

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE		
DATE:	18 MARCH 2019		
TITLE:	HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORK PROGRAMME - 2019/2020		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the planned 2019/20 work programme for delivery of various highways and transport schemes in Reading.
- 1.2 These improvements contribute to the delivery of the Corporate Plan by implementing a programme of Transport and Highway Improvements across the Borough. This programme contributes to several corporate priorities and enhances Reading as a place and improves the quality of life for residents and visitors.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 - List of projects

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the report is noted.
- 2.2 That the committee approve progression of the programme as detailed in Appendix 1.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Reading's Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026 has a number of specific roles including:

- Improving accessibility to central Reading and to neighbourhood centres for all modes of transport, ensuring access to essential facilities for all members of the community and continuing sustainable economic growth
 - Reducing the impact of congestion on key radial routes, through the provision of justified additional capacity for each mode, thereby enhancing travel choice
 - Ensuring that travel in Reading is made as safe as possible, particularly for vulnerable road users, through timely maintenance and traffic management
 - Promoting the management of and investment in the local transport system, delivering continuous and sustainable improvements through efficient use of resources, effective use of existing networks and long term planning for future travel needs.
- 3.2 The Council is in the process of developing a consultation strategy for a new LTP. Whilst the final detail of the LTP is to be confirmed following the detailed consultations, it will be a key element of delivering the Reading 2050 Vision, and it will be aligned with the timescales for the emerging Local Plan to cover the period up to 2036.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The programme detailed in Appendix 1 provides the detail of the Highways and Transport projects planned to be delivered throughout the 2019/20 financial year. The projects are in line with the aims and objectives of the current Local Transport Plan 2011-2026, the Council's Transformation Programme, and the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
- 4.2 Full details of these schemes have previously been or will be reported through Traffic Management Sub-Committee and the Strategic Environment Planning and Transport Committee.
- 4.3 In some cases delivery of schemes is dependent on Traffic Regulation Orders and Public Consultation. Regular updates on progress with the implementation of individual schemes will continue to be reported through the Traffic Management Sub-Committee and the Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee.
- 4.4 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and approve the programme of works as detailed in Appendix 1.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 Improving the quality of transport facilities in Reading will provide a safer, more reliable transport network with increased access to modal choice, delivering a better quality of life for residents and visitors to Reading. The delivery of improved transport facilities contributes to achieving the following Corporate Priorities:

- Keeping the town clean, safe, green and active
- Providing infrastructure to support the economy
- Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities

5.2 Improved quality transport facilities ensure that infrastructure is in place to support economic growth, housing provision and access to services.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 Where appropriate, consultation and engagement with local communities and interest groups will be undertaken prior to each of the projects.

6.2 Ward Councillors will be consulted on all projects within their Ward.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, Section 149, a public authority must consider whether the decision will or could have a differential impact on: racial groups; gender; people with disabilities; people of a particular sexual orientation; people due to their age; people due to their religious belief. Approval of the decisions to carry out any of the improvement work will not have a differential impact on any of the above.

7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment is not relevant to the decision in this instance.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The funding of the capital schemes will include the appropriate use of DfT Grants, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 receipts, in accordance with the terms of the grant conditions and individual legal agreements.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Capital Programme was approved by Council on the 26th February 2019. The phasing of individual schemes may be subject to change dependant on the outcome of tenders.

9.2 Any operational costs associated with individual programmes and schemes will be met from within existing approved revenue budgets.

9.3 In March 2018, the Strategic Environment Planning and Transport Committee approved the allocation of existing S106 funding for transport schemes. Several of the projects detailed in this report refer to such allocations. In addition to the list of schemes approved at that meeting, Section 106 agreement reference 8931D8-3256 - Former reservoir and pumping station, Bath Road, for the amount of £39,026.66 will be reallocated to the West Reading Transport Study as approved by the developer in November 2018.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Core Strategy Document

10.2 LTP 2011-2026

10.3 Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee, March 2018,
Allocation of S106 Funding for Transport Schemes 2018-20.

APPENDIX 1 - Planned Highways and Transport Work Programme - 2019/2020

Scheme name	Ward/Location	Current programme	Funding source/s	19/20 budget	Total budget
A33 MRT - Phase 3	Whitley	Works underway - due for completion Autumn 2019	Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal (capital), DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital), S106 Identified allocations.	£7,898,000	£12,684,000
A33 MRT - Phase 4	Whitley	Works due to commence Winter 2019	Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal (capital), DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital), S106 Identified allocations.		
National Cycle Network 422 - phase 3	Abbey, Park A329 Wokingham Road	Works underway - due for completion Autumn 2019	Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal (capital), DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital), S106 Identified allocations.	£364,000	£1,300,000

Green Park Station	Whitley	Works underway - due for completion Summer 2020	Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal Funding (capital), DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital), S106 Identified allocations.	£14,050,000	£17,050,000
Reading West Station Upgrade	Abbey/Battle	Detailed design progressing in 2019/20 alongside delivery partners (Great Western Railway/Network Rail)	Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal Funding (capital), DfT Identified S106 allocations.	£200,000	£3,300,000
Red Route - East Section	Park, Abbey, Redlands	Subject to final sign off at TM-Sub on 7 th March 2019, experimental scheme is due to be made permanent.	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		
Red Route - West Section	Abbey, Battle, Norcot, Kentwood, Tilehurst	Subject to final sign off at TM-Sub in June 2019, experimental scheme is due to be made permanent.	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)	£100,000 (For the three areas)	£100,000 (For the three areas)
Red Route - Central Section	Abbey	Experimental scheme due to be delivered Spring 2019.	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		

<u>Pay and Display schemes</u>					
Hospital and University Area - alterations to existing scheme	Redlands & Katesgrove	Subject to final sign off at TM-Sub on 7 th March 2019, scheme is due to be implemented during Summer 2019.	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		
Wokingham Road local centre	Park	Subject to final sign off of the Red Route scheme at TM-Sub on 7 th March 2019, scheme is due to be implemented during Summer 2019.	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		
Oxford Road local centre	Battle and Norcot	Subject to final sign off of the Red Route scheme at TM-Sub in June 2019, scheme is due to be implemented during Autumn/Winter 2019/20.	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)	£155,000 (covering all the schemes)	£155,000 (covering all the schemes)
Town Centre (outside IDR boundary)	Abbey	Subject to final sign off of the Red Route scheme at TM-Sub in June 2019, scheme is due to be implemented during Autumn/Winter	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		

Wokingham Road - linked to East Reading area study residents parking scheme	Park	2019/20. Subject to report to TM-Sub post completion of phase 1 - planned to be complete by March 2020	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		
<u>Residents Parking Schemes</u>					
Harrow Court	Minster	Completion planned Summer 2019	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		
St Stephens Close and The Willows	Caversham	Completion planned Summer 2019	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		
East Reading area study parking scheme - phase 1	Park	Late Summer/early autumn	Identified allocations S106	£300,000 (covering all the schemes)	£300,000 (covering all the schemes)
East Reading area study parking scheme - phase 2	Park	Subject to report to TM-Sub post completion of phase 1 - planned to be complete by March 2020	Identified allocations S106		
Lower Caversham Area parking scheme	Caversham	Subject to final decision following statutory consultation - scheme	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)		

		delivery is planned by April 2020			
Road Safety Scheme - Vastern Road roundabout	Abbey Vastern Road roundabout	Spring/Summer 2019	DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital)	£50,000	£50,000
Highway Maintenance - major roads resurfacing programme	Detailed within the SEPT Committee highways maintenance report at this meeting	Summer 2019	Highway elements - DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital)	£525,000	£525,000
Highway Maintenance - minor roads resurfacing programme	Detailed within the SEPT Committee highways maintenance report at this meeting	Summer/Autumn 2019	Highway elements - DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital)	£110,600	£110,600
Highway Maintenance - footway resurfacing	Detailed within the SEPT Committee highways maintenance report at this meeting	Summer/Autumn 2019	Highway elements - DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital)	£80,000	£80,000
Highways Maintenance - Bridge structural maintenance	Detailed within the SEPT Committee highways maintenance report at this meeting	Summer/Autumn 2019	Highway elements - DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital)	£400,000	£400,000
Kings Road inbound - Experimental bus lane restriction	Redlands, Park, Abbey	Detailed design work underway - due for implementation of experimental Order Spring 2019	Transport and Parking Workstream (revenue funding)	£70,000	£70,000
Cattle Market car park	Abbey	Summer 2019	DfT National	£523,000	£523,000

- improvements			Productivity Investment Fund grant (capital funding)		
<u>Traffic Signal upgrades</u>					
Vastern Road / DeMontfort Road	Abbey	Summer/Autumn 2019	Existing revenue for maintenance of traffic signals.	£100,000	£100,000
London Road / Sidmouth Street	Abbey	Summer/Autumn 2019			
West Reading transport study	Southcote/Minster	Ongoing works in both wards throughout 2019/20	Identified S106 allocations	£150,000	£150,000
Oxford Road corridor study	Abbey/Battle/Norcot	Scheme development to continue alongside Reading West Station proposals - delivery to be confirmed.	Identified S106 allocations and Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Deal Funding (capital funding) (for Reading West Station)	£165,000	£325,000
<u>CIL Funded Traffic Management Measures</u>		Relevant to all schemes:-	CIL allocations approved for use on the schemes listed approved at Policy Committee in 2018.		
Gosbrook Road pedestrian crossing	Caversham	Feasibility studies on individual scheme		£50,000	£435,000 (total for all

Whitley Wood Road pedestrian crossing (near the Ridgeway Primary School)	Church	detail underway. Detailed delivery programme to be reported to SEPT Committee in July 2019.		£50,000	the schemes)
Elgar Road - HGV routing signs	Katesgrove			£50,000	
Oxford Road/Overdown Road roundabout - pedestrian crossing improvements	Kentwood			£50,000	
Brunswick Street and Western Road - 20mph speed limit	Minster			£50,000	
Southcote Road & Westcote Road - 20mph speed limit	Minster			£30,000	
Northumberland Avenue (near Reading Girls School) - extension of existing 20mph zone	Church, Katesgrove & Redlands			£40,000	
Grovelands Road (double mini-roundabout) - road	Norcot			£15,000	

markings/sign improvements					
Enforcement review of existing 20mph speed limits	Church, Katesgrove, Redlands, & Whitley				£100,000
Bi-Annual waiting restriction review	Boroughwide	Agreed schemes delivered Spring and Autumn each year following completion of investigation, design and consultation.	DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (capital funding) (Road safety) and relevant S106 allocations.	£40,000	£40,000
Bus RTPI (Real Time Passenger Information) system transfer and signage rationalisation (reduction from approx. 140 to 100 at-stop signs)	All	Summer 2019	Transport and Parking Workstream - Revenue saving as agreed by Policy Committee.	£20,000	£20,000
Works associated with Cow Lane Bridges- Milford Road & Meadow Road closures.	Abbey	Subject to final decision following statutory consultation - scheme delivery is planned Summer 2019.	DfT Integrated Transport Block Funding (Capital funding)	£20,000	£100,000 (covering the three projects)
Revocation of 40mph speed limit - Portman	Abbey, Battle, Kentwood	Subject to final decision following statutory		£20,000	

Road, Cow Lane, Richfield Avenue		consultation - scheme delivery is planned Summer 2019.			
Signing review, following removal of height restriction	Abbey, Battle, Kentwood	Review is underway and work intended for completion Spring/Summer 2019.		£60,000	