



AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

HENBURY AND SOUTHMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Report of: Service Director – Transport Service

Title: Devolved Transport Schemes for 2013/14

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RECOMMENDATION

1. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to agree the 2013/14 work programmes for carriageway surface dressing
2. The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to note that footway schemes are delayed until later in the year.
3. The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to note the schemes that will be delivered in the Henbury and Southmead NP area in 2013/14.
4. The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to note that a pause in decision making of 12 months is needed in order to deliver this year's work programme. The team are committed to using the pause to deliver all outstanding schemes in the area. Devolved funding will be carried forward and identification of new schemes will start in late 2013.

Carriageway surface dressing – (sufficient funding is available to deliver the priorities listed below)

1. Carriageway surface dressing is a needs-based maintenance technique aimed at preserving the existing surface of the carriageway, rather than replacing it. The funding devolved to the NP's has, therefore, been split on a city-wide basis between the roads most in need of surface dressing. This approach does mean that some NP's will have more surface dressing works than others, but it does ensure that the worst problems throughout the city are addressed.
2. Having due regard for the condition of other roads in the city (as explained above), the roads listed below are those identified as being most in need of attention in this NP area. This is based on routine inspections and assessments carried out by our Highway Officers.

Ref	Location	Ward	Estimated cost
1	Station Road	Henbury	£15,000
2	Hallen Road (Marissal - boundary)	Henbury	£20,100
3	Charlton Road (Pen Park - boundary)	Henbury	£18,000
4	Passage Road	Henbury	£17,079
	Total		£70,179

Footway maintenance schemes

3. Work on footways maintenance schemes is delayed until later in the year. An update on this will be provided in June 2013.

Local traffic schemes

4. Prior to devolution, the traffic management teams delivered 12-15 schemes per year. Since devolution, NPs have chosen 40-50 schemes per year to be delivered by traffic management. No additional staff are available to deliver these schemes, and recently 5-6 officers have left the teams which has added to remaining officers' workload. At the same time, additional work to deliver the highways infrastructure investment of £1m has been created for the teams.
5. This has resulted in a backlog in delivering local traffic schemes in neighbourhoods. A pause in decision making is needed for 2013-14 to enable all work to be finished. The traffic management teams have committed to using this pause in order to complete the outstanding schemes.
6. Unspent devolved budgets will be carried forward. This means that in April 2014 your Neighbourhood Partnership will have any underspend from the 2012/13 Local Traffic Schemes budget, £17,147 2013/14 Local Traffic Schemes Budget plus the 2014/15 Local Traffic Schemes budge to spend on local traffic schemes.

7. The schemes that will be delivered in Henbury and Southmead NP for the coming year are set out in the table below. The schemes include local traffic schemes, s106 schemes, local sustainable transport schemes and other relevant schemes in the area.

Scheme / location	Current status (in progress/not yet started)	Estimated completion date	Other
a. Pedestrian Refuge Island and new footway, upgrade bus stop, introduce double yellow lines to prevent parking close to new island, Greystoke Ave (Dunmail/Eastleigh Roads)	Preliminary design complete, public consultation ongoing	December 2013 (TRO required)	Devolved NP funding
b. Feasibility study to assess the range of options available to improve visibility and road safety, junction of Brentry Lane, Charlton Lane and Swanmoor Crescent.	Traffic counts complete, options to be considered and report produced	September 2013	Devolved NP funding
c. Feasibility study to identify the most suitable location for a pedestrian crossing facility and provide a detailed assessment of the site constraints, Knole Lane in the vicinity St Josephs Rd	Traffic counts complete, options to be considered and report produced	September 2013	Devolved NP funding
d. Traffic assessment of Doncaster Road to develop detailed proposals for improved pedestrian crossing facilities	Traffic counts complete, options to be considered and report produced	September 2013	Devolved NP funding
e. Narrow estate road improvements, Satchfield Close	Design issues resolved. Public consultation and detail design to follow	July 2013	Devolved NP funding (narrow estate roads)
f. Narrow estate road improvements, Passage	No progress	Currently unknown	Devolved NP funding (narrow

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Road			estate roads)
g. Pedestrian facilities, Knole Lane, junction with St. Joseph's Road, Brentry	Subject to feasibility study results - see above	March 2014	IBFF and S106 funding
h. Junction improvements, Brentry Lane / Charlton Lane / Swanmoor Crescent junction	Subject to feasibility study results - see above	March 2014	S106 funding

8. Neighbourhood Partnerships can proceed with decision-making on s106 local traffic schemes with deadlines of July 2014 or before. There are no schemes for your area with deadlines on or before July 2014.

9. Transport s106 schemes that aren't delivered by traffic management – for example public transport schemes, bus stops – can proceed as normal. Potential schemes that you might like to work on are detailed below:

Development site	Purpose of s106 contribution	Contribution value	Date to be spent/committed by
None apply in Henbury & Southmead			

Narrow estate road schemes (Dundry View and Henbury and Southmead only)

10. The 2012-13 Budget has yet to be allocated. We propose to complete existing commitments but not to specify new schemes for 2013/14, some of the 2012-13 budget will be required in order to do this. **See 7f, Passage Road Narrow Estate Road scheme above.** The remainder of the 2012-13 budget along with the 2013-14 budget will be rolled forward to 2014-15 and will be distributed across NPs with the most pressing need for this type of work.

Equalities impact assessment

Road Surface Dressing: There are no specific implications - positive or negative - for equalities groups arising from the deliver of the surface dressing proposals other than the general benefit of maintaining the quality of the highways which applies to everyone. There is no anticipated impact

because the roads that get surface-dressed are already of reasonable quality, and therefore pose no risk.

Delaying Footway maintenance decisions: There is a potential negative impact in delaying footway maintenance improvements because they are likely to deliver benefits in increased safety and accessibility. By their very nature these works particularly benefit disabled and Older people by mitigating footway hazards. The main mitigation we recommend is to bring forward the decisions on footways at the earliest time in the 2013/14 NP meeting cycle.

The focus on delivery of all the outstanding highways schemes over the coming year will have a positive impact on equalities groups as many of them have positive outcomes for accessibility of roads and footways. There may also be a negative impact in that newly identified schemes, many of which have been awaiting delivery for some time and which also aim to deliver improved access and safety, cannot be delivered in this time period. The main mitigation is to ensure that the backlog is cleared and that this enables schemes to be delivered in a timely manner in future. In future reports a consideration of the equalities impact of each scheme will be brought forward prior to the decision-making point in the NP report.