

Highways Review Panel

Additional £570K Funding for Highways in 2022/23

Action Plan for Delivery of Additional Highway Improvements

Additional Council Funding

A decision of the Council on 3rd March 2022 included the following in respect of the Budget setting process:

‘1) that for 2022/23 net revenue expenditure of £120.8m resulting in a Council Tax requirement of £78.1m for 2022/23 (a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, of which 1% is for Adult Social Care) be approved, now including £570,000 for one-off highways improvements (including repairing potholes, repainting double yellow lines, improved signage, improved road safety, the introduction of new traffic regulation orders) to be allocated from the Comprehensive Spending Review Reserve. The reserve balance to be reinstated as the first allocation of any underspend in 2021/22 and 2022/23;’

In respect of the additional £570k of additional Highway funding for the 2022/23 financial year, the following priorities have been proposed and agreed for implementation. Estimated budget provision is included for each proposal; however, these will need to have some flexibility once actual costs are known.

Local Transport Plan Supporting Initiatives.

Traffic Systems

- Replace Vehicle Actuated ‘30mph’ and warning signs in key locations on our network, which are defective or beyond residual lifespan and not currently working effectively. These are an integral part of influencing driver behaviours on strategic roads. It is the intention to replace defective signs or repair if economically viable, subject to final costs and supply, the works to be undertaken through the existing street lighting contract and a survey of the existing locations has been instructed. The current locations are:

New Road, Brixham,
Totnes Road, Paignton,
Colley End Road, Paignton,
Clennon Valley, Paignton,
Marldon road, Paignton,
Preston Down road, Paignton,
Marldon Road, Torquay,
Great Hill Road, Torquay
Teignmouth Road, Torquay
Kings Ash Road, Paignton

Circa £30k (Improved Road Safety and Improved Signage)

- We will investigate options and implement an upgrade of Major Junction CCTV cameras. These are used on major junctions to assist with traffic management and control incidents and have previously provided ‘Realtime’ information on traffic issues around major

interchanges. The current system is not operational due to the age of the technology and requires a full upgrade. This will be passed to the Community Safety Team to progress through their current CCTV contract arrangements. The locations identified are:

Newton Rd/Hele Rd (Lawes Bridge), Torquay
Newton Rd/Shiphay Lane, Torquay
Avenue Rd/Falkland Rd (Abbey Gates), Torquay
Belgrave Rd, Torbay Rd (Sea Front) Torquay
Dartmouth Rd/Totnes Rd, Paignton
Brixham Rd/Totnes Rd (Tweenaway X), Paignton
Brixham Rd/Borough Rd (Clayland X), Paignton
Brixham Rd/Dartmouth Rd (Windy Corner)
Riveria Way, (Scotts Bridge)
Brixham Rd/ Long Rd, Paignton
Edginswell/ Hamelin way, Torquay
Kings Ash/ Spruce way, Paignton

Circa £50k (One off highway improvements to improve Network Management)

- We will Replace the Weather Monitoring Station to the A380. The current station is not operational and requires replacement to ensure more accurate local temperature forecasting and to ensure appropriate and efficient decision making for the delivery of the winter maintenance service. This is vital to ensure we are treating our roads in the most effective way. The procurement process has been commenced on this.

Circa £30k (One off Highway improvements to improve delivery of a safe strategic highway network)

Proposed Budget for this Section - £110k

Traffic and Road Safety Engineering

- We will continue the roll out of 20 mph zones in residential areas with a further 2-3 areas from the approved programme taken forward to implementation in 2022/23. In priority order these will be aimed at:

Fore Street, Barton,
Fisher Street Area, Paignton
Queensway, Torquay.

There may not be sufficient resources to implement all three of these schemes in a single financial year, however this will be reviewed as the schemes progress and may be supported by the Integrated Transport Block funding if budget allows.

Circa £60k (Improved Road Safety and the Introduction of New Traffic Regulation Orders)

- We will progress the implementation of additional Traffic Regulation Orders to manage the issue of overnight encampments with the initial focus on Ilsham Marine Drive. Torquay. Ward Councillors are also being requested to identify other problem locations and these will also be investigated to propose and implement solutions.

Circa £15k (Introduction of New Traffic Regulation Orders)

Proposed Budget for this Section- £75k

Highways Maintenance and Upgrades

- To support the Structural Maintenance Programme, in accordance with the Highways Asset Management Strategy with Additional carriageway preventative maintenance and resurfacing works. **Circa £265k (Pothole prevention investment including re-marking of white and yellow lines)**
- To support the Structural Maintenance Programme with additional footway reconstruction works to replace defective areas. The priority areas that have been identified are residential areas with badly worn slabbed footways, as these are the most likely to cause hazards to pedestrians. We have programmed works to Dorchester Grove, Audley Avenue and Orange Grove, Torquay and further areas will be considered if the budget will allow. **Circa £100k (Pothole prevention investment and improved Pedestrian Safety)**
- To provide additional resources to increase weed control across the highway network. **Circa £20k (Pothole prevention investment)**

Proposed Budget for this Section £385k

Total Proposed Budget £570k

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