updated Annexe A attached to this report, which contains the Spelthorne Local Committee Maintenance Schemes and estimated costings.
- ii) AGREE the prioritisation of schemes, using Highways Officers' guidance.
- iii) NOTE that it is unlikely that the available funding will be sufficient to cover all of the schemes on the list.
- iv) AGREE to delegate authority to the Area Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and locally affected Divisional Members, to resolve matters in relation to delivery of the Local Committee Maintenance Schemes in Annexe A in this financial year.
- v) AGREE to delegate authority to the Area Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and locally affected Divisional Members, to reallocate maintenance budgets within this financial year if schemes can not be taken forward or completed within this financial year.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 Overview of Funding

The Funding available to the Local Committee for Highways related activities in 2012/13:

- Local Revenue: £215,800 (£115,800 increase on 2011/12)
- Community Pride: £35,000 (Same as 2011/12)
- Capital Integrated Transport Schemes: £140,272 (Same as 2011/12)
- Capital Maintenance: £140,272 (New funding stream for Committees in 2012/13)

1.2 Item for further discussion and approval

The proposed 2012/13 Highways Programme was considered and agreed in part at the Local Committee on 9th July 2012. Recommendation (v) in Item 9 was not agreed and a Special Local Committee meeting was requested (and arranged for 2nd August), to approve the Local Committee Maintenance Schemes.

2 Local Committee Capital Maintenance Schemes

- 2.1 A capital maintenance budget has been allocated to the Local Committee of £140,272. At the Members Workshop on 26th April, it was recommended that this funding should be spread widely on a number of Local Structural Repair schemes rather than concentrate on a small number of surface treatment schemes. To this end the Local Maintenance Engineer reviewed and costed the schemes as listed in Appendix 2 of Annexe A, at the request of the Local Committee on 9th July.
- 2.2 Members requested that at a Special Local Committee, they be provided with costings to enable members to determine the priority of schemes to be progressed. The Local Committee is being asked to delegate authority for the remaining financial year to the Area Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and the Divisional Members, to enable delivery of these schemes in the current financial year. The Committee is also being asked to delegate authority to reallocate maintenance budgets if schemes can not be taken forward or completed within this financial year.
- 2.3 NB It should be noted that it is unlikely that funding will be able to cover all of the schemes on the list. However, it was considered prudent to seek costings on each so they are ready to go if funding becomes available. It may, for example, be considered appropriate to use some of the Local Issues budget to supplement this funding throughout the year.

3 Summary & Reasons for recommendations

- 3.1 The Area Team will work closely with Local Committee Members to ensure that funds are allocated in a timely manner to ensure all allocated funding will be fully spent in 2012/13.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee Highways papers from the 9th July 2012 Spelthorne Local Committee (Item 9 and Annexe A)

