

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE**

**16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE ROAD SAFETY BUDGET 2014-15</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>WARDS WITHIN THE WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY</b></li><li>▪ <b>HOYLAKE AND MEOLS</b></li><li>▪ <b>PENSBY AND THINGWALL</b></li><li>▪ <b>WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON</b></li><li>▪ <b>UPTON</b></li></ul>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL WEST)</b>
<b>ROAD SAFETY PANEL MEMBERS:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR WENDY CLEMENTS COUNCILLOR GERRY ELLIS COUNCILLOR MIKE SULLIVAN COUNCILLOR STUART WHITTINGHAM COUNCILLOR DAVID ELDERTON</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present recommendations to the Committee in respect of the Constituency Committee's 2014-15 Integrated Transport Block (road safety) budget allocation

**2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

2.1 The Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme for 2014/15 agreed by Cabinet on 13th March 2014 provided an allocation of £77,750 for each Constituency Committee to be distributed in relation to Improving Road Safety and Promoting Active Travel and Health.

2.2 This funding is to be used for capital expenditure schemes which will address the as opposed to revenue expenditure, i.e. the budget can be spent on the creation of a fixed asset rather than on operating costs or providing a day to day service.

2.3 As agreed at the Constituency Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014, recommendations for the allocation of the budget for road safety to fund schemes across the five wards have been identified through consultation with a lead member for each

ward, i.e. the Road Safety Panel. These councillors worked with the Constituency Manager and the Road Safety Manager to identify a list of proposals. The Panel then reviewed this list of proposals taking into account cost and feasibility considerations identified by the road safety team and with a shared consensus that the funding is allocated as equitably as possible across the five wards. The Panel's recommendations in relation to each proposal are set out in **Appendix 1**.

2.4 The Panel's recommendations as to which proposals should be prioritised for funding are as follows:

In Greasby, Frankby and Irby Ward:

- Arrowe Road Pavement Parking Restrictions - £4,100
- Hillbark Road / Ferndale Avenue Vehicle Activated Sign - £7,000
- Glenwood Drive / Coombe Road Junction Parking Restrictions - £1,200

Total Estimated Cost of Greasby, Frankby and Irby proposals - £12,300

In Hoylake and Meols Ward:

- Birkenhead Road / Carlton Lane Parking Restrictions - £1,200
- Elwyn Road / Guffits Rake and Elwyn Road / Newlyn Road Parking / Waiting Restrictions (in line with school times) – £1,200
- School Lane Pedestrian 'Buildouts' at Meols Park Entrance - £10,000
- Banks Road / Victoria Drive Parking Restrictions - £2,000

Total Estimated Cost of Hoylake and Meols proposals - £14,400

In Pensby and Thingwall Ward:

- Downham Road North 20mph Zone – £3,300
- Ridgewood Drive Area 20mph Zone - £7,200
- Kylemore Drive Area 20mph Zone - £3,200
- Stanley School / Kentmere Drive Give Way Markings - £200
- Pensby Road Cycle Stands - £350

Total Estimated Cost of Pensby and Thingwall proposals - £14,250

In Upton Ward:

- New Hey Road / St Michael and All Angels Zebra Crossing - £14,000

Total Estimated Cost of Upton proposals - £14,000

In West Kirby and Thurstaston Ward:

- Saughall Massie Road (Newton) Pavement Parking Restrictions - £3,900
- Frankby Road (near Hilbre School) Vehicle Activated Sign - £7,000
- Avalon School Parking / Waiting Restrictions - £3,000

Total Estimated Cost of West Kirby and Thurstaston proposals - £13,900

- 2.5 In respect of the remaining budget of £8,900, two options were considered:
- A proposal made by the Road Safety Manager that consideration is given to upgrading existing Vehicle Activated Signs in the constituency. This would provide the Council with intelligence to work with Merseyside Police to target enforcement more effectively in the constituency where and when speeding hotspots / peaks are identified;
  - Utilising the funding for dropped kerbs in the constituency, with reference to the list of existing requests held by the Traffic and Transportation team and with due regard to the need to allocate the funding equitably across the five wards

2.6 Further to the Panel's deliberations, the Chair of the Committee raised a view that as the Road Safety Manager's proposal has been made as a result of the borough-wide contract / warranty relating to existing Vehicle Activated Signs coming to an end, it was preferable that this matter should be considered on a borough-wide basis in the first instance. Taking this into account, the Panel is therefore recommending that the remaining budget, and any slippage from other schemes, be used for dropped kerbs in the constituency, again with due regard to the need to allocate the funding equitably across the five wards.

2.7 The Committee is asked to note that all proposals recommended for funding meet the criteria for road safety and/or active travel improvements in line with the requirements of the Integrated Transport Block (road safety) budget allocation.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

3.1 Any risks relating to the allocation of the Constituency Committee's road safety budget will be addressed as part of the statutory and other requirements which must be taken into account in the delivery of capital road safety scheme.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1 A range of options were considered in respect of the allocation of the Committee's road safety budget and are presented as **Appendix 1**.

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

5.1 The Constituency Manager consults with Wirral West Constituency Committee members on an ongoing basis with regard to the work of the Committee. In this instance, consultation was undertaken with councillors through a series of meetings and a Road Safety Panel. A number of issues were raised by residents which were also fed into the process.

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

6.1 This report will have no direct implications on voluntary, community and faith groups and organisations in Wirral West as it relates to capital expenditure on road safety schemes.

## **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

7.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of the budget allocated to the Wirral West Constituency Committee.

## **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no legal implications.

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 An impact review for neighbourhood working can be found at the link below (Progressing Neighbourhood Working):  
<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/chief-executives>

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The allocation of the Constituency Committee road safety may have outcomes in terms of responsible car use and active travel, which has implications for carbon reduction.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The allocation of the Constituency Committee road safety budget may have a positive impact upon community safety.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 The Road Safety Panel recommends that the Committee agrees to fund the local proposals set out in 2.4 of this report thereby allocating £68,850 of the constituency budget for road safety and active travel;

12.2 The Panel further recommends that the £8,900 remaining budget allocation, and any slippage from other schemes, is used for dropped kerbs in the constituency, with due regard to the need to allocate the funding equitably across the five wards. The Committee is also requested to give delegated authority to the Road Safety Panel to identify appropriate locations;

12.3 The Panel also recommends that any proposals which have not been recommended as a priority for funding at this time should be noted by officers in respect of ongoing monitoring of road safety issues.

## **16.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

16.1 To seek agreement from the Committee as to the allocation of the Committee's road safety budget.

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**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Cabinet – Local Transport Capital Funding and the Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Programme 2014/15	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Committee Budget	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2014