

**HIGHWAYS LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT QUARTERLY  
UPDATE REPORT: OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2006**

**1 SUMMARY**

1.1 This quarterly update report is to inform Members of Essex County Council (ECC) Highway and Transportation issues in the district in the period from October to December 2006. However, due to the timing, it also includes activities during January 2007.

**2 BUDGETS FOR 2006/07**

2.1 The allocated budgets were indicated in the Quarterly Report of April to June 2006. Spend is going well and progress on particular issues are discussed below.

**3 THE LOCALLY DETERMINED BUDGET (LDB) 2006/07**

3.1 Schemes within this budget were approved by this Committee on 15 July 2006. Below is an update of approved schemes to date.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Minor items	Various	Small scale schemes on an ad-hoc basis. Budget nearly spent.
Main Road junction with Folly Lane	Junction improvement	This has been dependent on developer action. As this has not happened, we are currently considering where to spend this budget.
Hullbridge Road, Rayleigh	Fencing improvement	Scheme complete.
Lambourne Hall Road, Canewdon	Footway & associated works from Althorne Way to Village Hall.	Possibly not to be completed this year due to land negotiation issues.
Pram crossings	District wide - various locations	Mostly complete.
B1013 Hockley	Continue with lighting upgrade from Great Eastern Road towards Hawkwell	Installation programme underway.
Ferry Road, Hullbridge	Survey for proposed lighting upgrade	Survey undertaken. Findings will be discussed with Parish Council.
Temporary Speed Indicator Message Signs	Various locations across district	Rolling programme underway and has been successful.
Traffic Regulation Orders	Various locations	List below now with legal team for formal advertising.

**4 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS FOR 2006/07**

4.1	Graham Close Hockley	Proposed waiting restrictions
	Bramerton Road Hockley	Proposed disabled bays
	Spa Road Hockley	Proposed revocation of disabled bay, and replace with limited waiting
	Kestrel Grove, Heron Gardens, Falcon Close, Peregrine Gardens, Kingfisher Crescent, Falcon Close, Rayleigh	Proposed waiting restrictions
	Ferry Road Hullbridge	Proposed waiting restrictions
	Crouchmans Avenue Great Wakering	Proposed waiting restrictions
	Hill Lane Hawkwell	Proposed waiting restrictions
	High Street Rayleigh	Proposed variation of limited waiting restriction times
	Brook Road Rayleigh	Proposed waiting restrictions
	Clarence Road Rayleigh	Proposed waiting restrictions
	Spencer Gardens, Rochford	Proposed waiting restrictions
	Eastcheap, Cheapside East, Willow Drive, Willow Close Rayleigh	Proposed waiting restrictions

**5 PLANNED PARISH VISITS (PPV)**

5.1 Rochford was this year allocated a specific budget for planned parish visits following on from previous successful years. Due to a fairly low interest from some parishes, the Area Office has identified various small scale schemes to spend the budget.

5.2 There is no specific allocation for PPVs in the 2007/08 budget.

**6 DRAINAGE WORK**

6.1 Additional budget was allocated for drainage investigations. Work to date has included camera work, cleaning and replacement of old pipes. We are working down an existing list of issues, together with new problems as they become apparent.

- 6.2 We have undertaken one complete cleanse of the district's gully pots and are currently mid way through a second cleanse.
- 6.3 It is intended to undertake 2 complete cleanses of gullies in 2007/08 with additional visits for known problem areas.
- 6.4 To assist in our gully cleanse operations, maintenance of the drainage system and overall public safety, it is requested that RDC undertake additional street sweeping operations in known areas of high detritus or following high winds when leaves, etc, are in the carriageway. Left unswept, this enters and blocks the drainage systems causing flooding and safety hazards.

**7 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW)**

- 7.1 Work has continued from last year on the ECC 5 year rolling programme whereby 20% of the PRow network is surveyed each year and any necessary work is undertaken.
- 7.2 The surveys for this year's 20% were in the areas of Canewdon, Ashingdon and Rayleigh.
- 7.3 The areas for survey next year (2007/08) are Foulness, Great Stambridge and Hullbridge.

**8 FOOTWAY MAINTENANCE SCHEMES**

- 8.1 We have undertaken and have nearly completed numerous footway schemes this year across the district.
- 8.2 These have been in Grove Road, Rayleigh, Plumberow Avenue, Hockley and Whitehall Road, Great Wakering. In addition, we are in the process of works to the footways in Alexandra Road, Lascelles Gardens, Albert Road, Stanley Road, Princess Gardens and York Road, all in Hawkwell, together with a section in Southend Road, Rochford fronting the shops.

**9 THE ECC MAINTENANCE INITIATIVE IN ROCHFORD DISTRICT 2006/07**

- 9.1 Rochford District was allocated around £900,000.00 for the delivery of the ECC Maintenance Initiative in 2006/07. A summary of progress to date is listed below.

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Location description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
A129 London Road & Carpenters Arms Roundabout	Roundabout resurface and carriageway dip west of petrol station	Complete
A1245	Carpenters Arms to Bedloes - Joints & overlay (300m)	March 2007

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Location description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Eastwood Road, Rayleigh	Poplar Road to Southend boundary - Resurfacing (1000m)	Complete
Eastwood Road, Rayleigh	Queens Road to Trinity Road - Resurfacing (400m)	Complete
Spa Road, Hockley	Spa Public House to Station Approach - Resurfacing (200m)	Complete
Shopland Road, Sutton	Sutton Road to Shopland Hall - Resurfacing (1600m)	Complete except for short section of surface dressing for summer 2007
Lower Road, Hockley	Lovedown Farm to Beckney Farm - Surface Dressing (1000m)	Complete
Lambourne Hall Road, Canewdon	Gardners Lane to Loftmans Corner - Surface Dressing (1000m)	Complete
Barling Road, Barling	Stonebridge to Barling Surface Dressing & Resurfacing	Complete
Barling Road, Barling	Silchester to Rebels Lane - Surface Dressing (1000m)	Complete
Anchor Lane, Canewdon	Larkhill Road to Gardners Lane - Surface Dressing (700m)	Complete
B1013 Stroud Green Roundabout, Rochford	Roundabout and approaches - Resurfacing	Complete
Rectory Road, Hawkwell	Under railway bridge	Complete
Rectory Road, Hawkwell	Junction with Main Road and 300m length – Deep Recycling & resurface	Kerbs complete. Carriageway scheme postponed to next year as much planning required.
Folly Lane, Hockley	Aldermans Hill to Church Road – Thin surface	March 2007
Stambridge Road, Rochford	Doggetts Road to Apton Hall Road - Surface Dressing & Resurfacing	Complete
Pagelsham Church End & East End, Paglesham	Surface Dressing	Complete
Wakering Road, Wakering	Cupids Corner to Boundary - Surface Dressing (800m)	Complete

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Location description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Pre-patching for 07/08	District Wide	Postponed to next year

9.2 Additional Schemes Undertaken this year

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Location description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
A1245, Rawreth	Surface and base course replacement due to severe dip in carriageway north of Bedloes Corner.	Complete
Old London Road Rawreth	Junction of Old London Road with A129 London Road - resurface	Complete
Plumberow Avenue	Entire length	March 2007
Shopland Rd	Bends near Beauchamps Cottages	March 2007

**10 ROCHFORD DISTRICT A130 POST BYPASS MEASURES**

10.1 On 4th November 2005, Cllr Bass agreed to the southern section schemes of the A130 Post Bypass Measures. The majority of the work was undertaken last year but we continued this year with the schemes below.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Comment</b>
A129 Bus Stop facilities immediately east Hodgson Way Roundabout, Shotgate	The scheme is currently underway.
Continuation of short cycle/bridleway section north of Moat Farm linking to Church Road at Bedloes Corner, Rawreth	Complete
A1245 continuation of last year's footway widening link north-east of Bedloes Corner, Rawreth	Complete
Beeches Road/Old Chelmsford Road, Battlesbridge footway and drainage improvements continuing northwards from last year's scheme	Complete

**11 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 1 (LTP1) CARRY OVER SCHEMES**

11.1 We have received funding to continue this year with the schemes listed below that were unable to be completed within the LTP1 timescale.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Ashingdon Road Cycleway at nos. 100/102 Ashingdon Rd	To be undertaken this financial year
Bradley Way Cycleway – widening of existing footway	Postponed to 2007/08 so as to tie in with RDC lighting scheme
Hullbridge Road Cycleway	To be undertaken this financial year
Greensward Lane/Plumberow Avenue Pedestrian crossing phase at signals	Design nearly complete – expected to start this financial year

**12 EXTERNALLY FUNDED SIGNIFICANT SCHEMES**

12.1 These schemes are made possible by receiving funding mainly from private developers.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Rawreth Lane junction with Downhall Park Way, Rayleigh – upgrade of existing signals to include Puffin crossing facility.	Design and installation estimate received last week and needs to be analysed. Unknown installation date.
Ashingdon Road junction with Brays Lane, Ashingdon – junction improvements to include removal of ‘Bennett’ style junction in favour of ‘T’ junction together with relocation of bus stops.	Redesign was undertaken due to local comments and cost of utility apparatus relocation. Planned utility apparatus relocation work during Easter school holidays followed by main scheme during school summer holidays. Follow on consultation to be undertaken.
Eastwood Rise and Rayleigh Avenue, Rayleigh – remedial works to achieve adoptable status – subject to residents’ approval.	Residents’ consultation / exhibition on 11 February. Site start anticipated early 2007.

**13 BUDGETS FOR 2007/08**

13.1 We have recently received indicative notification of some of our budgets for next year (exclusive of Landfill Tax). There are still some budgets, ie, Public Rights of Way and Locally Determined that are unknown.

**13.2 Capital Allocations**

**13.3 Highways Maintenance Initiative**

A Class Roads	£0	
B Class Roads	£350,110	
Unclassified Roads	£168,580	<b><u>TOTAL = £ 518,690</u></b> (down £371,117)

**13.4 South Area Footway Maintenance** (yet to be divided between districts)

Cat 1& 2	£360,000	
Other	£510,000	<b><u>TOTAL = £870,000</u></b> (up £210,000)

**13.5 Patching, Potholes, etc** (Basic Capital or 'Targeted Maintenance')

County Roads	£172,288	
Local Roads	£165,951	<b><u>TOTAL = £338,239</u></b> (up £112,746)

**13.6 Revenue Allocations**

**Patching, Potholes, etc** (Basic)

County Roads	£136,356	
Local Roads	£131,341	<b><u>TOTAL = £267,697</u></b> (up £87,221)

**Drain Cleaning, Signs & Lines** (Safety)

County Roads	£58,363	
Local Roads	£56,217	<b><u>TOTAL = £114,580</u></b> (up £5,592)

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**Trees & Weeds** (Environmental)

County Roads        £22,989

Local Roads        £22,143        **TOTAL = £45,132** (up £1,912)

**Schemes for 2007/08**

- 13.7 As we have only just received notification of budgets, we are currently determining what schemes are to be undertaken in accordance with our survey information and local knowledge. It is hoped the above budgets, particularly for the Highways Maintenance Initiative, are not final as there are many roads across the district that are in need of repair. We would gratefully receive any suggestions from Members for consideration.
- 13.8 The annual letter for Locally Determined Schemes has recently been sent to key stakeholders requesting suggestions for schemes from the 2007/08 budget. The letter also included the rolling programme of schemes requesting any updated information.

**14 RECOMMENDATION**

- 14.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the Local Service Agreement update report July to September 2006 be noted.

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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