



Local Transport Plan Programme for 2007/08

**Local Committee (Woking)
28 February 2007**

KEY ISSUE:

This report recommends a programme of Local Transport Plan (Integrated Transport) Schemes to be implemented in 2007/08 together with the forward Programme for Woking covering the period 2008/09 to 2011/2012.

SUMMARY:

The report summarises progress by the Committee sub-group in prioritising the forward programme for the next five years. It sets out the programme for 2007/08 and the provisional programme for 2008/09 to 2011/12. There is a need that the sub-group meet twice a year to consider the progress of the 2007/08 programme and review the programme for the 2008/09 to 2011/12 and extending the programme to 2012/13, enabling a full 5-year programme to be achieved. The Local Committee would therefore receive a similar report to this at the 20th February 2008 Local Committee meeting.

CONSULTATIONS:

The Local Committee sub-group met on the 27 July 2006 to review the 2006/07 programme and recommended that the Senior Local Transportation Manager brief the group on the Objectives and targets of the Local Transport Plan.

The group met again on the 3 November 2006 and were presented with the Objectives and targets of the LTP and how they affect the Woking area, where the County Council via its Local Committee need to focus resources to achieve the targets set.

To ensure that the schemes continue to enter the LTP 'Assessment Pool' and are promoted into the 5-Year programme, each Electoral Division members was asked to submit up to 2 new schemes per Electoral Division.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) That the detailed programme for 2007/08 as indicated in Annex A be approved.
- (ii) That the 4-Year indicative programme 2008/09 to 2011/12 as indicated in Annex B be approved.
- (iii) That officers be authorised to proceed with any necessary actions including traffic orders, advertisements and notices of intent in order to deliver these projects.
- (iv) That the officers hold 'round table' meetings with the Chairman and Electoral Division Member(s) at appropriate times to progress Feasibility Study and Design processes to enable the schemes to progress to the next appropriate stage (subject to appropriate funding).
- (v) That the Local Capital Allocation be used to assist delivery of the Integrated Transport Capital schemes for 2007/08 programme, as indicated in Annex A
- (vi) That the Local Committee approve that the schemes as scheduled in Annex C are deleted from the programme / Assessment Pool.

- (vii) That the sub group meet during July 2007 to review progress of the 2007/08 programme and November 2007 to review the 2008/09 to 2010/11 programme and extend the indicative programme to cover the 2011/12 financial year.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The LTP programme is continually reviewed to ensure a flexible and equitable approach to the needs of the community within the objectives of the LTP.
2. The first Local Transport Plan for Surrey covered the 5-Year period 2001/02 to 2005/06. Much work has been achieved within the Woking area during this period and the second Local Transport Plan covers the period 2006/07 to 2010/11.
3. The Local Committee approved the first 5-Year programme for Woking in the second Local Transport Plan series covering the period 2006/07 to 2010/11 on the 15th June 2006.
4. The Local Committee has been updated on a monthly basis using the 'traffic light system' of progress on the 2006/07 programme. There has been reasonable progress made on the schemes, but some have been the subject of delay for a number of reasons.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

5. The 2007/08 programme concentrates on the construction side with the majority of the funding allocated to 'getting the job done on the ground' and therefore making life easier for the County Council's customers living, working or visiting the Woking area.
6. The 2008/09 to 2010/11 programmes has been reviewed and extended to cover the 2011/12 financial year to ensure that Woking has a 4-Year indicative programme. This will also assist officers in preparing bids when central allocations become available and our colleagues in Transportation Development Control when assessing Planning Applications that may attract Section 106 / 278 funding.
7. The review of the existing programme approved by the Local Committee on 15th June 2006, has enabled the schemes to be reassessed against the Local Transport Plan Assessment Criteria to ensure that schemes rated as a

'High Priority' are placed within the top half of the programme and schemes of a 'lower priority' within the bottom half of the programme. Some schemes fall beyond the life of the 5-Year programme and are therefore not awarded any funding within this period.

8. The reassessment has allowed the introduction of new schemes provided by Local Committee Members, whereby each Electoral Division Member could submit up to 2 new schemes. These schemes have also been through the Local Transport Plan Assessment criteria and some have been rated quite highly and have succeeded in making it in to the 5-Year programme where others have not, but are still registered within the 'Assessment Pool' or passed to the West Area Maintenance Team. Details of the submissions are indicated in Annex D.
9. The reassessment has also suggested that some schemes are deleted from the programme / 'Assessment Pool' as they do not meet the Objectives and targets of the Local Transport Plan 2006/07 to 2010/11.
10. It is planned to continue with the 'traffic light system' on a monthly basis to keep all Local Committee members up to date on progress of the 2007/08 programme.
11. The 70 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 to enable Feasibility studies to be undertaken and some other areas of important work that forefill the Local Transport Plan Objectives and Targets as follows:
 - Feasibility Studies £50,000 – this will enable the schemes to progress using the Local Allocation funding. Without it, the schemes would require Local Transportation funding taken from the £440,000 and therefore the 5-year programme would mean that severe delays would be foreseen.
 - Small Accessibility Improvements to be undertaken across Woking. The programme of sites has not yet been determined therefore a block allocation of £25,000 has been identified.
 - Implementation and operating a Vehicle Activated and Road Safety Poster Programme. These sites have been determined and are indicated in the Joint Road Safety Strategy for Woking. An allocation of £10,000 has been recommended to achieve the aims of this work
 - Improvements to the white lining, cats eyes and verge marker posts within Woking has been identified as assisting with improvements to Road Safety, which again is identified within the Local Transport Plan Objectives and Targets. As a programme for the sites has not yet been determined a block allocation of £10,000 has been

allocated.

- A small budget of £5,000 has been allocated towards 'Emerging Safety Problems'. This allocation enables officers to carry out low cost 'quick fix' works at identified problem sites where funding can not be obtained from any other means.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The Implementation Programme is constrained by the indicative available funding. The Committee's current allocation for devolved Integrated Transport Capital is £440,000 for 2007/08, however this is subject to Executive approval. and the carry forward from 2006/07 which is not yet known at the time of writing this report, as the current financial year has not yet concluded. However, any carry over, would be allocated to the schemes that had commenced during 2006/07, enabling these works to be completed and for what the allocation was originally intended.
13. The Committee's current allocation for Local Capital is £100,000 for 2007/08, again subject to Executive approval. The carry forward from 2006/07 is not yet known but any carry over would be allocated towards completing the works that it was originally intended.
14. In addition to the above two sums, bids have been made to County Hall and are awaiting approval from the Executive on the following package of works:
 - Central and Policy funding to advance a package of schemes in Horsell. a) Brewery Road/ Arthur's Bridge Road roundabout £106,000 and b) Horsell 'Villagisation' £20,000
 - Central funding for Cycle Improvements to the Cycle Network within Woking £320,000. Details of this bid can be found within the Woking Cycle and Walking Strategy item
 - Central funding for Walking Improvements at Woking £13,000 and West Byfleet £20,000. Again details of this bid can be found within the Woking Cycle and Walking Strategy item

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

15. Surrey has embraced the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of Surrey's Local Transport Plan and is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place. Funding from this integrated transport budget will be expended on projects and schemes in line with this vision whilst fulfilling its key commitments.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

16. There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

17. 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

18. In terms of prioritisation and funding, this review allows continuous assessment by the Local Committee with the necessary input to ensure a robust LTP programme is available for the Woking area over the next 5 years and assist with the bidding process when central funding becomes available.
19. The member sub-group proposed to have their next meeting in late July 2007 to review the 2007/08 programme and a further meeting during November 2007 to review the 2008/09 to 2010/11 programme and extend this programme to cover the 2011/12 financial year.

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Consulted:

Background Papers: Local Committee sub group Presentation on LTP Objectives and Targets 3 Nov 2007.

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