

TWICE YEARLY UPDATE FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMARY

To inform Members of progress on the:

Section A Locally Determined Programme 2002/2003 and,
Section B Highway Maintenance & Capital Programme 2002/2003.

The two items are presented in separate parts and have their own cover sheets.

**SECTION A: REVIEW OF LOCALLY DETERMINED PROGRAMME
2002/2003**

1 SUMMARY

To inform Members of progress on the Locally Determined Programme 2002/2003

2 LATEST UPDATE

2.1 At the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee of 9th April 2002 (No 142) the 2002/2003 Locally Determined Programme was presented and agreed. This report sets out the current situation.

3 LOCALLY DETERMINED PROGRAMME SPREADSHEET

3.1 Appendix A outlines the schemes and the latest progress on each item. Notes to the appendix give further information where this is required.

3.2 Reviewing the Programme gives Members an opportunity to make informed decisions on possible changes to best use the remaining allocated budget. Appendix B is the list of additional schemes that could be added to the Locally Determined Programme this financial year, should existing schemes not progress satisfactorily or are completed for less than the estimated budget allowance.

3.3 The budget locally determined schemes is £79,750. Appendix A shows the projected completion costs against each scheme as estimated when writing this report.

4 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee recommends:-

That Members note progress on current schemes and agree additional schemes to be progressed should funding become available.

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None

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APPENDIX A 2002/2003 Locally Determined Programme

Scheme Title	Estimated cost at April 2002	Estimated cost at Dec 2002	Progress and Comments
Residential Zones			
Pooles Lane, Hullbridge Anne Boleyn Estate, Rochford Roach Ave/ Glasseys Lane, Rayleigh Rectory Road est, Hawkwell	£7,000	£7,000	Assessment methodology approved -Pooles Lane is top of the ranked list and consultation with local residents is expected to begin January 2003
New/ Improved Footways			
Stambridge Road near Post Office	£25,000	In the region of £25,000	Compulsory Purchase Order approved and land negotiations progressing. Work programmed to commence in January 2003
Oldbury Cottages Southend Rd, Gt Wakering	£3,500	£3,679	Rural footway only, works complete to extent of budget available
Lower Road Coventry Hill, Hullbridge	£10,000	£10,000	Works to commence in January 2003
Pram Crossings			
Various locations	£4,000	£3,930	Works complete to extent of budget available
Pedestrian Facilities			
Design of Zebra Crossing Ashingdon Rd vicinity of Wedgewood Way	£2000	£1,170	Design complete next stage is to advertise scheme in January 2003
Kill Your Speed Posters			

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Various locations	£3,500	£3,500	Programme ongoing see (a) below
General and Layout Improvements			
Downhall Rd/ Hambro Hill, Rayleigh Feasibility study and design for proposed mini roundabout	£3,000		Report to be submitted at a later date
York Road junction improvements Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon	£2,000	£2,100	Completed
Upway, Rayleigh - Junction improvement	£6,000	£500	See (b) below
Scotts Hall Rd, Canewdon - Bus stop hard standing	£750	£394	Completed

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Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)	£13,000	£13,000	Total expenditure for all TRO's
Hall Road, Rochford – rationalisation of signage			Some minor changes to be made but signage is as the regulations require
Victoria Road/ Cheapside West Rayleigh – junction protection and new signage	Nil		No evidence of parking abuse, residents have been consulted informally and decision made not to proceed. Some additional signs required but will be introduced using Accident Reduction 2010 budget
East Street Rochford – limited waiting			Objections received – report being submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Stambridge Road/ Lingfield Drive, Rochford – junction protection			No objections. To be implemented Feb/ March 2003, follow report to members on 9 February 2003 on similar schemes.
Old Ship Lane, Rochford –limited waiting			Objections received – as reported to this Committee.
Hambro Parade, Rayleigh –limited waiting and loading and unloading			Informal consultation being undertaken
White Hart Lane thro' to Magnolia Road, Hawkwell – action following survey results			Rochford District Council to arrange a meeting in January 2003
509-519 Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon – limited waiting			Following informal consultation with frontagers and County Cllr this will not proceed
Ferry Road/The Drive to Grasmere Road, Hullbridge – proposed waiting restrictions	Nil		There are objections from frontagers therefore the scheme is unlikely to proceed. Contact has been made with the school to look at options to reduce car usage
Leasway, Rayleigh– extension to limited waiting			Objections received – as reported to this Committee.
Cotswold Ave, Rayleigh – limited waiting			No objections. Orders sealed. To be implemented Jan/Feb 2003
124-130 High Street, Gt Wakering - limited waiting			Following an informal consultation, this scheme will now not proceed. Local member informed.

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(a) Kill your speed posters

Following concerns raised on the effectiveness of the “Kill Your Speed” poster campaign the Rochford team arranged for speed surveys in roads where the posters were located. Vehicle speeds were recorded three times - before, during and after the Kill Your Speed posters were in place. The results show the posters in their current layout have not had a noticeable effect on reducing vehicle speeds. Considering this, it is proposed to continue with this campaign for the remainder of the financial year with an increased concentration of posters in the nominated roads. Their effectiveness will be checked again and reported to a future committee.

(b) Junction Improvement Upway

The request at this junction was to construct a refuge to improve driver behaviour whilst turning into Upway from Hockley Road. This has not been possible to achieve because of the proximity of the service road immediately in Upway. A refuge constructed at this location would make turning into and out of the service road difficult. However, an addition to the road markings has been made as this site is being monitored under the Accident Reduction 2010 programme. Hence, the recommendation is not to spend any further Locally Determined budget on this scheme.

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APPENDIX B RESERVE SCHEMES

The following is a list of reserve schemes for completion should current schemes not progress or funding becomes available.

PROPOSED SCHEMES OR ADDITIONS TO EXISTING SCHEMES	WORK DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
Kill your Speed	To continue the programme and to monitor its effectiveness	£3,500
Oldbury Cottages Southend Road Gt Wakering	To complete rural footway, providing link from the cottages to junction with Star Lane	£3,500
Pedestrian Facility (Zebra crossing) Ashingdon Road/Wedgewood Way	Advertising costs Construction	£1,800 £15,000
Lower Road Hullbridge	Coventry Hill footway works	Continuation of works

SECTION B: REVIEW OF THE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003

1 SUMMARY

To inform members of the allocation of funds for the maintenance of highways in the Rochford District Council area for 2002/2003, together with the approved special maintenance budget and capital programme.

The allocations for 2002/2003 are set out below with the 2001/2002 allocations shown in brackets.

2 BASIC MAINTENANCE

Comprising of small-scale structural maintenance work such as the routine patching of footways and carriageways, where the cost of any individual scheme is below £10,000. It also includes safety, environmental and winter maintenance works.

2.1 Basic Structural Maintenance	£572,018	(£452,904)
Patching and Minor Repairs		
Drainage		
Footways and Cycle Tracks		
Guard Fencing and Safety Barriers		
2.2 Environmental Maintenance	£91,310	(£80,589)
Verge Maintenance		
Scavenging		
Highway Tree Maintenance		
2.3 Safety Maintenance	£174,736	(£100,000)
Signs/ Bollards		
Road Markings		
Drain Cleaning		
2.4 Winter Maintenance	£103,335	(107,595)
Salting		
Snow Ploughing		
2.5 Public Rights of Way	£36,000	(£36,000)
Public Footpaths, Bridleways etc		
2.6 Total 2002/2003 Basic Maintenance Allocations for Rochford District =		
	£977,399	(£777,088)

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3 SPECIAL MAINTENANCE

This comprises the large reconstruction and resurfacing schemes for both footways and carriageways. Special maintenance funds are allocated on a needs basis. Problem lengths of roads and footways are identified by inspection and then schemes for the whole county are ranked, then available funds are allocated to the highest priority sites.

Budgets for the Rochford District for 2002/03 are shown below with proposed schemes.

3.1	Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing Works	£136,000	(£211,906)
	Love Lane, Rayleigh		
	Pearsons Avenue, Rayleigh		
	Cheapside West, Rayleigh		
	Part of Abbey Road, Hullbridge		
	Monksford Drive – Phase1, Hullbridge		
	Monksford Drive – Phase 2, Hullbridge		
3.2	Carriageway Reconstruction/Resurfacing Works	£175,600	(£650,000)
	Main Road Hockley		
	Station Crescent		
	Sir Walter Raleigh Drive		
	Spa Road		
3.3	Total 2002/2003 Special Maintenance Allocations for Rochford District =		
		£311,600	(£861,906)

4 SURFACE DRESSING

This consists of patching the existing road structure and providing a thin surface treatment for waterproofing purposes and to provide a new surface with improved skid resistance. Improved texture depth also helps to reduce water spray.

4.1	The intended programme consists of	£76,264	(£76,264)
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Old Chelmsford Rd, Rawreth – A130 to Telfords Cottages
London Road, Rayleigh – Downhall Road west to end of layby
Pooles Lane, Hullbridge – Car park to end
Greensward Lane, Hockley – Broadlands Ave to Pulpits Close
Hockley Road/High Road, Rayleigh – Hambro Hill to Fountain Lane
Aldermans Hill, Hockley – Bullwood Approach to Folly Lane

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5 MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003

This budget covers capital schemes between £10,000 and £250,000 in value. The schemes have been identified through the Accident Reduction programme or the District Local Transport Plan and are linked to a service delivery area bid in the County Council Local Transport Plan. These schemes are selected by a priority process where the County Council considers all proposed schemes across the whole of the County. Some schemes are programmed over more than one financial year, this table shows only approvals for the 2002/2003 financial year.

Service Area	Scheme	Allocation for 2002/2003
Cycling	Hall Road link to Rochford	Withdrawn (land issues)
Cycling	Hullbridge Cycle Route	£5,000
Freight Distribution	Review of Weight Restrictions, lorry route signs and direction signs	£20,000
Minor Schemes	Sutton Road – Carriageway works and mini roundabout study	£20,000
Minor Schemes	Rochford Town Centre	£100,000
Safety	Ashingdon Road pedestrian/cycle route	£131,000
Safety	Route action Ashingdon Road	£40,000
Safety	Route action A1015	£50,000
Walking	Plumberow Avenue	Withdrawn (land issues)

5.1 Total 2002/2003 Minor Capital Allocations for Rochford District = £366,000

6 OTHER EXPENDITURE

Other countywide budgets also cover work within the district. These include–

- 6.1 Street lighting
- 6.2 Traffic signal provision and maintenance
- 6.3 Accident reduction programme (selected through accident statistics)
- 6.4 Surface treatment programme (selected through accident statistics)
- 6.5 Safer Journeys to School and Work (schools selected for the programme)

Additionally, see Section A of this report for work done under the Locally Determined Programme

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7 RECOMMENDATION

That the anticipated expenditure on basic maintenance, special maintenance and the minor capital programme for Rochford District in 2002/2003 be noted.

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