



LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS to be made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment,
Councillor Claire Dowling

MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2021 AT 10.00 AM

CC2, COUNTY HALL, LEWES

++Please note, the Lead Member will not be present in person, but will be taking the decisions remotely++

AGENDA

- 1 Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 15 February 2021 (*Pages 3 - 4*)
- 2 Disclosure of Interests
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 3 Urgent items
Notification of any items which the Lead Member considers urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 4 Capital Programme for Local Transport Improvements 2021/22 (*Pages 5 - 12*)
Report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
- 5 Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

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DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Claire Dowling, on 15 February 2021 at County Hall, Lewes

++ The Lead Member was not present in person, but took the decisions remotely ++

Councillors Bill Bentley, Darren Grover and Carolyn Lambert spoke on item 4 (see minute 31)

29 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 18 JANUARY 2021

29.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021.

30 REPORTS

30.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

31 NOTICE OF MOTION - SAFETY ON THE A259

31.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

31.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to recommend that Full Council does not support the motion set out at paragraph 1.1 of the report for the reasons set out in section 3 of the report.

Reasons

31.3 Firstly, the Notice of Motion requests that the Cabinet undertake a multi-modal study which considers the needs of all road users, particularly at the junctions with the A259, and identifies proposals to address these. Two studies are already underway or planned to consider these issues. The Transport for the South East's Outer Orbital Corridor Study which is currently underway will consider strategic and regionally significant interventions on the A259 corridor. The County Council led A259 South Coast Road corridor study planned to start this year will identify, using appropriate evidence, more localised interventions for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users as well congestion and safety measures along the corridor. Both these studies will then inform the development of a business case to secure Major Road Network funding from Government to deliver the preferred package of interventions. As this request is already being actioned, it is recommended that this element of the Notice of Motion is not supported.

31.4 Secondly, the Notice of Motion requests that lower speed limits on the approaches to Seaford are imposed and enforced. The setting and changes to speed limits are undertaken in accordance with the Local Policy PS05/02. A 50mph speed limit was introduced on the A259 western approach into Seaford in 2017 and post-implementation surveys identified that the limit was largely self-enforcing. Previous requests have been made to reduce this speed limit further to 40mph however for this to be effective would require a significant level of engineering work to ensure that vehicle speeds are brought down, did not meet the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership criteria for speed cameras and therefore could not be justified. We will continue to work with the Police to ensure the enforcement of speed limits, however their setting needs to be appropriate to the local environment as set out in our Speed Limit Policy. Therefore, this element of the Notice of Motion is not supported.

31.5 Finally, the Notice of Motion also requests that pedestrian crossings are provided at key points of the A259 including at the Bishopstone junctions. To ensure a holistic approach is taken, the provision of pedestrian crossing improvements at the Bishopstone junction and other locations on the A259 will be considered as part of the wider A259 South Coast Road corridor study. However, the delivery of an interventions identified through the study, including pedestrian crossing improvements at junctions on the A259, will be subject to securing MRN or other external funding or standalone schemes being prioritised for county council funding and inclusion in the County Council's capital programme of local transport improvements. With no funding currently attached to the provision of such improvements, it is recommended that this part of the Notice of Motion is not supported.

Report to: Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Date of meeting: 15 March 2021

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Capital Programme for Local Transport Improvements 2021/22

Purpose: To seek approval for the proposed allocation of funds to a specific programme of local transport improvements for 2021/22

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to:

(1) Agree the programme of local transport improvements for 2021/22 set out in Appendix 1 to this report; and

(2) Agree the allocation of County Council capital funding, development contributions and Local Growth Fund monies towards specific improvements identified in the 2021/22 Programme.

1. Background Information

1.1 The capital programme for local transport improvements sets out a proposed programme of schemes to be developed and delivered in various locations across the county in 2021/22. The programme is funded from a number of sources including a capital allocation from the County Council, development contributions and funding secured from the Government's Local Growth Fund (LGF) through the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP). A copy of the draft capital programme is included in Appendix 1.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 In May 2011, the County Council approved the Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011 – 2026 which identified the Council's strategy for transport investment. The strategic approach adopted in the LTP is to invest in infrastructure which delivers sustainable economic growth and improves safety, security and health. This will be achieved by developing schemes which tackle congestion, improve safety for all road users and where practical and appropriate, promote sustainable travel on foot, by bike and by public transport.

2.2 The LTP is complemented by a series of Implementation Plans setting out delivery proposals in line with the priorities set out in the plan of supporting sustainable economic growth and improving safety, health and security for five-year time periods over its lifetime. The first of the Implementation Plans covered the period 2011/12 to 2015/16; the second Implementation Plan covers the period 2016/17 to 2020/21 and was approved by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment at his decision-making meeting on 14 March 2016. The content of the capital programme for local transport improvements is consistent with the second LTP Implementation Plan.

2.3 The capital programme for 2021/22 has been reviewed to take account of the priorities set out in the Council Plan, LTP and its associated Implementation Plan, as well as ensuring the continuation of schemes commenced in the previous financial year and the availability of external contributions.

2.4 As part of the LTP and its Implementation Plans, and with a single budget for Local Transport and Road Safety schemes, a more robust, evidence based prioritisation process has been developed to assess requests received for all types of schemes. This prioritisation framework was

approved by the Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment in September 2011. One of the key elements of this process involves assessing the extent to which scheme requests would meet the objectives of the LTP. These objectives include improving economic competitiveness and growth, improving safety and tackling climate change and demonstrating how our LTP and capital programme for local transport improvements can support the County Council's priority of sustainable economic growth as well as contributing towards the target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. The County Council will be developing its fourth Local Transport Plan during 2021/22 and this will include reviewing the current prioritisation process used to assess requests for schemes for potential inclusion in the capital programme.

2.5 On 9 February 2021 Cabinet approved the allocation of £4.552m in the County Council's capital programme towards Integrated Transport measures. The draft programme allocates £3.973m of the County Council funding available towards delivering local transport projects across the county in 2021/22. Additional external funding, such as development contributions and Local Growth Fund monies, increase the overall level of funding available to implement local transport improvements in the agreed programme to £8.426m in 2021/22. There are constraints on how this external funding may be used, as it can only be used to fund specific improvements in specific geographical areas. In addition, the terms of some funding streams only enable the construction cost of a scheme to be funded, with the design costs having to be funded from County Council resources.

Local Growth Fund funded packages

2.6 A number of the schemes in the capital programme are to be funded from the Government's Local Growth Fund. A total of over £66m of funding has been made available through various rounds of the Growth Fund to fund transport schemes in East Sussex up to 2020/21. This money has been made available following the submission of the Growth Deals by the South East and Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnerships. Some of this funding was secured and has been used to deliver major transport infrastructure (eg. Newhaven Port Access Road and North Bexhill Access Road) required to unlock housing and/or employment sites.

2.7 Funding has also been awarded for the delivery of the following packages of local transport improvements which will support the housing and employment growth in the growth corridors around Eastbourne/South Wealden and Bexhill/Hastings:

- Hastings and Bexhill Movement and Access Package (this comprises previous allocations for the junction improvement and walking/cycling packages).
- Eastbourne and South Wealden walking and cycling package
- Hailsham, Polegate and Eastbourne Sustainable Transport Corridor
- Eastbourne Town Centre access and improvement package

2.8 The South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) has agreed the extension of certain Local Growth Fund projects being delivered beyond the end of the growth deal period of 31 March 2021. The LGF packages, which form part of the capital programme of local transport improvements, were highlighted to SELEP as projects where spend beyond March 2021 was anticipated. Consequently, approval has been given by SELEP to spend beyond this date and into 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Road Safety

2.9 Historically, the capital programme included a separate allocation for road safety measures to fund the implementation of engineering schemes at specific sites identified as having a high crash record. The number of specific sites identified has reduced over the years and the latest approach combines a mix of site specific and route based interventions. Targeted engineering measures will continue to be introduced in response to problems identified through the ongoing analysis of crash data. Our road safety engineering work will be focussed on low cost traffic management measures

(e.g. improvements to signing and lining) and targeted engineering works at identified sites and high risk sections of our A and B roads where crashes have occurred.

2.10 Provision has been made for the Road Safety Team to undertake a targeted enhancement approach to identified sites and routes where road safety issues have been identified but no specific site or causation factor may be evident. Precedence will be given to those sites of highest priority that have the potential to positively impact casualty reduction. The funding may be used in conjunction with other funding, if available, to maximise this impact.

Consultation on draft programme

2.11 The draft capital programme was circulated to all Councillors in February 2021 for comments. The comments received from Councillors were considered at a cross-party Member Panel, consisting of Councillors Bowdler, Godfrey Daniel, Grover and Shing held on 24 February 2021. The purpose of the Member Panel was to review the draft programme included in Appendix 1 to this report, consider comments received from other Councillors and advise on its content prior to the Lead Member's decision-making meeting.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The draft capital programme set out in Appendix 1 represents a balanced programme of improvements which will help deliver not only the objectives of the County Council's Local Transport Plan but also contribute to achieving broader corporate objectives. It is therefore recommended that the funding approved by County Council, development contributions and Local Growth Fund monies identified to support the programme of local transport improvements for 2021/22 be allocated to the programme of schemes set out in Appendix 1.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

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Scheme Type	
CY	Cycling
WA	Walking
TM	Traffic Management
BI	Bus Infrastructure
PC	Pedestrian Crossing
RD	Local Road Schemes
TM	Traffic Calming and Traffic Management
LS	Local Safety Schemes
BL	Bus Priority

Key to Stages Commenced	
F	Feasibility
P	Preliminary Design
D	Detailed Design
C	Construction
PC	Post Construction

					Proposed Programme 2021-2022										
					Funding Sources			Total Funding		Stages to be commenced					
ESRP Ref	Source	Location	Title	Principal Scheme Type	ESCC	DC's/CIL	LGF		F	P	D	C	PC	DC/CIL Source	

Hastings Bexhill Movement and Access Package														
SCH-009	LGF / Devpt Cont	Hastings	Hastings Walking and Cycle Network - Alexandra Park Cycle Route	CY/WA			£ 100,000	£ 100,000			●	●		
SCH-095	LGF	Hastings	Hastings Walking and Cycling Network - Alexandra Park to Conquest Hospital	CY / WA			£ 30,000	£ 30,000	●					
SCH-020	LGF	Hastings	Hastings Walking and Cycle Network - Queensway to Silverhill (western) route	CY			£ 500,000	£ 500,000			●	●		
SCH 079	LGF / Devpt Cont	Hastings	The Ridge Corridor -Pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Cemetery	PC			£ 250,000	£ 250,000				●	●	
SCH 080	LGF	Hastings	Hastings Bus Stop Accessibility Improvements - Bus Stop Clearways/High Access Kerbs (bus stop poles)/Bus Shelters	BI			£ 90,000	£ 90,000				●	●	
SCH 081	LGF	Hastings	Hastings Traffic Management - Variable message parking signs & Ring Road review	TM			£ 30,000	£ 30,000	●					
SCH 082	LGF	Hastings	Hastings Movement & Access Route Schemes (MARS) – Seafront Connectivity	RD			£ 420,000	£ 420,000			●	●		
SCH 083	LGF	Hastings	Hastings Movement & Access Route Schemes (MARS) – Station to Seafront	RD		£ 51,000	£ 774,000	£ 825,000			●	●		HS/2009/00485 Land at Hastings College
TBC	LGF	Hastings	Hastings Walking and Cycling Network - 'Wayfinding' project	PC			£ 133,000	£ 133,000				●	●	
SCH-026	LGF	Bexhill	Bexhill Walking and Cycle Network - Cycle Routes 1 - 9 (East & North Bexhill)	CY			£ 65,000	£ 65,000			●			
SCH-104	LGF	Bexhill	Bexhill Walking and Cycling Network:: Collington Avenue/Sutherland Avenue junction pedestrian crossing	PC			£ 80,000	£ 80,000				●	●	
SCH-109	LGF	Bexhill	London Road Corridor - Traffic Management and Public Realm package	TM			£ 95,000	£ 95,000	●	●				
SCH-105	LGF	Bexhill	Bexhill Bus Stop Accessibility Improvements - Bus Stop Clearways/High Access Kerbs (bus stop poles)/Bus Shelters	BI			£ 90,000	£ 90,000				●	●	
SCH-108	LGF	Bexhill	Bexhill Traffic Management - traffic signals at Cooden Drive/ Westcourt Drive junction	RD			£ 85,000	£ 85,000				●	●	
					£ -	£ 51,000	£ 2,742,000	£ 2,793,000						

Eastbourne South Wealden Walking and Cycling package														
SCH-003	LGF	Eastbourne	Eastbourne Walking and Cycle Network - Horsey Way Phase 1B (Cavendish Place to Ringwood Road)	CY			£ 40,000	£ 40,000	●	●				
SCH-007	LGF	Eastbourne	Eastbourne Walking and Cycle Network - Langney Rise cycle route	CY			£ 55,000	£ 55,000			●			
SCH-028	LGF	Eastbourne	Eastbourne Walking and Cycle Network- Willingdon Drove cycle route	CY			£ 50,000	£ 50,000			●			
TBC	LGF	Eastbourne / S Wealden	Eastbourne / South Wealden cycling and walking improvements - Stone Cross-Royal Parade via Langney	CY			£ 130,000	£ 130,000	●	●				

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ESRP Ref	Source	Location	Title	Principal Scheme Type	ESCC	DC's/CIL	LGF		F	P	D	C	PC	
TBC	LGF	Eastbourne	Eastbourne / South Wealden cycling and walking improvements-Eastbourne Cycle Parking	CY			£ 80,000	£ 80,000				●	●	
TBC	LGF	Eastbourne	Eastbourne / South Wealden cycling and walking improvements - Eastbourne town centre cycle routes	CY			£ 90,000	£ 90,000		●	●			
TBC	LGF	Eastbourne	Eastbourne / South Wealden cycling and walking improvements- Eastbourne Town Centre Wayfinding	CY			£ 170,000	£ 170,000					●	
					£ -	£ -	£ 615,000	£ 615,000						

Hailsham Polegate Eastbourne Movement and Access Corridor package														
SCH-0114	LFG	Polegate	Wannock Road Junction Improvements	TM			£ 425,000	£ 425,000			●	●	●	
SCH-0116	LGF	Eastbourne	Eastbourne Road Bus Lane (TRO)	TM	£ 5,000			£ 5,000			●			
					£ 5,000	£ -	£ 425,000	£ 430,000						

Integrated Transport Measures (ITM) Funding														
SCH-122	ESCC	Alfriston	Alfriston Traffic Management	TM	£ 40,000			£ 40,000			●			
SCH-123	ESCC	Battle	Battle Hill safety improvements	TM	£ 30,000			£ 30,000			●			
SCH-145	ESCC	Bexhill	Sea Road near junction with Endwell Road	PC	£ 70,000			£ 70,000			●			
SCH-124	ESCC	Countywide	Accident remedial study (managed by Road Safety team) - rename to Strategic Casualty Reduction Programme	LS	£ 350,000			£ 350,000	●	●	●	●	●	
SCH-055	ESCC	Countywide	Dropped kerb and tactile paving programme	CY	£ 50,000			£ 50,000	●	●	●	●	●	
SCH-???	ESCC	Countywide	County-wide Transport Model	TM	£ 230,000			£ 230,000		●	●			
TBC	ESCC	Eastbourne	Eastbourne Town Centre Improvement scheme Phase 1 (remedials)	TM	£ 110,000			£ 110,000				●	●	
SCH-126	LGF/ESCC/ Other	Eastbourne	Eastbourne town centre improvement scheme Phase 2b other design elements	TM	£ 150,000			£ 150,000		●	●			
TBC	ESCC	Eastbourne	Eastbourne Walking and Cycle Network - Horsey Way Phase 3 Landscape Maintenance costs	CY	£ 25,000			£ 25,000					●	
SCH-???	ESCC	Eastbourne/ South Wealden	A22/A2290 MRN Corridor Study (GJW to Seaside)	TM	£ 200,000			£ 200,000		●	●			
SCH-164	ESCC	Hailsham	Ersham Road/Diplocks Way/South Road junction	TM	£ 60,000			£ 60,000		●	●			
SCH-???	ESCC	Hailsham	Hempstead Lane and Hawks Road Traffic Management study	TM	£ 30,000			£ 30,000	●					
SCH-113	ESCC	Hailsham	Wealden Local Plan Infrastructure: Junction Improvements (A22 - Hailsham & Stone Cross section)	TM	£ 400,000			£ 400,000			●			
TBC	ESCC	Hastings	A259 Bus Improvements - Phase 3 (additional funding)	TM	£ 100,000			£ 100,000				●	●	
SCH-074	ESCC	Lewes	Lewes Traffic Management: Rail Station ETRO Implementation	TM	£ 15,000			£ 15,000			●			
SCH-044	ESCC	Lewes	Lewes Walking and Cycling Network - Cycle route 90	CY	£ 55,000			£ 55,000		●				
SCH-045	ESCC	Newhaven	A259 South Coast Corridor package - Newhaven Ring Road Junction Improvements	TM	£ 385,000	£ 365,000		£ 750,000					●	£300k of CIL money plus £33k from LW/14/0107 Land at Frosts Garage, Denton, and £32k from LW/14/0707 land at Searchlight Workshops and Webb House, Newhaven
SCH-065	ESCC	Newhaven	A259 South Coast Corridor package - Newhaven Cycling Improvements (phase 1 bus stop upgrades)	TM / CYPC	£ 40,000			£ 40,000			●	●		
SCH-???	ESCC	Newhaven / Peacehaven	A259 South Coast Corridor Study and Transport Model	TM	£ 175,000			£ 175,000	●	●				
SCH- 132	ESCC	Rotherfield	Rotherfield HGV Traffic Management Phase 2	TM	£ 50,000			£ 50,000		●	●			
SCH-080	ESCC	Seaford	A259 South Coast Corridor package - Hill Rise junction (Bishopstone) study	TM	£ 10,000			£ 10,000		●				

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					Funding Sources			Total Funding	Stages to be commenced					
ESRP Ref	Source	Location	Title	Principal Scheme Type	ESCC	DC's/CIL	LGF		F	P	D	C	PC	DC/CIL Source
PS-058	ESCC	Seaford	Exceat Temporary Signals	TM	£ 120,000			£ 120,000			●	●	●	
SCH-???	ESCC	Uckfield	Uckfield Phase 3 Bus Station	BI	£ 500,000			£ 500,000			●	●	●	
					£ 3,195,000	£ 365,000	£ -	£ 3,560,000						

New ITM Funded Schemes 2021/22														
SCH-???	ESCC	Eastbourne/ South Wealden	Eastbourne seafront cycle feasibility study	CY	£ 40,000			£ 40,000	●					
SCH-???	ESCC	-	New pipeline schemes - cycling infrastructure (LCWIP)	CY	£ 100,000			£ 100,000	●	●				
SCH-???	ESCC	-	New pipeline schemes - development infrastructure	CY/WA/TM/BI/PC/RD/ TM/LS/BL	£ 50,000			£ 50,000	●					
					£ 190,000	£ -	£ -	£190,000						

External funding														
SCH-054	Devpt Cont	Chailey	Chailey - Warrs Hill Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	RC/WA	£ 10,000			£ 10,000	●	●				£147k from LW/2004/1299 & LW/2006/0700 Land at New Heritage, Warrs Hill Lane, North Chailey
SCH-0147	Devpt Cont	Crowborough	Crowborough Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	PC		£ 220,000		£ 220,000		●	●	●		£16k WD/2009/0195 Former Feedback Factory, Park Road, Crowborough, £32k WD/2005/3402/O & WD/2007/2666 & WD/2009/1367 Land adjoining 'The White Hart' public house, Crowborough Hill, Crowborough (Fairground Site), £63k WD/2007/0736/MAJ Land west of Green Lane, Steel Cross, Crowborough, £41k WD/2007/3335/MAJ Land at Knollidene, Blackness Road, Crowborough, £22k WD/2008/1904/O Gorsedene, Goldsmith Avenue, Crowborough, TN6 1RH, £10k WD/2009/0925 Pantiles, Whitehill Road, Crowborough, TN6 1JS, £34k WD/2009/2556/MAO Hopplitis Nursery Site and Jenshane, School Lane, Crowborough
SCH-???	ESCC	Polegate	Polegate High Street - pedestrian improvement and 20mph zone study	TM	£ 40,000			£ 40,000		●	●			
TBC	Devpt Cont	Uckfield	Uckfield Phase 2 ETRO parking restrictions	TM	£ 15,000			£ 15,000				●	●	
SCH	Devpt Cont / ESCC	Wadhurst	High Street Pedestrian Improvements	TM	£ 20,000	£ 35,000.00		£ 55,000	●	●	●	●		
SCH 081	Devpt Cont / ESCC	Uckfield	Uckfield Phase 4 Movement and Access	RS	£ 10,000			£ 10,000	●					
					£ 95,000	£ 255,000	£ -	£ 350,000						

Staff Recharges - including Road Safety Audit costs	£ 378,052			£ 378,052
Programme Management - East Sussex Highways	£ 110,000			£ 110,000

TOTAL	£ 3,973,052	£ 671,000	£ 3,782,000	£ 8,426,052
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