

ROCHFORD DISTRICT HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/2006

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is to update Members on progress with respect to the Rochford District highway maintenance budget allocation for 2005/2006.
- 1.2 There has been a slight change in the format and titles of allocations this year, with some of the maintenance budget being funded from a capital source, thus creating a change in how it can be spent. There is also the introduction of a County and Local Road split following the introduction of the Local Service Agreements. This County / Local split indicates the anticipated spend against each type of road but in order for the Highway Authority to undertake its maintenance responsibilities, these allocations may change as needs dictate through the year.

2 PATCHING, POTHoles & MINOR REPAIRS BUDGET 2005/2006 (BASIC MAINTENANCE)

- 2.1 This is essentially the Basic Maintenance budget, other than that some of the allocation comes from capital funds, which must be spent against named schemes.

2.2 Revenue Budget

The Revenue Budget comprises small-scale work such as the routine patching of footways and carriageways, emergency drainage repairs and safety fence repairs etc. Routine defects are identified by regular visual inspections and external sources of information.

County Roads	£165,109
Local Roads	£159,036

2.3 Capital Budget

Part of the Capital Budget has been allocated to continue the well received Planned Parish Visits, thus ensuring each parish can target a number of small highway problems they have issue with. The remaining budget will be spent on a footway and kerbing scheme in Little Wakering Road, Little Wakering to enable the forthcoming surface dressing scheme.

Planned Parish Visits	£46,281
Little Wakering Road Kerbs and Footway	£48,049

2.4 Additional 'Targeted Maintenance' Capital Budget

Cllr Bass has allocated additional capital funds for targeted maintenance 'named' schemes in the district. The schemes are as yet undetermined as the budget has not yet been formally authorised. We are, however, considering

other schemes to assist meeting ECC Maintenance Initiative targets. The costs and feasibilities of these schemes are as yet to be determined.

Targeted Maintenance **£198,000**

3 DRAIN CLEANING, SIGNS & LINES BUDGET 2005/06 (SAFETY)

3.1 This allocation is for the maintenance of drains, signs and lines in the district.

County Roads **£52,452**
Local Roads **£50,523**

4 TREES & WEEDS BUDGET 2005/06 (ENVIRONMENTAL)

4.1 This allocation is for verge / weed control, scavenging and highway tree maintenance in the district.

County Roads **£19,392**
Local Roads **£18,679**

5 GRASS CUTTING BUDGET 2005/06

5.1 This is the contribution to Rochford District Council to undertake the verge grass cutting on behalf of the County Council.

All Roads **£37,581**

6 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY BUDGET 2005/06

6.1 This budget is for the continual maintenance of all footpaths, bridleways, etc. There is an additional budget this year to assist in the implementation of the 5 year rolling programme which the South Area is currently piloting. Information on this programme has been provided to Members previously.

All Rights of Way **£45,000**
Ring Fenced 5year Rolling Programme Allocation **£14,800**

7 FOOTWAY SCHEMES 2005/2006

7.1 A separate capital budget has been allocated for footway schemes this year with footways prioritised on a county basis using a combination of local priority, state of repair and a specific risk factor, dependent on amount and type of usage.

Total Budget **£414,155**

The current anticipated schemes are (in priority order):
Downhall Road, Rayleigh; Grove Road, Rayleigh; Plumberow Avenue, Hockley.

The extent of work and budget for each scheme will depend on the amount of work required.

8 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

- 8.1 This capital budget is for the previously identified capital scheme of Hambro Hill. This budget has now been included in the larger 'Hambro Scheme' which includes Downhall Road carriageway and footway works, Hambro Hill surface dressing and Hockley Road surface dressing (both part of the Maintenance Initiative scheme).

'Hambro Scheme'	£88,000
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9 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2005/2006

- 9.1 These schemes have been carried over from previous years under the Local Transport Plan. The budgets shown below are for the 2005/2006 financial year only.

Hall Road cycle link to Rochford	£45,000
Hullbridge cycle track	£12,407
Plumberow Avenue signals footway	£12,817

10 MAINTENANCE INITIATIVE 2005/06

- 10.1 Further to a report that went to Members on 6 April 2005, Appendix A shows an updated list of the schemes we intend to either resurface or surface dress this financial year. Some allocation has been retained to undertake pre-surface dressing patching in preparation for next year.

11 OTHER EXPENDITURE 2004/2005

- 11.1 Other countywide budgets also cover work within the district.

These include;

- Locally Determined Programme (LDP) - This programme can be seen in a separate report.

The following are controlled centrally from County Hall:

- Street Lighting (maintenance and renewal)
- Traffic Signal Provision and Maintenance
- Accident Reduction Programme (selected through accident statistics)
- Surface Treatment Programme (primarily anti-skid dressing sites selected through accident statistics analysis)
- Safer Journeys to School and Work (schools selected for the programme)

12 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 It is proposed that the Committee RESOLVES

That the highway expenditure in 2005/2006 for the Rochford District, as set out above, be noted.

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Background Papers:

None

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Appendix A

**Structural Maintenance Programme (Maintenance Initiative) 2005/06 –
Rochford District**

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Road Name</u>
ROUTES AND CLUSTER SCHEMES (Full Resurfacing)	
Rayleigh	A129 High Road (Brook Road to Paul Pry Public House)
Ashingdon	Ashingdon Road (Dalys Road to Oxford Road)
SITE SPECIFIC SCHEMES (Surface Dressing)	
Rayleigh	Hambro Hill (Hambro Avenue to B1013)
Rayleigh	Hockley Road (Victoria Road to Hambro Hill)
Rayleigh	Hullbridge Road (Vanderbilt Avenue-Montefiori Avenue)
Rayleigh	Daws Heath Road
Ashingdon	Rectory Road (Ironwell Lane to Windsor Gardens)
Ashingdon	Ashingdon Road (Woodview kennels to Ashingdon Schools)
Canewdon	Canewdon Road (Whitehouse Farm- Scotts Hall Road)
Canewdon	Sycamore Way (Whole length)
Sutton	Shopland Road (Shopland Hall Road-Beauchamps cotts)
Barling	Little Wakering Road (Whole length)
Wakering	Shoebury Road (Common Road - junction south of Conway Avenue)
Rawreth	Beeches Road (Old Chelmsford Road - Beeches Cotts)
Rawreth	Beeches Road (AWS works - Highlands Road)
Canewdon	Church Road (whole length)
Rayleigh	Clarence Road