

## **Market and Coastal Towns Rural 'Foundation' Programme**

Joint Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, and of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

***Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.***

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Committee notes the funding provisions which have been included in report PTE/12/24 Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011 to 2026: Proposed Programme 2012/13 to 2014/15 for Devon.

### **1. Summary**

The report summarises the proposed local schemes programme for the Market and Coastal Towns and Rural Devon Foundation element of the Local Transport Plan Integrated Block for 2013/14 in the East Devon area.

### **2. Background/Introduction**

Cabinet agreed a three year Local Transport Plan Integrated Block programme in December 2011. Since then there have been a number of new transport infrastructure funding opportunities from the Government. Bids requiring match funding have been submitted to the Local Pinch Point Fund and Linking Communities (Cycling in National Parks) fund. The results of these bids are expected to be announced in June. A revised Integrated Block programme, taking account of any successful bids, will then be submitted to Cabinet for approval at its July meeting. The revised programme will then be brought before this committee at its October meeting.

The indicative programme of local schemes is outlined below. The precise amount of funding available is subject to confirmation at the July Cabinet meeting. Any larger schemes within the area will be included in this report. All 'non-maintenance' schemes included in the Local Transport Plan have been assessed against the twin priorities of economic growth and carbon reduction whilst also achieving other wider objectives relating to the environment, health and well-being and communities.

The programme list includes an element of 'over-programming' should there be a delay in delivering particular schemes.

Sources of funding for the programme come from central government, the Invest in Devon programme and external sources, including Section 106 developer contributions.

### 3. Summary of Programme for the East Devon Area for 2013/14

#### Local Schemes

#### 2013/14 Market and Coastal Towns Rural Devon Foundation: Local Schemes

Provisional Schemes	Scheme Details	Preliminary Estimate £
Axmouth Pedestrian Improvements	Pedestrian improvements in village centre	28k
Aids to Movement: District wide	Provision of dropped kerbs, etc. to facilitate movement for those with mobility difficulties	10k
South Parade, Budleigh Salterton	Provide a pedestrian link between the town centre and seafront - design only	2k
Uplyme Footway	Provide a pedestrian link between Crogg Lane and Devon Court – design only	2k
West Hill Road, West Hill	Continuation of footway linking community to shop	30k
Mill Street, Sidmouth	Build out to provide protection to buildings at junction with High Street	15k
Newton Poppleford Toll House	Surfacing of PROW on Farthings Lane and provision of street lighting to provide pedestrians with an alternative route to the A3052	30k
	<b>Estimated Year 2 Expenditure</b>	<b>117k</b>

The 2013/14 programme is the second of a three year programme. The programme is subject to regular review and may change to ensure that objectives are being met and that value for money is being achieved. Typically, additional new schemes may be identified and added if considered to be of a higher priority.

A summary of progress in Year 1 (2012/13) of the programme is shown below.

#### 2012/13 Market and Coastal Towns Rural Foundation: Local Schemes

Schemes reported to HATOC	Scheme Details	Progress/Expenditure £
Honiton Ernsborough Lodge	Dropped crossing to enable residents from the home to cross the road	457
Clyst St George Bus Shelter	New bus shelter, was originally included as part of the M5 Junction 30 scheme	1,869
Aids to Movement: District wide	Provision of dropped kerbs, etc. to facilitate movement for those with mobility difficulties	12,555
Seaton Colyford Road	A pedestrian crossing point to access Stop Line Way - Scheme cannot be progressed until the relevant section of Stop Line Way is implemented	Nil
Ottery St Mary bus stops	New bus stop at Pateroster Row. Shelter and hard standing at Butts Hill	2,765
Axmouth Pedestrian Improvements	Pedestrian improvements in village centre – scheme now to be delivered 13/14	Nil
Fair Oak Close Clyst Honiton Bus Kerbs	Install bus kerbs at existing bus stop outside Sparex	4,822

Sidmouth High Street	A build out to physically prevent people from parking on the DYLS no loading area	2,454
Exmouth, Imperial Road	Pedestrian crossing on Imperial Road, Exmouth, between St Andrews Road and Victoria Road – Following prelim design there were major safety issues raised that could not be resolved. Alternative measures were considered inappropriate for area	Nil
	<b>Year 1 Expenditure</b>	24,922

### **Market and Coastal Towns Rural Devon and 'Foundation' Programme Larger Schemes**

This programme will be confirmed in July as noted earlier in the report.

### **Market and Coastal Towns and Rural Devon Targeted Capital Investment Programme**

The Targeted Capital Investment (TCI) programme is targeted at schemes that open up economic growth, particularly where it is essential to enabling new development. Schemes will be progressed through design and planning stages to be ready for construction as internal and external funds are identified.

Work will continue on progressing the design of the Dinan Way extension at Exmouth. This scheme is one of the key infrastructure elements included in the emerging East Devon Local Plan to support proposed development and growth. Similarly options will be developed for a relief road at Axminster to support the planned growth at that location.

### **Countywide Foundation Programme**

East Devon will also benefit from the planned investment in bus services across Devon through the introduction real time information over the next two years. Real time information on bus running should be available by the end of 2014/15.

Design work will be progressed to establish the most cost effective option for an additional loop on the Exeter – Waterloo rail line between Pinhoe and Honiton. This would enable a future half hourly service between Exeter and Honiton subject to funding being available for both the capital cost of the loop and the initial operation of the service. The option of a half hourly service to Axminster will be considered but is unlikely to be affordable. The loop is also one of the key infrastructure elements included in the emerging East Devon Local Plan.

## **4. Sustainability Considerations**

The objectives and strategies of the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan aim to improve travel choices and reduce unnecessary use of the private car as a contribution to improving Devon's environmental, social and economic well being.

## **5. Carbon Impact Considerations**

The programmes in this report have been designed bearing in mind the effect on carbon emissions and overall have a positive impact.

## 6. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, which set out the 2010/11 programmes. No negative impacts were identified.

## 7. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations arising from this report. Specific considerations arising from individual schemes will be reported as part of the scheme approval process.

## 8. Risk Management Considerations

The programmes have been designed to maximise their deliverability taking into account factors such as land.

Risks associated with individual schemes will be reported as part of the scheme approval process.

## 9. Public Health Impact

The proposals are designed to help make Devon a place to be Safe and Naturally Active in a sustainable and low carbon environment. Walking and cycling schemes help to promote an active lifestyle. Using bus services also encourages greater levels of walking activity.

## 10. Options/Alternatives

The programmes set out in this report have been developed to maximise the efficiency of transport across all modes, whilst following the principles of the strategies set out in the Local Transport Plan. The programmes are under continuous review to reflect transport need and changing circumstances.

## 11. Reason for Recommendation/Conclusion

The recommendations promoted in this report have followed the principles and objectives set out in the Local Transport Plan. The programme proposed in this report continues the implementation of the agreed objectives throughout the East Devon area as part of the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011 to 2026.

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## Electoral Divisions: All East Devon

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Reference
Nil mj220513edh	hk/cr/market coastal towns rural foundation programme	03 hq 130613