



LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME FOR 2006/07

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING) 15 JUNE 2006

KEY ISSUE:

This report recommends a programme of transportation improvements to be implemented in 2006/07 and reports on progress with the Local Transport Plan Implementation Programme for Woking 2006/07 to 2010/2011.

SUMMARY:

The report summarises progress by the Committee sub-group in prioritising the forward programme for the next few years. It sets out the provisional programme for 2006/07 to 2010/11 and recommends a list of schemes for implementation in 2006/07. It further recommends that the sub-group meets again to reconsider the programme for future years, following which a further report will be brought forward.

CONSULTATIONS:

These recommendations have been proposed by a sub-group comprising of four borough councillors and five county councillors with a mix of political parties. The group also included Ray Lee, Head of Customer Services, from Woking Borough Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) That the committee sub-group recommendations for the 2006/07 programme as set out in **Annex A** be approved for implementation.
- (ii) That officers be authorised to proceed with any necessary actions including traffic orders, advertisements and notices of intent in order to deliver these projects.
- (iii) That the committee sub-group meet again to consider the prioritisation of the remaining schemes shown in **Annex B**, and that a further report be brought to the Committee in due course.
- (iv) That the Local Capital Allocation be used to assist delivery of the Integrated Transport Capital schemes.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. At its meeting on 1 February 2006 the Committee:
 - (i) Agreed in principle the funding of schemes during 2006/07 as set out in Annex D and noted that firm recommendations on the level of funding to be assigned will be brought to this Committee early in that financial year.
 - (ii) Noted that officers will, in consultation with the member sub-group, continue to review the total schemes list (Annex C) and the Local Transport Plan Implementation Programme for 2006/07 to 2010/11.
2. In response to a request from Mrs Smith it was agreed that Members of the Committee could input to the sub-group meeting or attend on specific items relevant to their area. This also addressed Mr Doran's concern regarding lack of representation on the sub-group from north Woking.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. All the Committee members were advised, in advance, of the sub-group meeting on 11 May 2006 and Mrs Smith, Mr Tabrez and Cllr Cross did attend with the nominated members (Mrs Tinney, Mrs Compton, Mr Marlow, Cllr Ankers, Cllr Ford and Cllr Goldenberg). The sub-group met with officers from Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council.
4. At the meeting the following occurred:-
 - Officers reported progress on the Construction Programme since February 2006;
 - Officers explained the further prioritisation work done using preliminary cost benefit information and this was discussed;
 - More detail was provided of where the feasibility, design and construction elements of each scheme fitted in the programme; and
 - A discussion took place on how the level of likely funding compares with the number of schemes on the list.
5. A summary of the points sub-group members raised:
 - The Sythwood pelican crossing scheme should be brought forward from its provisional construction timing of 2009/10 based on the priority methodology;
 - The scheme list should be presented in a revised rank order based on both the benefits and cost of each scheme, see **Annex B**;
 - The original evaluation of particular schemes against the key

objectives of LTP2 should be open to review;

- The committee allocation for Local Capital should be used to assist delivery of the Integrated Transport Capital schemes;
 - The sub-group recommended a programme for 2006/07 as shown in **Annex A**;
 - A progress report should be provided for the Local Committee on 15 June 2006; and
 - The sub-group should meet again in late July 2006 to review the list of schemes and the Local Transportation Plan Implementation Programme for 2006/07 to 2010/11.
6. The 68 projects on the minor schemes list are estimated to cost a total of some £4.7 million. The current LTP funding of £440,000 per annum is expected to remain at or about this level for the foreseeable future. In addition the Committee may choose to use its Local allocation of £100,000 on transportation projects. The programme will therefore take at least 5 years to implement, not allowing for any new schemes to be added to the list over the period.
7. A progress report on the Construction Programme is attached as **Annex C**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The Implementation Programme is constrained by the available funding. The Committee's current allocation for devolved Integrated Transport Capital is £440,000 for 2006/07. Subject to Executive approval in mid June, the carry forward from 2005/06 will be £97,075 giving a 2006/07 budget of £537,075.
9. The Committee's current allocation for Local Capital is £100,000 for 2006/07. Subject to Executive approval in mid June, the carry forward from 2005/06 will be £9,156 giving a 2006/07 budget of £109,156. Subject to the decisions of the Committee regarding recommendation (iv) on this report, up to £109,156 of the Local Capital Allocation may be added to this, making a total of up to £646,231.
10. In addition to the above two sums, the Executive has granted:
- Central and Policy funding to advance a package of schemes in Horsell.
 - Prudential funding for a Street Scene scheme for Queen's Road, Knaphill.
 - Central funding for Heathside Crescent Area Cycle and Pedestrian Improvements

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

11. The programme will need to meet the targets and commitments contained in the Local Transport Plan, which addresses the implications of sustainable development.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

13. The programme should raise no equality implications as all the proposals will seek to eliminate any perceived and or actual inequalities.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

14. The member sub-group supported the use of the Scheme Prioritisation Method subject to certain conditions and recommended a provisional programme for 2006/07, as shown in **Annex A**.
15. The member sub-group proposed having their next meeting in late July 2006 to review the list of schemes and the Local Transportation Plan Implementation Programme for 2006/07 to 2010/11.

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