



AGENDA ITEM 8

AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

1st July 2014

Title: Devolved Transport Budgets for 2014/15

Officer presenting report: Mark Sperduty – Area Manager

RECOMMENDATION

1. To agree the Local Traffic Schemes programme for 2014/15 and provisional programme for 2015/16 and 2016/17 (Section 6).
2. To agree to two reserve schemes for 2015/16 onwards (Section 7)

New Three Year Works Programme

1. There was a pause on any new scheme being selected by the NP in 2013/14 and so this unallocated devolved budget has been carried forward into this year. This means that the funding going into your NP devolved budget for the current year (2014/15) is £34,284, although this funding is dependent on the final accounts from the schemes currently being progressed.
2. As outlined at the 4th March 2014 NP meeting, to enable our limited resources to be able to deliver new schemes in a reasonable timescale, the number of schemes chosen per year across the city is now being limited to one per NP. Furthermore, in order to provide clarity over which schemes are being progressed each year and enable some advanced work to be done where possible, we are asking each NP to choose schemes for a 3 year programme.

3. As schemes often need more than 12 months to be completed due to the various design and consultation stages prior to build, it has been agreed that schemes can be notionally split so that development of the proposal is done in one year with the implementation completed in a second year. These would each count as the equivalent of half a scheme and this enables two schemes to be in progress at any one time in the NP area.
4. Alongside the local traffic schemes the NP have previously set aside £1,500 a year to be spent at the discretion of the Highway Officers addressing requests for new signs or changes to road markings (outside of parking restrictions). Given the constraints on the number of schemes in each NP area, it is recommended that alongside this Minor Signs and Lines budget, an amount is set aside for Minor Works, i.e. improvements that do not need significant design or consultation work or any legal advice. Examples could include footway bollards, coloured surfacing, a bench or a dropped kerb to aid pedestrian access. It is recommended that £3,000 would be a suitable amount for this type of work.
5. As these works would be slightly more expensive than a sign, it is recommended that all requests should be reviewed by highway officers, considered and recommended through Traffic subgroups (or local equivalent) for decision at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting as a devolved budget.
6. The Transport Working Group Meeting considered all the local transport issues raised locally in this context and have recommended the 3 year programme outlined in Table 1. The details of the other schemes considered and not recommended as a priority by the Transport Working Group are contained in Appendix 1.
7. The funding allocated to the Shirehampton Road/Kingsweston Road/Westbury Lane junction improvement scheme will not be sufficient to deliver a scheme at this junction that addresses the issues raised. The Transport Working Group have recommended this scheme on the understanding that it would need additional funding to progress, which may or may not be available. Whilst officers will work on identifying other sources of funding, there is a significant risk that this scheme will not be deliverable. Therefore, the Transport Working Group recommended that consideration be given to identifying two reserve schemes which can be progressed in the event that this one cannot.

Table 1 – 3 year work programme

Details	Type	Cost
2014/15 budget £34,294 (plus £2,044.92 u/spend carried forward – Total: £36,338.92)		
Shirehampton Village Parking Review and Pedestrian Improvements	Design and Consultation – Minor Traffic Scheme	£29,784
New play equipment on Ridingleaze requires road safety measures - the pavement building out - Lawrence Weston	pavement building out – Minor Works	£7,000 - £8,000
Minor Signs and Lines	Implementation	£1,500
Total		£39,284
2015/16 budget £17,147		
Shirehampton Road/Kingsweston Road/Westbury Lane Junction Improvements	Design and Consultation - Minor Traffic Scheme	£12,500
Minor Signs and Lines	Implementation	£1,500
Minor Works	Implementation	£3,000
Total		£17,000
2016/17 budget £17,147		
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8. Undevolving Surface Dressing and Footway Maintenance Budgets – opinion sought

a. The NP is requested to comment on a proposal which has come out of the NP Review process to undevolve the Highways Surface Dressing and Footways Maintenance budgets from 2015/2016.

b. A number of NPs and individuals indicated that these technical issues were of little direct interest to NP members and were heavily dependant on technical advice from Highways Officers.

c. Footways maintenance did seem to be of interest to some NPs. #

d. If NPs were in support of undevolving these budgets and returning them to Highways Officers for decision making the NP is asked what influence, if any, they would want to have on how these budgets were used in your neighbourhoods.

e. A report to Cabinet is being prepared which could include a recommendation to undevolve these budgets if it is supported by a majority of NPs. This report will also propose removing the ringfencing from NP devolved budgets to create a single Neighbourhood Budget. **Equalities impact assessment**

9. An Equalities Impact Relevance Check has been undertaken and determined that due to the fact that this decision has no impact on those with protected characteristics in the following ways a full equalities impact assessment is not required:

- access to or participation in a service;
- levels of representation in BCC workforce; or
- reducing quality of life (i.e. health, education, standard of living)

8. The Traffic Sub Group considered the local impact on those with protected characteristics when considering the requests listed in Appendix 1, when reaching agreement on which schemes to recommend.

Equalities impact assessment

9. Further Equalities Impact Relevance Checks will be undertaken during the development of each scheme so that the specific impact of that scheme can be considered as the detail evolves.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Full Listing of Traffic Issues Considered by the Transport Working Group

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Ref N.o.	Rank	Ward	Location	Issue	Possible solution	Cost / Est.	Notes	Status
1	1	Avonmouth	Avonmouth Village	Parking issues and access problems with HGVs. Includes lorries parking by Glos R d gate	Undertake parking and weight limit review throughout village. Officers undertaking some works, can review nearer June to see if it still requires further works. If TRO is required would be around £5,000, so overall cost likely to be in the region of £7,000.	£5,000 - £7,000 TBC	Avonmouth Village – currently putting together a maintenance scheme to replace faded regulatory signs around the village (over 20) and refresh dyl particularly around the Gloucester Road area. This should mean that the Police will have far more confidence to carry out enforcement, and may resolve some of the issues. Survey complete and signs will all be done in one batch.	Survey complete and signs will all be done in one batch May / June. Probably best to see the outcome of this work before any more is agreed
2	1	Avonmouth	Shirehampton Village Centre	Request for parking restriction Scheme. Could include N.o. 6 below (Avonwood Close)	Parking Review of whole village incl St Bernards School.	£10,000+	Nigel Lapworth needs more info about what the parking issues are here where they are. He says restrictions at the school will be done anyway including safety measures at the Zebra crossing by the garage. Avonwood Close request on list (extension to the lines on junction) could also be included in this scheme).	
3	2	Kingsweston	Sea Mills	TRO zigzags outside Primary School in Sea Mills – and crossing linked to 106 funds		\$106 funding possibly available		
4	not ranked by NP	Kingsweston	Ridingleaze, Lawrence Weston	New play equipment on Ridingleaze requires road safety measures	Needs the pavement building out.	£7,000 - £8,000	Funding from NP devolved Local Traffic Scheme Budget to be used for this as no other budgets available. This will classed as a 'minor works' scheme (so not not the NP traffic scheme for the year). Gary Brentnall to consult with shop keepers beginning of May 14.	
5	not ranked by NP	Kingsweston	Ridingleaze, Lawrence Weston	cars not stopping at Z-crossing	Enforcement; puffin crossing ?	NA	N Lapworth to check and see if lines need painting or additions to crossing	
6	not ranked by NP	Avonmouth	Avon Wood Close, Shirehampton	Vehicles parking too close to junction	Extension to the lines of approximately 4m on either side of the junction would improve visibility and discourage parking near to junction. Need new TRO Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£5,500.00	Relates to possible Shirehampton Village review of restrictions	
7	not ranked by NP	Avonmouth	Trading Estate Avonmouth	Lorries using side roads illegally and causing houses to shake			Monitoring lorries (sent details to VOSA (Lorries Licencing Agency). Waiting results of the investigation. PCSO logged 20 more lorry drivers.	
8	not ranked by NP	Avonmouth	Avonmouth Traffic Island	Avonmouth Traffic Island - accidents				
9	not ranked by NP	Avonmouth	Kingsweston Lane / St Andrews Rd,	Lorries parked in the Lane causing hold ups; Cars go far too fast on both roads, the traffic lights at the Kings Weston Lane/St Andrews Road only let out either a lorry & car when they change back to red which is causing huge queues up Kings Weston Lane in the morning and evening.	Need the traffic light sequence changing so as to allow more traffic to turn into St Andrews Road, double yellow lines to stop Lorries parking/ Drivers sleeping.		Some changes have been made to lights sequencing which will improve it to some degree. Highways advise nothing else can be done here	
10	not ranked by NP	Kingsweston	Moore Grove, LW	Driving over the green				
11	not ranked by NP	Kingsweston	Westbury Lane/Shirehampton Road Triangle	This is a nasty junction with a poor road safety record. As well as having been identified as a concern by Clr Leaman and others, it has been on the road safety radar for some years as one of the City's 120 or so accident cluster sites.	Not an easy junction to treat due to the gradients. Previous attempts to design improvements ranged from minor realignment of kerbs & lining (£15k ish), to £100k plus junction schemes, and the junction was one of the failed LSTF funding bids for the area. May attract funding from Cycling and/or Road Safety budgets to help create a joint funded scheme if a suitable design can be achieved.	£100k+		