



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL South East Community Assembly Report

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**Report of:** Highways Link Manager /South East Community  
Assembly Manager

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**Subject:** South East Assembly Highways Budget 2012/13

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### **Reasons for Recommendations:**

The purpose of the Highways Budget is to respond to local requests for Highways improvements. Safe roads and pavements is one of the South East Assembly Community Plan priorities. The allocations proposed allow for the sound operation of Speed Indicator Devices and the agreement of local small schemes whilst leaving scope for the Community Assembly to decide larger schemes at a later date.

## Recommendations:

That the South East Community Assembly:

- (1) Regard having been had to the Sheffield City Strategy and to the relevant Secretary of State's guidance, confirms its belief that the granting of funding as envisaged in this report is likely to achieve the promotion and improvement of the social and environmental well-being of residents of the South East Community Assembly Area;
- (2) Considers the information contained within this report and allocates the following sums from South East Assembly Highways Budget 2012/13:
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  - £5000 per ward for small schemes
- (3) Delegates to the South East Assembly Manager in conjunction with the Community Assembly Chair decision on the schemes to be funded from the ward budgets proposed

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## Background Papers:

**Category of Report:** OPEN

### Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial Implications</b>
YES Cleared by: Liz Orme
<b>Legal Implications</b>
YES Cleared by: Julian Ward
<b>Equality of Opportunity Implications</b>
NO Cleared by:
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities Implications</b>
NO
<b>Human rights Implications</b>
NO
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
YES
<b>Economic impact</b>
NO
<b>Community safety implications</b>
NO
<b>Human resources implications</b>
NO
<b>Property implications</b>

NO
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
South East Community Assembly area of Sheffield
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in</b>
Safer and Stronger Communities
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
NO
<b>Press release</b>
NO

### 1. Summary

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### 2. What does this mean for people within the South East Community Assembly Area?

The allocation of £40,000 for small Highways works via the Community Assembly allows some of the issues and priorities of local people to be addressed. If agreed, the proposed Highways spend set out in this report will support the operation of Speed Indicator Devices across three of the four wards in the Assembly area and the installation of a number of small schemes to benefit people in each of the four wards.

### 3. Outcomes and Sustainability

The funding identified in this report will contribute to the delivery of one of the priorities in the South East Community Assembly Plan – Safer roads and pavements - thus benefiting residents in the South East Assembly Area.

The funding also supports the City Council’s priorities, values and outcomes as set out in the Corporate Plan ‘Standing Up For Sheffield’. In particular:

#### Priorities

- Supporting and protecting communities

#### Values

- Spend public money wisely
- Enable individuals and communities

#### Outcomes

- A Great Place to Live

### 4. Full Proposal

4.1 In previous financial years, the Assembly has had a large devolved budget for highway schemes (£275,000 in 2009/10 and 2010/11, reduced to £75,000 in 2011/12). This had allowed a number of large schemes (over £10,000) to be progressed, together with a minor works budget for small

works (over the last two years £40,000 has been allocated each year for minor works).

4.2 In the current financial year 2012/13, the Highways Budget allocation to each Assembly has been reduced to £40,000. In addition approximately £50,000 is available as an underspend from previous allocations making a potential total of £90,000.

4.3 The level of funding means the South East can only guarantee to fund small scale measures but may have scope to fund one or two larger scale schemes if the underspend is confirmed

4.4 It is proposed with the £40,000 of confirmed funding to support the following allocations

- a) Speed Indication Device maintenance/ installation of equipment for new sites £13,000. This will support the ongoing operation of Speed Indicator Devices in Beighton and Mosborough wards and the operation of two new Speed Indicator Devices in Woodhouse ward
- b) £5000 per ward for small schemes making a total of £20,000. These schemes will be agreed following consultation with Ward Members and will allow a variety of small measures such as dropped kerbs and handrails.

4.5 If agreed these measures would leave £7000 of the £40,000 budget from 2012/13 plus additional underspend from 2011/ 12 to be agreed at a later meeting

## **5. Financial Implications**

The South East Assembly, in line with all 7 Community Assemblies, has a £40,000 Highways Budget to allocate in 2012/13, to help fulfil the priorities identified in the South East Assembly Plan. The spending proposals set out in this report do not exceed this £40,000 allocation.

## **6. Legal Implications**

The Council, as the Highways Authority for Sheffield, has the powers under Part V of the Highways Act 1980 to implement the improvements requested in this report.

This funding is allocated from the Local Transport Plan budget and as such all projects using this funding will need to comply with the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan.

## **7. Equality of Opportunity Implications**

The South East Community Highways budget is being applied across the Assembly area, with measures which will benefit all parts of the community, including pedestrians, public transport users, car users and those with limited mobility.

## **8. Human Resource Implications**

There are no specific human resource implications for the Council as a result of the allocation of this funding.

## **9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications**

The proposals in this report promote responsible driving and pedestrian safety.

## **10. Mitigation of Risk**

The risks relating to this proposal have been considered by the South East Community Assembly Team and Highways Officers. These risks will be regularly reviewed and monitored.

## **11. Alternative Options**

- a) No ward budgets – this would involve Members considering all requests and would be unworkable
- b) Divide the whole budget into ward allocations – this would not take into account variations in needs across the area and previous investment

## **12. Reasons for Recommendations**

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