



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF: Executive Member for Regeneration and Growth

LEAD OFFICERS: Director of Growth and Development

DATE: 19th November 2018

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Regeneration and Growth

WARD/S AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: Local Transport Plan 2018/19 Programme Update

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To advise the Executive Member of changes and required approvals for the Local Transport Plan programme 2018/19, which was originally approved by the Council's Executive Board on 8th March 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

- 1) Approves the revisions to the Local Transport Plan programme for 2018/19
- 2) Delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and Growth, to negotiate, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget provision
- 3) Delegates authority to the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to award contracts following acceptance of tenders
- 4) Approves the Highways surfacing Capital Maintenance 2018/19 detailed programme as agreed in outline in March 2018.

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

The LTP 3 also has a further cross cutting priority to promote the management of the Council's transport assets.

On the 11th April 2018 the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed details of Local Transport Capital Funding for the 2018/19 financial year. On the 29th March 2018 the DfT confirmed details of the Council's "Flood Resilience Fund – Potholes" and National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) funding.

The Council has also been successful in securing Local Growth Fund 2 and 3 allocations to deliver

Capital Highways schemes. The table below summarises the updated total amount of capital funding available in 2018/19:

	2018/19
DfT Integrated Transport Block	£1,424,000
DfT Highways Capital Maintenance	£1,552,000
DfT £420m Additional Capital Maintenance	£855,000
DfT Highways Maintenance Block incentive element	£326,000
DfT Pothole Action Fund	£72042
DfT National Productivity Investment Fund	£480,000
Growth Deal 2 (East Darwen)	£2,000,000
Growth Deal 3 (Furthergate)	£2,133,273
Growth Deal 3 (North Blackburn)	£400,000
Section 106 contributions	£1,542,476
Grand Total	£10,784,791

Within the Executive Board report dated 8th March 2018, the 2018/19 LTP programme was detailed and approved.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

There are a number of changes proposed to the original LTP programme for 2018/19 which was approved by the Council's Executive Board on 8th March 2018. 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.

Proposed changes to the programme are described below in more detail:

Corridors:

LTP Integrated Transport Block
Quality Bus Shelters – Whalley New Road corridor (Brownhill Co-op, Roe Lee, Seven Trees, Pleckgate Road)
Highway Schemes Part 1 compensation claims
Darwen East Development Corridor (Ellison Fold Way) - BwDBC contribution plus growth deal major scheme funding
Growth Deal 3 Furthergate Highway Improvements – business case, procurement, land and delivery. Scheme now on site – completion Summer 2019
Growth Deal 3 North Blackburn – business case, procurement, land and delivery. Scheme programmed to commence in February 2019
Growth Deal 3 South East Blackburn Highway Improvements – business case, procurement, land and delivery. Business case submission November 2019
Town Centre Transport (Electrical charging points, Ainsworth Street bollards). EV chargers in at Feilden Street Multi storey and Darwen Market rooftop car park
Town Centre Transport (contribution to LEP funded scheme: Blakey Moor Network Improvements)
Fabric Borders National Productivity Investment Fund NPIF – Victoria Street / Northgate Link. Delivery commenced November 2018.
Corporation Park Road Safety: West Park Road / QEGS traffic safety, bus stop formalisation and parking scheme
Section 106 Livesey Branch Road / Gib Lane new access
Section 106 Gib Lane Phase C (Story Homes)
Section 106 Gib Lane / Brokenstone Road
Section 106 Blackburn North / Yew Tree Drive
Section 106 Pole Lane North – Spring Meadows Highways and Drainage Works
Roe Lee Housing development junction access – scheme commenced
Cycle routes (local commitment to LEP scheme) – Weavers Wheel completion and development. Whitebirk Drive (cut back trees and reposition lighting), Ramsgreave Drive, Lions Drive and Duttons Way (refresh markings and cycleway giveways), Spokes 1-6 lining, Witton Park cycling hub signage.
Neighbourhood access schemes – business park verge improvements
Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Footpath 52 Tockholes “Long drag to Darwen Tower”. Footpath 49 off Punstock Road – flooding resilience scheme. Small scale improvements.
Sustainable Transport and supporting growth (supporting DfT Access Fund). Activities continuing directly funded by the DfT Access Funding.
Performance monitoring / cordon counts including Pennine Reach monitoring and evaluation
LTP scheme development and delivery. Co-ordination, strategy development and funding bids

LTP Capital Maintenance
Carriageway surface dressing: 2018/19 detailed programme approved in November 2017: West Leigh Road, Roman Road, Longshaw Lane, Bog Height Road, Billinge End Road, Foxstones Crescent, Greenside Avenue, St Aidans Road, East Park Avenue, Langham Road and Colenso Road, Arlington Road, Entwistle Street, Green Street East, Limes Avenue, Northcote Street, Queens Road / Whitehall Road, Westcote Street
DfT highways maintenance incentive fund: Structural condition surveys of carriageway, Cambridge Street, Ramsgreave Drive, St James Crescent resurfacing
DfT pothole action fund – capital maintenance (potholes and patching)
DfT additional £420m: Preston New Road (Meins Road to Beardwood Drive), Preston New Road (Revidge Road to Saunders Road), Livesey Branch Road (Green Lane to Hordern Rake), Higher Audley Street (Audley Range to 38 Oxford Close), Higher Audley Street (38 Oxford Close to Higher Eanam), resurfacing, retexturing and surface dressing of A/B/C roads.
Local Cycle Network Capital Maintenance -
Capital drainage schemes: 2018/19 187-235 Branch Road highway drainage improvement works, Chapel Grange drainage, Chapeltown Road drainage, Branch Road Blackburn, Greens Arms Road Turton
UTC Capital Upgrades and AQMA measures. Includes Four Lane Ends, Darwen Street Bridge, A674 Bank Top pelican crossing conversion to puffin, A674 Redlam pelican crossing conversion to zebra, Fibre network Cisco switch, miscellaneous planned minor works, management and delivery professional fees, reserve scheme: Blackpool Street
Bridges and structures maintenance
Wesley Street footbridge – abutment remedials following removal of the metal footbridge. Delivery 2018/19 into 2019/20.
Cicely Lane Canal Bridge – footway strengthening – scheme complete and open early November 2018
Belmont Road South – Grange Brook retaining wall – A675 Belmont Road
Belmont Road North – Reservoir intake – scheme complete
Broadhead Road banking – 2018/19 and 2019/20 delivery
A666 Blackburn Road feasibility study – January 2019
Longworth Clough footbridge – completion 2018/19
Wainwright Bridge repainting and maintenance – inspection work at end January 2019
Essential bridge maintenance – minor works
General Bridge maintenance – inspection, investigation, feasibility
Substandard Bridge Management Highways England and Network Rail bridge monitoring – now included in general maintenance
Retaining Wall Strengthening. Minor works including St James Church retaining wall, Edgworth – scheme complete
Bridge Assessments – now included in general maintenance
Reserve schemes:
Greens Arms Road retaining wall No.930-06. Replace retaining wall with either masonry or reinforced soil
Garstang Cottages West retaining wall. Strengthen wall by culverting brook. Provision of restraint beyond culverted section
Willow Street Bridge. No 4592. Footway strengthening
Clarence Street Bridge. No 4912. Either saddle arch, waterproof or install proprietary arch reinforcing system.
LTP contribution to Railway Road Darwen scheme
LTP TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2018/19 (revised funding £10,784,791)

As of 16th November 2018, LTP expenditure stood at £3.219m (29%). It is anticipated that there will be no issues in delivering the 2018/19 LTP programme and 100% spend is expected to be achieved by the end of March 2019.

This season's skid resistance survey highlighted a number of issues resulting from the exceptionally high and sustained temperatures enjoyed through the summer of 2018. A number of options are available to repair this damage, including resurfacing and retexturing. It is recommended that remedial works are carried out on the following roads, during the fourth quarter of the current financial year.

Preston New Road, Meins Road to Beardwood Drive	Resurfacing
Preston New Road, Revidge Road to Saunders Road	Retexturing
Livesey Branch Road, Green Lane to Horden Rake	Resurfacing
Higher Audley Street, Audley Range to 38 Oxford Close	Resurfacing
Higher Audley Street, 38 Oxford Close to Higher Eanam	Retexturing

The following roads are recommend for resurfacing remedial work during 2019/2020 or as reserve

schemes in 2018/19 if more funding becomes available from the Department for Transport.

Haslingden Road

Bolton Road, Oakdale

Blackburn Road, Hollins

Higher Eanam

Aqueduct Road

Brandy House Brow

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All schemes proposed directly accord with the Local Transport Plan 3 2011 – 2021 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 to future meetings of Regeneration SPT and Executive Board.

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.

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.

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 dated 8th March 2018