

ITEM: CYCLING CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report provides an update on the Council's Capital Programme.

2. Supporting Information**Background**

2.1 On 24 February 2015, Council approved the overall budget for 2015/16, which includes investment of approximately £6.3m in highways and transport infrastructure.

2.2 A detailed programme for investment in road resurfacing was approved by the Cabinet Prioritisation Sub-Committee on 16 April 2015. Highway drainage and flood prevention programmes were approved by Cabinet on 28 May 2015. The remaining works programmes to a value of £2.25 million were approved at the Council meeting on 30 July 2015. With respect to cycling approval was given for the following:

- **Cycling Schemes (£100k):**
 - A4 Cycle Route Business Case (£20k)
 - Stafferton Way Toucan Crossing (£60k)
 - Wells Lane, Ascot - surface improvements (£20k)
- **School Cycle Parking (£50k):**
 - Windsor Boys School – repairs (£20k)
 - Furze Platt Senior School - extension (£15k)
 - Furze Platt Junior School (£10k)
 - Cookham Dean Primary School (£5k)
- **Ascot to Windsor Cycle Route (£20k):**
 - Feasibility Study and Business Case

2.3 Also, approval was given for £100k to be spent on Safer Routes to School Schemes. These will be prioritised to support schools to actively implement their School Travel Plans which encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport for school journeys, thus improving safety and reducing congestion at the busiest periods. Schemes are being developed in consultation with the Transport Team, focusing on opportunities to provide new walking / cycling routes in locations where the Council currently provides home to school transport on safety of route grounds.

2.4 In addition to the detailed 2015/16 programme, indicative works programmes for 2016/17 and 2017/18 were also approved to enable longer-term planning, while offering transparency and confidence to residents. This reflects the fact that the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is developing a longer-term asset management

based approach to highways and transport. With respect to cycling, provisional approval has been given to the following programmes:

Programme	2016/17	2017/18
Cycling	£75k	£75k
Ascot to Windsor Cycle Route	£50	£150k
Safer Routes to School	£100k	£100k
School Cycle / Scooter Parking	£50k	£50k

2.5 The above does not preclude additional bids coming forward for approval as part of the capital programmes for these years.

2.6 In addition to the above programmes, the Royal Borough set aside £225,000 to be allocated to projects through the Participatory Budgeting process. Residents were invited to vote on options for how the funds should be allocated and 1,546 responses were received.

2.7 'Improved facilities for cyclists' was the third most popular option in Windsor attracting 10% of the votes. At its meeting on 19 August 2015, the Participatory Budgeting Sub-Committee agreed to allocate £5,000 of funds in Windsor to this in the 2015/2016 financial year. It is proposed to allocated the money to installing cycle racks at the following locations:

- Barry Avenue (next to Café Barry)
- Alexandra Gardens (next to the Funfair Café)
- Bachelors Acre (next to the pavilion)

2.8 These schemes would support the manifesto commitment to: "Provide more cycle racks at our parks and other places to encourage cycling". The locations have been prioritised in consultation with Leisure Services as locations that are already popular with cyclists, but which lack secure cycle parking.

2.9 At the meeting, the Acting Chairman requested that the areas of spend / proposed schemes should go before the Windsor Town Forum on 8 October before being given final approval.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum note the schemes to be delivered through the Capital Programme and Participatory Budget Programme.