



AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

**STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

17th SEPTEMBER 2014

Title: Local Traffic Schemes for 2014/15

Officer presenting report: Neil Terry

RECOMMENDATION

1. Note the update on existing local traffic schemes.
2. To agree the local traffic scheme for 2014/15 for the Stockwood, Hengrove & Whitchurch NP area

Update on local traffic schemes, Section 106 schemes, Local Sustainable Transport Schemes and other relevant schemes in the NP area.

Location	Scheme description	Funding source	Progress to date
New Fosseway Rd	Limited waiting parking restrictions (adjacent to Post Office)	Local Traffic Scheme 2011/2012	Completed
Cadogan Rd	Weight Limit Review	Local Traffic Scheme 2011/2012	Scheme to be reassigned within the Highways Service
Minor Lining & Signing	Various locations	2012/2013	Completed for 2012/13

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Mowbray Rd	Parking restrictions	Local Traffic Scheme 2012/2013	Completed
Petherton Rd	Parking restrictions	Local Traffic Scheme 2012/2013	Substantially completed with snagging issues
Walsh Avenue	Pedestrian refuge island and parking restrictions	Local Traffic Scheme 2012/2013	Internal consultation carried out, redesign and consultation to occur with NP
Minor Lining & Signing 2013/2014	Various locations	2013/2014	Completed for 2013/14
Hengrove Park - Whitchurch Lane	The provision of directional signage for the Hengrove Park site (at Whitchurch Lane)	Section 106 funding (to be spent by 8th April 2015)	Completed

Devolved Local Traffic Schemes for Decision

Background

1. In 2013-14 a backlog in delivering local traffic schemes was acknowledged and a pause in decision making was agreed by the Partnerships, in order to deliver the backlog of schemes.
2. Unallocated devolved budgets have been carried forward from 2013/14 meaning that from April 2014 your local traffic scheme budget is £28,794. This funding will be subject to the final accounts of the current schemes.
3. What has become clear during the pause is that there is still not enough capacity within the Highways Service (specifically not enough personnel) to deliver more than 14 local traffic schemes per year, in addition to the S106, IBFF and LSTF schemes etc.

4. Prior to 2009/10, when budgets were devolved to the NP, traffic management officers delivered local traffic schemes but since the devolution of the budgets the number of staff in the team has decreased while the workload has increased.
5. The last three to four years have shown that realistically, the Highways Service can only deliver one scheme per Partnership per year.
6. At the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting in March 2014, it was proposed that:
 - Each Neighbourhood Partnership be limited to choosing one local traffic scheme per year, which we know is deliverable; and
 - Each Partnership considers choosing schemes for a 2 to 3 year programme, and we will endeavour to work flexibly to deliver these schemes as quickly as possible within this timescale.
7. At the Neighbourhood Partnership Traffic Sub-Group meeting dated 18th August 2014, the partnership members present, supported by highways officers, prioritised 39 request and issues down to two priority schemes for 2014/15 and 2015/16.
8. The recommendations from the Traffic Sub-Group is as below:

Recommendation

Local traffic schemes

1. The Neighbourhood Committee as asked to note the local traffic schemes recommended by the Neighbourhood Partnership Traffic Sub-Group meeting dated 18th August 2014.

Year	Location	Description of Scheme
2014/15	Stockwood ward: Stockwood Lane	Revisit existing feasibility study and implement an appropriate scheme to address some of the issues identified

Year	Location	Description of Scheme
2015/16	Hengrove ward: Exact area to be defined but to include Fortfield Road, Wharncliffe Gardens, Ridgeways Lane	Area Wide Parking restriction scheme

2. The Traffic Sub-Group also recommends that £3,000 is put into a fund to be called Minor Works Fund to enable minor works such as dropped kerbs and bollards as examples to be delivered.

3. Any requests for funding from the Minor Works Fund to be emailed to Ward Members for approval.

Equalities Statement

2. The Equalities Impact Relevance Check has been reviewed 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)

3. Generally, older people, those with a physical disability, or a mobility impairment are more likely to be disadvantaged than others with protected characteristics when there are footway maintenance issues.

4. Investment in Bristol's roads, footways, gullies and street lighting improves the accessibility and safety of the road and footway network and therefore has a positive impact on all equalities groups, and in particular older people.