



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Report to East Community Assembly

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**Report of:** Head of Transport and Highways

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**Date:** 13th December 2012

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**Subject:** East Community Assembly Local Highway Schemes

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### **Summary:**

This report summarises the progress made in advancing both small and large schemes requested by the East Community Assembly.

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### **Reasons for Recommendations:**

The East community Assembly support and fund highways schemes at the locations of the highest number of child accidents

The Community Assembly and Transport & Highways teams in discussion with Ward members have analysed the requests from local residents and undertaken some preliminary feasibility work on a provisional list of potential projects. That work has enabled the identification of a list of schemes, which can be implemented in 2012/13.

### **Recommendations:**

That the Assembly:

- Notes the current budgetary position regarding funding availability.
- Receives a verbal update report concerning proposals to amend the hours of operation of the Duke Street bus gate.
- Notes the progress being made with the scheme on East Bank Road and notes the entry of the scheme into the Amey design and build programme.
- Notes the need for ward nominations for small scheme improvements to a total cost of £5,000 per ward.
- Notes that as part of the Streets Ahead Contract, the Manor Estate, Base Green and Wybourn zones are programmed to be improved in 2013.
- Notes that the Woodthorpe 20 mph speed limit zone will be funded from strategic resources in the calendar years 2013/2014.

**Background Papers:**

None

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

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**Statutory and Council Policy Checklist**

<b>Financial implications</b> No
<b>Legal implications</b> Yes – Deborah Eaton
<b>Equality of Opportunity implications</b> No
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities implications</b> No
<b>Human rights implications</b> No
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b> No
<b>Economic impact</b> No
<b>Community safety implications</b> No
<b>Human resources implications</b> No
<b>Property implications</b> No

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The East Community Assembly have £110,799 available for 'local highway schemes' in 2012/13,
- 1.2 The East Community Assembly has already agreed a list of schemes for implementation in 2012/13, that have been identified by local people and that contribute towards the delivery of Local Transport Plan (LTP) objectives. Residents have informed the recommendations within this report via direct requests to Transport and Highways Service, or local councillors, petitions and / or Community Assembly 'You Say' events.
- 1.3 This report contains an update on the schemes previously selected by the Assembly and which remain to be completed in 2012/13 subject to the budget limit identified above.
- 1.4 It should be noted that in 2012/2013 and beyond highway scheme costs will include a sum for maintenance as part of the Highway Maintenance Streets Ahead programme which has now commenced.

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

- 2.1 Highways schemes in the East Community Assembly area are prioritised according to child accident sites. The Assembly will fund schemes that reduce child accident rates.
- 2.2 The local highway schemes now proposed will all assist local people in using the highway in their area, both on foot and, in some cases by vehicle and will address local highway concerns, adding to improved community safety.

## **3. Outcomes and Sustainability**

- 3.1 The funding and construction of the local highways schemes will contribute to the highways priority in the East Community Assembly Plan, to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads, and for the highways to be cleaner, repaired and unclogged.
- 3.2 It also meets all nine of the Councils' principles as indicated in the Corporate Plan. In particular
  - Local voice – priorities influenced by local people
  - Customers as individuals – needs of individuals within communities will be considered
  - Equality of opportunity – providing for all aspects of a local community to get involved

#### **4. Financial Summary**

The total budget available to the East Assembly for the financial year 2012/13 is £110,779

#### **5. Large Schemes Update**

##### 5.1 Duke Street Bus gate

Members have expressed a clear direction to reduce or remove the bus gate restriction on Duke Street. This is in part a response to the new development at Park Hill and the planned movement of the Grace Owen Nursery to the lower block.

A briefing note has been prepared by Transport and Highways staff to investigate and explain the effects of any changes to the hours of operation of the bus gate.

The briefing note was reviewed by the Assembly at its public meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and the Assembly made an executive decision to refer this matter to Cabinet Highways Committee for a final decision to be made.

Further discussions have taken place with the chair of the Cabinet Highways Committee who has deferred a decision on this matter until further information is made available to enable a fully informed decision to be taken.

The final report will investigate 3 broad options:

1. Removing the bus gate restriction completely.
2. Reducing the hours of operation of the restriction from 12 hours to extended peak hours (as per Hillsborough bus gate)
3. Reducing the hours of the restriction to strictly peak hour operation

##### 5.2 East Bank Road near Hurlfield Road

Scheme proposals were published as part of a consultation exercise with the residents directly affected by the proposed changes.

Comments were received back and some amendments to the proposals were made in order to remove the majority of the objections without detracting from the main aim of the scheme which is to increase pedestrian safety for young people in particular.

These negotiated changes were carried out over a period of 2-3 months. However, it was not possible to accommodate all the objections received so the outstanding objections were referred to Cabinet Highways Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2012.

The objections to the waiting restrictions proposed on East Bank Road / Hurlfield Road were overruled in the interests of road safety and the Traffic Regulation Orders were directed to be made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.

The scheme proposals have now been issued to Amey to complete the detailed design stage and to programme the construction dates for the work. A copy of the approved scheme is hereby attached.

### 5.3 Continuation of the rotation of the Speed Indication Devices

The speed indication devices have been well received all across the City and they have provided the necessary evidence base in areas where traffic speeds are a concern.

The rotation of these devices will continue and be carried out by the newly appointed highway maintenance provider, Amey.

### 5.4 Strategic 20mph Zone

At the meeting of the Cabinet Highways Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the proposed Woodthorpe 20 mph zone was approved for construction within the East Assembly area in 2013/14.

The Traffic Regulation Order was advertised on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 and the objection period closed on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2012. Objections have been received and these will need to be referred to Cabinet Highways Committee for a final decision.

The construction of the Woodthorpe 20mph zone is one of the first of only 2 zones to be constructed in 2013 but presently the construction start date is not known.

### 5.5 Streets Ahead Programme 2013

In the first full year of the Streets Ahead project, members of the Assembly should note that the following zones within the Assembly area are programmed for improvement in 2013

- 5.5.1 Zone B66 Manor zone
- 5.5.2 Zone B69 Base Green Zone
- 5.5.3 Zone B65 Wybourn Zone

The dates of the zone treatment can be found at

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/roads/works/schemes/streetsaheadproject.html>

Discussions are taking place with the Highways Maintenance Client about co-ordinating the zone treatment with the public realm improvements funded by Guinness. There are very clear benefits in maximising the value of a single construction visit and thereby minimising the inconvenience caused to residents during the course of the planned improvements.

## **6. Small Schemes Update**

Small schemes will be nominated by ward members from the full list of requests for their ward up to the value of £5000. Priority will be given to small schemes that have the largest community benefit and are located at accident sites

In order to maximise the advantage of the Streets Ahead Programme it is recommended that the nominations made complement the emerging 5 year highways maintenance programme.

Central Assembly requested that a number of traffic regulations are made on their behalf. Objections to some of the orders have been received but others can now be confirmed and issued to Amey.

The following restrictions have now been passed to Amey for implementation:

- Europa Court - no parking restrictions
- Industry Road - no parking restrictions
- Lumley Street - no parking restrictions
- Pearce Walk - no parking restrictions
- Waverley Lane - provision of warning sign

Objections to the following orders have been received and now need to be addressed.

- Britannia Road - remove existing double yellow lines
- Finchwell Road – no parking restrictions
- Medlock Close – no parking restrictions
- Yew Tree Drive.- no parking restrictions

## **7. Relevant Implications**

The Council, as the Highway Authority for Sheffield, has powers under Part V of the Highways Act 1980 to implement the improvements requested in this report. This funding is allocated from the Council's Local Transport Plan budget provided by central government and as such all projects using this funding will need to comply with the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan.

The Director of Neighbourhood Renewal and Partnerships in consultation with the Head of Transport, Traffic & Parking Services and the Director of Legal Services has confirmed this is an approved use of LTP funds.

The Head of Transport, Traffic and Parking Services has authority to design and build the projects now identified as part of the Council's overall transport capital programme.

There are direct equality implications in that all of the recommended proposals are geared to the needs of pedestrians and other users who might have mobility problems (wheelchair users; mobility scooters; prams). The proposals in themselves are intended to assist all members of the local community regardless of gender or ethnic origin.

## **8. Alternative Options and Public Consultation**

The programme of local highway schemes can be updated and added to as the year progresses, reflecting new priorities identified by local people. The full list of requests for local highway schemes in the East Community Assembly can be found in a new Register, now available on the Council's website. This register will act as the central source of all requests for projects which will be assessed by Transport & Highways staff for feasibility and then provides the basis for selecting future schemes in partnership with the local community and reflecting the Assembly's Community Plan.

Consultation with local residents on individual schemes will continue to be an important way of looking at specific problems within approved schemes. Each of the schemes now submitted for approval will be the subject of a separate detailed public consultation process, as part of the normal design process, to ensure local people are comfortable with the proposals and to address anything else that arises.

## **9. Reasons for Recommendations**

The Community Assembly and Transport and Highways teams have analysed the requests from local residents and undertaken some preliminary feasibility work on a provisional list of potential projects.

That work has enabled the identification of a programme of schemes, which can be largely delivered in 2011/12 and with the budget now identified

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