

**“Devon on the Move”, Devon Local Transport Plan (DLTP)
Proposed Programme for 2008/2009**

Report of the Area Engineer (North)

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee:

- (a) notes the funding provisions which have been approved by Executive report EEC/08/35/HQ (“Devon on the Move” Devon Local Transport Plan – Proposed Programme for 2008/09), as described in sections 1 to 3 of this report; and
- (b) approves the local allocations for the North Devon HATOC area, as listed in the table in section 5 of this report.

1. Summary

Following the local transport capital settlement for Devon, announced by Government on 27 November 2007, this report outlines the proposed programme for the third year of "Devon on the Move", the statutory Local Transport Plan for Devon, for 2006-2011.

2. Background

On 26 February 2008 Executive approved the County Council’s “Devon on the Move” programme for 2008/2009. The programme for the North Devon area is comprised of a number of separate categories. The individual category scheme lists include an element of over programming to allow for any unavoidable slippage and forward design requirements. All schemes included in the LTP must assist in meeting at least one of the seven LTP objectives, four are shared national objectives and three are local objectives. They are:

- Tackling traffic congestion.
- Delivering accessibility.
- Making roads safer.
- Improving air quality.
- Improving recreation, leisure and tourism.
- Promoting health and well-being.
- Improving public space.

3. Funding Allocations and Programme Objectives

Highway Structural Maintenance and Bridge Assessment and Strengthening

	LTP Allocation	2008/09
	(000's)	
Total	25,130	

Schemes in this programme provide for Highway Structural Maintenance and Bridge Assessment and Strengthening, together with the development of urban enhancements.

Casualty Reduction

	LTP Allocation 2008/09 (000's)
Total	650

The schemes have been designed to reduce casualties on roads in Devon and to improve safety on key routes. Casualty reduction schemes are based and prioritised on an analysis of predicted casualty savings. The programme for 2008/09 reflects schemes which offer high rates of return.

Barnstaple and Bideford Area

	LTP Allocation 2008/09 (000's)
Total	500

The 2008/09 Barnstaple and Bideford Area Programme complements considerable private and public sector investment in the regeneration of Barnstaple, particularly the town centre. Schemes are designed to lock in the capacity benefits provided by the completion of the Barnstaple Western Bypass in spring 2007 by focusing on the other modes. Cycling in Barnstaple will be made more attractive by the provision of the largely off-road Pilton cycle network, linking local schools and employment areas to the major cycle arteries such as the Tarka Trail and across the Taw Bridge. Public transport will benefit from investment to upgrade the vehicle fleet and waiting infrastructure.

Driver information will be improved through the introduction of variable message signing to advise drivers of traffic conditions, including warning of any closure of the Taw Bridge due to high winds. Other investment includes Intelligent Transport Systems, travel planning to complement infrastructure and a start on expanding the Park School park and change site. This programme is significantly enhanced by additional sources of funding including other LTP programmes, North Devon District Council and developers.

Towns, Villages and Rural Communities

	LTP Allocation 2008/09 (000's)
Total	1,000

The Towns, Villages and Rural Communities programme provides for LTP schemes outside the main centres covered by the four Area Programmes. It comprises a package of schemes to improve road safety, improve air quality, improve the quality of public spaces and tackle congestion.

The improvements to road safety are targeted at delivering priority school travel plan schemes. These schemes have the advantage of addressing a key area for safety improvements i.e. to reduce the number of child casualties. They also have an important part to play in promoting healthy travel modes by changing attitudes to travel in favour of sustainable modes and in tackling local congestion that is often associated with journeys to schools.

There are a range of schemes in the programme that improve accessibility. The focus here is on a flexible approach to addressing the accessibility needs of the disabled and those in remote areas with poor access to conventional transport provision. The allocations will be

distributed between Highways and Traffic Orders Committees (excluding Exeter which has its sub regional programme), according to where need is greatest.

Sustainable Tourism, Recreation and Leisure

The programme aims to support the role that recreation, leisure and tourism play in the economy of the county and in enhancing the quality of life of visitors and residents. The programme includes a range of cycling initiatives, involving design of the Teign cycle route, funding for smaller scale NCN schemes and extension of the Paths to Prosperity project. It also includes schemes proposed through the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and supporting sustainable access to World Heritage Sites.

This programme will be supplemented by funding for development of the National Cycle Network from the County Council corporate capital programme, and from external funding.

4. The Overall Programme for the HATOC Area

The planned expenditure for the North Devon HATOC's area arising out of the above countywide allocation totals £4,975,000. Details are set out in the table below.

All Estimates are preliminary coarse estimates. Detailed designs need to be completed, and works commissioned before likely final costs can be determined. Authority to amend the programme to maximise delivery has been delegated to the Director of Environment, Economy and Culture for specified programmes.

North Devon HATOC Local Transport Plan Programme Elements 2008/09

Programme/Scheme	Scheme Details	£000's
Highway Structural - Maintenance and Bridge Assessment/Strengthening Programme		
A39 Landkey	Reconstruct/overlay	194
A361 Bish Mill Roundabout		19
A361 Knowstone Moor	Reconstruct/overlay	251
A399 Combe Farm and Nadrid Cross	Structural work resurface	300
A377 Blackboards	Structural work resurface	400
A399 Friendship Cross to Stowford Cross	Reconstruct/overlay	182
A3123 Long Lane to Seven Ash	Reconstruct/overlay	320
Principal Roads Surface Dressing Sites	Surface Dressing	100
Principal Roads General Allocation	Reconstruct/overlay/resurface/patch/ SD	197
Non Principal Road Recovery Allocation	Reconstruct/overlay/resurface/patch/ SD	904
Non Principal Local Allocation	Reconstruct/overlay/resurface/patch/ SD	346
	Sub Total HSM	3,213
HSM Enhancements		
Barnstaple – The Square/Strand	Continuation of Town Centre enhancement scheme	217
	Sub Total HSM enhancement	217

Casualty Reduction and Route Management Programme		
UMBERLEIGH – Moor Farm	Enhanced signing	5
ILFRACOMBE –Church street	Signal Upgrade enhanced signing	15
	Sub Total Casualty Reduct'n	20
Bideford and Barnstaple Area Programme – North Devon Part		
Upgrade of North Devon Bus vehicles	Low floor buses	70
Other bus infrastructure	Funding for bus stop/shelter improvements in the sub region area.	15
Pilton Cycle Route	Construction subject to planning	220
Barnstaple VMS	Variable message signing	185
Intelligent transport systems	Information for drivers	64
Forward design and investigation	Investigate and prepare designs for future schemes	43
Barnstaple travel planning network	Promoting use of alternative travel modes	10
Includes 25% overprogramming capped at 488k	Sub Total Bideford and Barnstaple Area Programme	488
Towns, Villages and Rural Communities		
See details in section 5	Sub Total TVRC Programme	173
North Devon HATOC Area Total		4,111

5. Detailed Programmes for School Travel Plans; Public Transport Facilities; and Local Access Improvements.

Schemes with coarse preliminary estimates are summarised in the following table.

Towns, Villages and Rural Communities programme		
Ilfracombe Ncn	All weather surface Lee to ilfracombe	46
Instow	Toucan crossing	24
HATOC schemes	Various	10
School Travel Plans		
General	Support of development of travel plans	4
Local Access Improvement		
Saunton	Improved signing and lining for cycles pedestrians	4
Pottington industrial estate	Dropped kerbs at junction	4
Barnstaple	Barrier schemes	1
Fremington	Footway/cycleway improvement	25
TROs that assist walking/	Subject to other priorities that	Reserve schemes

cycling/public transport.	arise.	
Bus Infrastructure		
Bus Facilities Braunton	TRO to assist bus movements	2
Bus Facilities Witheridge	Outside School	3.5
Bus Facilities Landkey	New replacement shelter in village	3.5
Bus Facilities General Various Sites	Poles and flags to support bus service operators	.5
Bus Facilities South Molton	Review Bus stops in Square	1
Bus Facilities Adshell Sites	Works to support Adshell bus shelter site upgrades 13 sites	3
Bus Facilities Tawstock	Sainsburys Gratton Way New shelter outside car park	3.5
Bus Facilities Wilder road Ilfracombe	Relocate Shelter and Footpath improvement	20
Bus Facilities Lynton	New shelter bottom meadow car park	6
Bus Facilities Ilfracombe	New Shelter St Brannocks road /jn with Bicclescombe	Reserve scheme
Bus Facilities Croyde Village Centre	New Shelter outside unison	Reserve scheme
Bus Facilities Fremington	New shelter at Allenstyle	Reserve scheme
Bus Facilities Braunton	Bus Facilities West Meadow Saunton Park Braunton (New Shelter)	Reserve scheme
Bus Facilities South Molton	New Shelter and base North Road Quince Honey Farm	Reserve scheme
Forward design		10
	Sub Total TVRC Programme	173

6. Sustainability Considerations

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

7. Equality Considerations

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, which included the 2008/09 programmes as described in this report. No negative impacts were identified.

8. Reasons for Reaching the Recommendation

The recommendations promoted in this report have followed the principles and objectives set out in "Devon on the Move". The programme proposed in this report continues the implementation of the agreed objectives throughout the South Devon area as part of the Devon Local Transport Plan 2006-2011.

9. Alternative Options Considered

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 Plan. The programmes are under continuous review to reflect transport need and changing circumstances.

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Electoral Divisions: All in North Devon

Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
1. "Devon on the Move" March 2006 - Devon Local Transport Plan	2006-2011	-
2. 2008/09-2010/11 Settlement letter from Government Office for the South West	27 November 2007	-
3. Devon on the Move" - Devon Local Transport Plan (DLTP) Proposed Programme for 2008/09 (EEC/08/35/HQ)		

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