



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF: Executive Member for Growth and Development

LEAD OFFICERS: Director of Growth and Development

DATE: 28th October 2020

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Growth and Development

WARD/S AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: Local Transport Plan 2020/21 Programme Update

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To advise the Executive Member of changes and required approvals for the Local Transport Plan programme 2020/21, which was originally approved by the Council's Executive Board on 12th March 2020.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

- 1) Approves the revisions to the Local Transport Plan programme for 2020/21.
- 2) Delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to amend, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget provision.

3. BACKGROUND

The Council approved its Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) in April 2011 with the following goals, to:

- Support the economy
- Tackle climate change
- Increase safety and security
- Promote equality of opportunity
- Promote quality of life, health and the natural environment
- Promote the management of the Council's transport assets

On the 24th July 2014 the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed details of future Integrated Block Allocations for 2015-2021 and on 4th December 2014 also confirmed Local Highways Maintenance Capital Block Funding for 2015-2021.

Additional funding has also been confirmed from the DfT in relation to the Highways Capital Maintenance Incentive Fund and Pothole Action Fund. The Council has also been successful in securing Local Growth Fund allocations and Section 106 developer contributions to deliver Capital Highways schemes.

The table below summarises the updated total amount of capital funding available in 2020/21:

Funding Source	2020/21 amount
DfT Integrated Transport Block	£1,424,000
DfT Integrated Transport Block – bring forward from 2021/22 as per Jan 2020 Exec Board paper (Local Growth Fund 3 South East Blackburn contribution)	£715,000
DfT Emergency Active Travel Fund Phase 1	£75,649
DfT Emergency Active Travel Fund Phase 2 – awaiting final confirmation from the DfT	£308,000
Growth Deal 3 Furthergate (90% LEP contribution)	£92,995
Growth Deal 3 North Blackburn (88% LEP contribution)	£169,621
Growth Deal 3 South East Blackburn (78% LEP contribution)	£6,185,000
Blackburn Bus Station performance bond	£250,000
Section 106 Yew Tree Drive (Wainhomes)	£450,000
Section 106 Blackburn North – Yew Tree Drive (Wainhomes)	£50,000
Section 106 Roe Lee (Persimmon Homes)	£150,000
Section 106 Gib Lane Phase C (Story Homes)	£260,000
Section 106 School Lane (Wainhomes)	£36,000
Section 106 Pole Lane North (Kier)	£150,000
Section 106 Spring Meadows (Persimmon Homes)	£200,000
DfT Highways Capital Maintenance	£1,552,000
DfT Highways Maintenance Block incentive element	£323,000
DfT Pothole Action Fund	£1,265,000
Commuted Sum: Network Rail for Wainwright Bridge	£440,308
Grand Total	£14,096,573

As Growth Deal 3 monies are claimed according to defrayed payments on a % Growth Deal / % LTP split basis dependent on project grant funding agreements, the exact amount of Growth Deal funding claimed and received in 2020/21 will be subject to change.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

There are a number of changes proposed to the original LTP programme for 2020/21 which was approved by the Council's Executive Board on 12th March 2020. These changes are as a result of the following factors:

- Re-prioritisation of approved schemes
- Changes to budget requirements for schemes in the originally approved programme following consultation, detailed design and tendering

Changes to the LTP programme as detailed within this report will be resourced from within the programme, and as such there will be no additional impact on Council finances. The revised programme to be approved is detailed below:

LTP Integrated Transport Block:

Quality Bus Shelters: South East Blackburn corridor
Highway Schemes Part 1 compensation claims
Ellison Fold Way: scheme retention and completion – credited in 2019/20
Growth Deal 3 Furthergate Highway Improvements – scheme retention and completion
Growth Deal 3 North Blackburn – scheme retention and completion. Includes resurfacing of Emerald Avenue (Whalley New Road to #54) and Whalley New Road (Parsonage Road to Borough Boundary)
Growth Deal 3 South East Blackburn – scheme delivery
Town Centre Transport (Electrical charging points: Jubilee Square project)
DfT National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Fabric Borders – scheme completion
Jubilee Square highways and public realm
Blackburn Bus Station capital maintenance
Cycle routes: Walking and Cycling (DfT funding: phase 1 and phase 2)
Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan: Wards Reservoir Belmont
Local Road Safety schemes including interactive speed signs and Pole Lane traffic calming scheme
LTP Performance monitoring / cordon counts
LTP scheme development and delivery: co-ordination, strategy development and funding bids
Section 106 West Blackburn Infrastructure: Bank Hey Masterplan and Bog Height Road Link Road
Section 106 Yew Tree Drive: speed reduction, markings and lining, signage, median works, toucan crossings
Section 106 School Lane: pedestrian crossing, village gateway and slow down markings

LTP Capital Maintenance:

HIGHWAYS CARRIAGEWAY MAINTENANCE: RESILIENT NETWORK RESURFACING

Higher Eanam: number 26 to 50 both sides
Preston New Road: Beardwood to Boundary
Livesey Branch Road: Catterall Street to 172 Livesey Branch Road
DFT HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE INCENTIVE FUND: RESILIENT NETWORK SURFACE TREATMENTS
Brandy House Brow: Rockcliffe Street to Park Lee Road
Aqueduct Road: Red Brick Theatre to Hamilton Street including mini roundabout
Belmont Road, Belmont: Bolton MBC boundary to Egerton Road
Broadhead Road, Edgworth: Gabion Bend to Toby Inn
Hamilton Street, Blackburn: Aqueduct Road to Hollin Bridge Street
DFT POTHOLE FUND
Resurfacing and patching at various network locations
2019/20 scheme retentions
Tockholes Road, Tockholes: Brokenstone Road to A675 Belmont Road
Borough Road, Darwen: Post Office to The Green, reconstruction
Barbara Castle Way
Duke Street / Blakey Moor: full length
Quebec Road
Parsonage Road: Whalley New Road to #61
Park Farm Road
Cranberry Lane: Cranberry Close to the end – reserve scheme and into 2021/22
Operations Handlay Patching: various
Spray Injection Patching: various
Emerald Avenue: Whalley New Road to number #54 – funded by GD3 scheme
Whalley New Road: Parsonage Road to Boundary – funded by GD3 scheme
RESERVE SCHEMES
Openshaw Drive: Briar Road to Thornwood Close
East Park Road: 30m above Preston New Road to number 55 East Park Road
Livingstone Road: Number 60 to Oozehead Lane
Glenshiels and Chapman Road: full length
Lower Eccleshill Road: Davyfield Brook south for 570m until 64m south of Global Way
Local cycle network capital maintenance
Capital drainage schemes: EA flood wall Freckleton Street
UTC CAPITAL UPGRADES
Audley Range / Queens Park Road: replacement with priority T junction
Bolton Road / Blackpool Street: Convert to zebra crossing
Blackburn Road / Cavendish Street and A666 between Hollins Grove Street and Lorne Street: pedestrian and traffic survey to determine crossing type, location, pedestrian access and parking provision
Whalley Range / Brook House Street / Earl Street: procurement of site investigation and detailed design / construction package for future scheme development
Preston Old Road / Witton Park: replacement of clearview sensors
Darwen Street Bridge: installation of detector feeder cables and connection of loops
Darwen Street / Jubilee Street / Mill Lane: build out and tactile paving improvements
Controller re-configuration at various locations: to improve operational efficiencies
Essential capital signals maintenance
Siemens Traffic Signal Equipment Asset Review
UTC Staffing capitalisation
STRUCTURES MAINTENANCE
A666 Blackburn Road, Cadshaw: repair of highway and retaining structure, funded over 2020/21 and into 2021/22
Wainwright Bridge repaint and refurbishment: funded from Network Rail commuted sum
Cicely Lane Canal Bridge
Essential Bridge Maintenance: Duchess Street Bridge, Luddington Footbridge
General Bridge Maintenance: Beech Hill Footbridge
Substandard Bridge Maintenance: Bridge height signage upgrade, St Johns Railway footbridge
Retaining Wall Strengthening: Jumbles Nursery (Turton)
Bridge Assessments: Aqueduct Road footbridge, Kings Canal Bridge, Charnley Street footbridge
Bridge inspectors capitalisation of staff
Rakes Bridge Culvert – repair of downstream retaining walls and de-silting of culvert, strengthen stone masonry arch by resin injection techniques: 2020/21 and 2021/22 delivery.
Street Lighting column replacements inc. Chapeltown Road / School Lane lighting upgrade

As of 28th October 2020 LTP expenditure stood at £3.064m (22%). Expenditure and scheme progress has been slowed due to the impact of COVID-19 but it is anticipated that there will be no issues in delivering the 2020/21 LTP programme and 100% spend is expected to be achieved by the end of March 2021.

In relation to schemes funded from Section 106 and developer contributions, scheme design and delivery will only commence once monies have been received.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All schemes proposed directly accord with the Local Transport Plan 3 2011 – 2021 strategy.

The Council is currently developing the next Local Transport Plan (LTP4) strategy covering the period from 2021 onwards. Accompanying the strategy will be an implementation plan containing Blackburn with Darwen's provisional capital programme and transport projects from 2021/22 to 2025/26.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding sources are identified within section 3 of this report. The programme will be closely monitored to ensure full spend and any further variations or amendments will be reported via the Executive Member for Growth and Development.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

All schemes within the programme will need to be designed and implemented in accordance with relevant highway, transport and traffic legislation; and will need to be procured in accordance with the Council's constitution and; where relevant, European directives; and any grant conditions.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

All professional fees will be met from allocations detailed, and staff time met from existing resources. External contractors will be procured to deliver schemes that cannot be delivered by internal resources. Procurement will be in line with current best practices identified by HMEP standards.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

All schemes will be the subject of detailed individual consultations with the emergency services, stakeholders and the wider community. The LTP3 2011 – 2021 Strategy was the subject of a full consultation exercise which was undertaken prior to the document being approved in April 2011.

The proposed works have been informed by the options expressed in the most recent National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey. Residents and stakeholders will be informed prior to the start of the proposed works in respect to the nature of the scheme and their anticipated duration. This will be communicated via the Council's website, social media facilities, leaflets and letters as appropriate. Customer feedback will be actively sought on completion of each scheme, with feedback analysed and used to improve the service in the future.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	Council Forum paper dated 28th April 2011 Executive Board Paper, Local Transport Plan Programme, dated 12 th March 2020