

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 Mid-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 Mid-Devon Area for 2013/14

Local Schemes

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

Provisional Schemes	Scheme Details	Preliminary Estimate
Aids to Movement: District wide	Provision of dropped kerbs, etc. to facilitate movement for those with mobility difficulties	10k
Bewsley Hill, Coplestone	Pedestrian crossing facility on route to school	10k
A396 Leat Street, Tiverton	Provision of Zebra Crossing	40k
	Estimated Year 2 Expenditure	£60k

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
Aids to Movement: District wide	Provision of dropped kerbs, etc. to facilitate movement for those with mobility difficulties	7,074
Penn Cross Hill Passing Place	HGV passing place - Design Only Report sent to Parish Council for consideration.	2,971
The Square Sandford	Provision of Bus Shelter. Local consultation indicated that the shelter was not required	Nil
	Year 1 Expenditure	£10,045

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

This programme will be confirmed in July as noted earlier in the report. An initial development funded scheme at the Station Road/High Street junction in Cullompton is the subject of a separate report to this committee.

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.

A new junction on the A361 accessing the planned new Eastern Urban Extension to Tiverton is being designed through this programme with a view to submission to the Local Transport Board for major transport scheme funding. The urban extension is part of the growth plans for the district in the adopted Local Development Framework.

A partnership between the County Council and the Highways Agency has secured £1.3m of Government funding for improvements to Junction 27 of the M5. This will include part-time signalisation of the north and southbound off-slips to reduce congestion during peak periods. The scheme is expected to start in 2014.

Work will continue to progress on the design of the Cullompton Eastern Relief Road which will facilitate future housing and employment growth in the town. The first phase of improvements to Junction 28, the northbound off-slip, was completed in early 2013. A second phase is planned for the current financial year, financed by developers.

The Crediton Link Road scheme is expected to start in the current financial year. A report on this scheme is being considered by Cabinet on 29 May.

Countywide Foundation Programme

Mid 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.

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 Mid Devon area as part of the Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 2011 to 2026.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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