

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 Management

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 for South Hams which have been included in report PTE/13/55 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 Transport Plan programme for 2014/15 in the South Hams area.

2. Background/Introduction

Cabinet agreed a two year Local Transport Plan programme for 2013/14 and 2014/15 in July 2013. This included the award of Government funding for the Local Pinch Point schemes and New Stations Fund. Since then £4.4m of Government funding has also been awarded for the Granite and Gears cycling programme for Dartmoor National Park.

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 South Hams Area for 2014/15

Local Schemes

2014/15 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
Modbury TRO	Proposed parking restrictions in the village of Modbury. Parish Council have already paid £2,000 towards the cost of the scheme.	4k
Stoke Fleming Traffic Calming Scheme	Amend speed restrictions and introduce speed reduction features.	5k
Aveton Gifford Village Improvements	Change junction priority at school end with improvements to layout, raised school crossing point outside school to replace current two crossing points, some additional areas of NWAAT and investigate providing some limited parking, provision of cycle track.	25k
Loddiswell Large Vehicle Prohibition	Area around Loddiswell encompassing B3196 and C206. Small budget required to complete legal process from previous year's scheme.	2k
West Charleton Footway Improvement	Improve pedestrian provision on the south side of A379 to/from primary school following on road trial.	25k
Ivybridge National Cycle Route 2 Missing link	Shared cycle/pedestrian footway scheme between Cleave Drive, St. John's Road and Belmont Road to complete NCN2 in this area. Previous year's scheme to be progressed following agreement on land ownership issues.	25k
Ford Road, Yealmpton	Parking restrictions to supplement year 12/13 scheme.	2.5k
Avonwick Traffic Calming	Rural Gateway priority narrowing and improvement to junction at the Avonwick Inn. Resurfacing required to complete previous year's scheme which could not be undertaken in the winter months.	19k
South Street Totnes Traffic Management Scheme	Completion of previous year's scheme involving introduction of loading restrictions.	4k
	Estimated Year 3 Expenditure	121.5k

The 2014/15 programme is the final year 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 2 (2013/14) of the programme is shown below.

2013/14 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	10k
Ivybridge Park and Ride Bus Shelter provision	Provision of a new bus shelter within the Park & Ride site – scheme funded by Local Member and Town Council	0k
West Charleton Footway Improvement Investigation	Investigate ways to improve pedestrian provision on the south side of A379 to/from primary school – scheme to be delivered 14/15	3k
South Street Totnes Traffic Management Scheme	Improving road signs and lines to discourage traffic entering the narrow town centre area by mistake – Traffic order to be progressed 14/15	7k
Avonwick Traffic Calming	Rural Gateway priority narrowing and improvement to junction at the Avonwick Inn – scheme to be completed 14/15	6.5k
Filham Park Ivybridge. Access Footpath	Crossing point and new footway east side of Godwell Lane under A38 to entrance with Filham Park.	12.5k
St Peter's Way, Ivybridge - Pedestrian Improvements	Access improvement for pedestrians at entrance to park.	19.5k
Loddiswell Large Vehicle Prohibition	Area around Loddiswell encompassing B3196 and C206. TRO to be implemented in 2014/15	10.5k
Ivybridge National Cycle Route 2 Missing link	Scheme to be delivered in 2014/15 following resolution of land ownership issues	0k
Clarence Hill (Dartmouth) Width Restriction	Scheme to solve the problem of building strikes, in an area where roads are only suitable for cars or light vans.	3k
	Year 2 Expenditure	72k

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

Cabinet agreed the construction of the Redworth Junction improvement scheme at its March meeting. This will include new signalled pedestrian crossings as well as a refurbishment of the traffic signals which are life expired.

The Totnes Station Road and Coronation Road pedestrian crossing facilities were originally planned for construction in 2013/14 but will now be delivered in 2014/15. These are the subject of a separate report to this HATOC.

Market and Coastal Towns and Rural Devon Targeted Capital Investment Programme

A scheme is being developed to improve the A38 Deep Lane junction at Langage. This will incorporate improvements to the existing junction to enable early stages of the Sherford new community and further expansion of Langage Business Park to progress as well as a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the A38. The bridge will connect Sherford to the business park, encouraging walking and cycling and minimising the level of additional short car trips impacting on the junction's capacity, particularly in peak periods. The bridge will also connect Plympton to the National Cycle Network route 2 via Sherford. The scheme is included in the Heart of South West Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan

(SEP) proposals for Government funding through the Local Growth Fund. Section 106 contributions from the new community and Langage Business Park will also contribute towards the scheme.

A longer term major scheme for further junction improvements in this location has previously been taken through a public consultation stage. Further consideration will be given to developing this scheme for future delivery through the SEP in the period from 2021.

Countywide Foundation Programme

Cabinet approved the installation of a Countywide bus real time information system in February 2013. It is currently anticipated that the system will be in place by the end of 2014 with information initially being provided through Smartphones and the internet. Separate reports will be taken to Cabinet on proposals to provide on-street information displays and real time linked bus priority at traffic signals. These will need to take account of the on-going maintenance liabilities.

Locations in the South Hams will be included as part of a programme to provide attractive cycle parking facilities in market and coastal towns across Devon.

Other countywide programmes that may include schemes in South Hams are Public Rights of Way improvements and Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) programmes for Access to Education and Access to Employment.

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

Where relevant to the decision, the Equality Act 2010 Public Sector Equality Duty requires decision makers to give due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other prohibited conduct;
- advance equality by encouraging participation, removing disadvantage, taking account of disabilities and meeting people's needs; and
- foster good relations between people by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

taking account of age, disability, race/ethnicity (includes Gypsies and Travellers), gender and gender identity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, pregnant women/new and breastfeeding mothers, marriage/civil partnership status in coming to a decision, a decision maker may also consider other relevant factors such as caring responsibilities, rural isolation or socio-economic disadvantage.

This may be achieved, for example, through completing a full Equality Impact Needs Assessment/Impact Assessment or other form of options/project management appraisal that achieves the same objective.

An Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) was undertaken for the Local Transport Plan 2011-2026. No negative impacts were identified. Impact Assessments covering equalities and other aspects such as economic and social will be carried out for major schemes and included with the relevant Cabinet report seeking scheme approval.

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

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Electoral Divisions: All South Hams

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Reference
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