



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL North East Community Assembly Report

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

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

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**Summary:**

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**Reasons for Recommendations:**

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**Recommendations:**

That the North 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 North East Community Assembly Area;

(2) Delegates authority to the Assembly Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Assembly and having regard to recommendations made by Ward Councillors, to allocate the Highways Budget.

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**Background Papers:**

**Category of Report:** OPEN

**Statutory and Council Policy Checklist**

<b>Financial Implications</b>
YES Cleared by:
<b>Legal Implications</b>
YES Cleared by:
<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>
North 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

Each Assembly has been allocated £40,000 for Highways schemes in 2012/13. This reports sets out the principles for allocation of this money.

## 2. What does this mean for people within the North 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.

## 3. Outcomes and Sustainability

The funding 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.

4.2 In the current financial year 2012/13, the Highways Budget allocation to each Assembly has been reduced to £40,000. In this context, it will no longer be possible to fund large schemes, but the North East Assembly can still choose to fund a variety of smaller schemes.

4.3 Members have agreed that they would like to consider the needs of wards more overtly, and to work to a notional – but flexible – ward based allocation. In practice, this has resulted in £10,000 being allocated to projects for each ward.

4.4 Following a recent Cabinet Report, an additional corporately-funded 20mph zone will be located within the Assembly area. Officers are currently working on costings for 4 potential areas, based on accident statistics.

## **5. Financial Implications**

The North 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 Central 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 North 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 North East Community Assembly Team and Highways Officers. These risks will be regularly reviewed and monitored.

## **11. Alternative Options**

Funding one scheme within the whole assembly area was considered but it was felt that with the funding available, more residents of the assembly area would benefit from funding smaller schemes across the wards.

## **12. Reasons for Recommendations**

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