



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

2nd December 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

Local Traffic Schemes 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 your NP local traffic scheme 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. The budget for minor traffic schemes in future years is still to be determined following the decision to remove the ring fence on all devolved funding.
2. As outlined at the 20th 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 complete, 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, £5,000 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.
5. As these works would be slightly more expensive than a sign, it is recommended that whilst all requests should be reviewed by highway officers, agreement on which to proceed should be sought from the Neighbourhood Partnership.
6. The 4th November 2014 Transport Working Group Meeting considered all the local transport issues raised locally in this context and have recommended the following programme. The details of the other schemes considered and not recommended as a priority by the Transport Working Group are contained in Appendix 1.

Details	Type	Cost
2014/15		
Beaufort Road – closure of junction with Gloucester Road to remove through traffic to the Memorial Ground site	Design and Implementation	£20,000
Muller Road/Glenfrome Road traffic signals – amend signal timings and cut new detection loops	Implementation (Minor works)	£3,000
Murdoch Square – add bollards to existing traffic islands to prevent overrun in the dark	Implementation (Minor works)	£1,000
Minor Signs and Lines	Implementation	£1,500
Minor Works (TBD)	Implementation	£1,000
Total		£26,500

2015/16		
No schemes selected		£-
Total		£-
2016/17		
No schemes selected		£-
Total		£-

Equalities impact assessment

7. 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. 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, those with a physical disability, or mobility impairment.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Traffic Issues Considered by Transport Working Group

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Ref	Location and Issue	Recommendation
1	Vehicle conflicts at School open/close times at Allfoxtan Rd	School to request School Crossing Patrol
2	Motor vehicle traffic queuing on Muller Rd for Downend Rd	On hold pending Memorial Ground
3	Vehicle congestion at Muller Rd intersection with Glenfrome Rd	Minor Works
4	Lack of crossing facilities across Romney Ave to Primary School	On hold pending school expansion
5	Right turning traffic causing queues at Filton Rd / Wessex Ave	Already being considered by Traffic Signals team
6	Safety and access issues at junction of Toronto Rd & Hazel Grove	On hold pending Southmead Hospital Parking Review
7	Long queues of vehicles at Muller road turning left onto Gloucester Rd	On hold pending Memorial Ground
8	Lack of dropped kerbs at Church Rd and Churchways Ave	On hold pending Memorial Ground
9	Parking around Woodchester Rd & Wellington Walk	On hold pending Southmead Hospital Parking Review
10	Obstructions in the road at Wessex Avenue	On hold whilst Police carry out enforcement
11	Obstructive parking at Court Close	On hold pending Southmead Hospital Parking Review
12	Cars using Beaufort Road as a ratrun	Main Scheme 2014/15
13	Parking on Shaldon Rd, too close to Junction	On hold pending school expansion
14	Parked cars causing extra road danger at Manor Farm	On hold pending Southmead Hospital Parking Review
15	HGVs using Downend Rd to access Muller Rd and Dovercourt Rd	On hold pending other developments/schemes
16	Traffic calming measures considered dangerous across Murdoch Sq.	Minor Works
17	Crossing island is not of good standard at Muller Rd (near B&Q)	On hold as potential crossing as part of development of former garage site.
18	Wellington Hill – zebra crossing by Church Road	Not supported as priority
19	Church Road – traffic calming to reduce vehicle speeds	Not supported as priority