

EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION



REPORT OF: Executive Member for Growth and Development

LEAD OFFICERS: Strategic Director of Place

DATE: Thursday, 10th March 2022

PORTFOLIO(S) AFFECTED: Growth and Development

WARD/S AFFECTED: (All Wards);

KEY DECISION: Y

SUBJECT:

Local Transport Plan 2022-23

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek the Executive Board's approval for the detailed Local Transport Plan programme for the financial year 2022/23.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board:

- 1) Approves the Local Transport Plan detailed programme for 2022/23
- 2) Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Place, 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 28th February 2022 the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed details of future Integrated Block Allocations and Local Highways Maintenance Capital Block Funding for 2022/23.

The Council has also been successful in securing a number of Section 106 developer contributions to deliver Capital Highways improvement schemes.

In line with national guidance, Highways adopted an asset management approach for the maintenance of the Borough's local highway network, ensuring effective delivery with the best long-term outcomes for our local communities. However, the highway network is an expensive asset to maintain and at present investment levels we improve approximately 0.5% of our network annually and presently we estimate that we have a maintenance backlog of circa £55M. The existing backlog, the aging local road network, and the fact that ongoing maintenance requires

longer term levels of investment to remain constant, rather than one-off amounts, means that roads often do not receive the investment they need, when they need it. Existing budgets are therefore focussed on work that is deemed essential, rather than on maintenance at the optimum time.

The table below summarises the total amount of funding available:

	2022/23
DfT Integrated Transport Block	£1,435,000
DfT Highways Capital Maintenance	£1,070,000
DfT Highways Maintenance Incentive Fund	£268,000
DfT Pothole Fund	£1,070,000
17/0211 Section 106 Gib Lane Phase C (Story Homes) - West Blackburn Highways Infrastructure	117,862
17/0578 Section 106 Yew Tree Drive (Wainhomes)	631,371
18/0895 Section 106 Roe Lee (Persimmon Homes)	150,000
20/0265 Section 106 106 Blackburn North, Ramsgreave Drive (McDermott Homes)	130,000
20/1048 Former Westholme Nursery (Issa Foundation)	69,000
18/1116 Brokenstone Road	26,000
16/1132 Section 106 Gib Lane Phase A (Kingswood Homes)	51,000
16/0789 (17/1523) Section 106 Pole Lane North Darwen (Kier Living)	40,000
21/0122 Section 106 Ellison Fold Way	197,030
Grand Total	£5,255,263

Any additional funds received from Section 106 or monies from third parties will be reported within the 6 monthly LTP update report to be published later in 2022.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

Proposed schemes have been informed by lifecycle planning factors developed as part of the authority's asset management strategy, where relevant schemes within the resilient network have been prioritised.

The 2022/23 Capital Programme for Transport and Highways will be allocated as follows:

LTP Integrated Transport Block: totals £1,435,000

Bog Height Road / Ashwood Avenue – Link Road - Phase 1
A666 / Jack Walker Way Junction Improvement - Phase 1
Fore Street / Duchess Street Junction Improvements
Chapels / Holden Fold Junction Improvements - Phase 1
Goose House Lane / Hollins Grove Signalisation - Feasibility and Design
Junction 5 Feasibility
Highway Schemes Part 1 compensation claims
On street Electric Vehicle Charging
Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan, including walking and cycling improvements
Local Road Safety schemes
LTP Project Management and Development

LTP Capital Maintenance: totals £1,070,000

A666 / Jack Walker Way Junction Improvement
Carriageway improvements
Birchall Ave, Junction with Ribble Avenue, Darwen
Barbara Castle Way, Limbrick, Blackburn
Barbara Castle Way, Eanam, Blackburn

Capital Drainage
Aqueduct Road, Blackburn
Branch Road / Bolton Road, Blackburn
Jack's Key Drive / Bolton Road, Darwen
UTC Capital Upgrades
Junction of Preston Old Rd and Witton Park Detection Upgrade
Ewood Park Detection Upgrade
Aqueduct Road Detection and Lining Upgrade
Whalley Old Rd / St Stephens Rd
Livesey Branch Rd / Kings Rd
Emerging Priorities
Highways Bridges and Structures
Lithermans Culvert, Chapelton – Strengthening works
Plane Street Railway Bridge – Parapet wall strengthening repairs
Whalley New Road, opposite Jasper Street – Scour repairs
Garstang Cottages West Retaining Wall - Repointing
Taylor Street Retaining Wall - Strengthening
Phillips Road Culvert – Scour repairs
Union Street Bridge – Arch repointing
Walk Mill Bridge – Parapet works and Confined Space Inspection
Plane Street Railway Bridge – Principal Bridge Inspection
Redearth Road Retaining Wall – Mobile platform inspections
Bridge Inspections - Various confined space structures
Brownhill Railway Bridge – Assessment and Principal Bridge Inspection
Gantry Inspections – Various locations
Phillips Road Roundabout – Barrier improvements
High Street Subway
Wainwright Railway Bridge lighting scheme
Emerging Priorities and Management
Street Lighting
LED replacement programme phase 2
Street Lighting column repairs
DfT Highways Maintenance Incentive Fund: totals £268,000
Darwen Street, Canterbury Street to Bridge Street, Blackburn
Bolton Road, Church Street to The Circus, Darwen
Daisy Street, Blackburn
Emerald Avenue, Blackburn
Amber Avenue, Blackburn
Beryl Avenue, Blackburn
Pearl Street, Blackburn
Rosewood Avenue, Blackburn
Kelsall Avenue, Blackburn
Greenhead Avenue, Blackburn
Unnamed Road leading from Whalley New Road, by Leo's Carpets, Blackburn
Heys Lane, Darwen
Dove Lane, Darwen
Harwood Street, Darwen
Prospect Avenue, Darwen
Owlet Hall Road, Darwen
Vale Street Darwen
Furness Avenue, Blackburn
DfT Pothole Fund: totals £1,070,000
Targeting defect areas

Specialist Carriageway Patching Programme
Insitu recycling – Quebec Road, Blackburn
Carriageway resurfacing – Accrington Road, No. 298 East to Boundary, Blackburn
Carriageway resurfacing – Pleckgate Road, No. 160 South to Pleck Farm Avenue, Blackburn
Additional Project Delivery
17/0211 Section 106 Gib Lane Phase C (Story Homes)
17/0211 Section 106 Gib Lane Phase C (Story Homes) - West Blackburn Highways Infrastructure
17/0578 Section 106 Yew Tree Drive (Wainhomes)
18/0895 Section 106 Roe Lee (Persimmon Homes)
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20/1048 Former Westholme Nursery (Issa Foundation)
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16/1132 Section 106 Gib Lane Phase A (Kingswood Homes)
16/0789 (17/1523) Section 106 Pole Lane North Darwen (Kier Living)
21/0122 Section 106 Ellison Fold Way
Reserve Projects
Yew Tree Drive, Eastbound crossover between columns 325 and 327 to Whinney Lane
Blackburn Road, Bolton Road to Isherwood Fold, Edgworth
Whalley New Road, Greenacre garage south of Perry's garage, Blackburn

Any changes to the approved 2022/23 programme will be reported via the Council's Executive Member for Growth and Development later in 2022. 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 equality impacts of each project are considered and assessed at the scheme design stage.

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

The Council is currently developing the next Local Transport Plan (LTP4) strategy covering the period from 2022-2041. Accompanying the strategy will be an implementation plan containing Blackburn with Darwen's provisional capital programme and transport projects from 2023/24 to 2026/27.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All schemes proposed directly accord with the Local Transport Plan 3 Strategy.

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

The Council has a statutory duty under Sections 108 and 109 of the Transport Act 2000 ("the Act") (as amended by the Local Transport Act 2008) as local transport authority to ensure that the Council has up to date policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport to, from and within their area. Each local transport authority must prepare a document to be known as the local transport plan ("LTP") containing its policies for the purposes above and its proposals for the implementation of those policies.

All schemes within the programme will be designed and implemented in accordance with relevant highway, transport, traffic and equality legislation; and will need to be procured in accordance with the Council's constitution, procurement law 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.

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.

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.

10. CONSULTATIONS

All schemes will be the subject of detailed individual consultations with the emergency services, stakeholders and the wider community.

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 in the Summary of Decisions published on the day following the meeting.

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**BACKGROUND
PAPER:**