

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

26 AUGUST 2014

SUBJECT:	INTEGRATED TRANSPORT BLOCK CAPITAL PROGRAMME FUNDING (2014/15)
WARD/S AFFECTED:	LEASOWE & MORETON EAST; LISCARD; MORETON WEST & SAUGHALL MASSIE; NEW BRIGHTON; SEACOMBE AND WALLASEY.
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WALLASEY)
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Further to the Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group on 6 August 2014 (minute 3 refers), this report provides revised lists of A) potential 'road safety' and 'promoting active travel and health' works and B) potential road maintenance works. The Constituency Committee Working Group is asked to submit any additional locations that they wish to be assessed for feasibility and costed by officers.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 2.1 The Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme for 2014/15 agreed by Cabinet on 13 March 2014 (minute 178 refers) provides an allocation of £77,750 to each Constituency Committee to be distributed in relation to two objectives: i) Improving Road Safety (£38,875) and ii) Promoting Active Travel and Health (£38,875). The criteria for this spend is outlined in the report of 6 August 2014 to Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group (Item 3).
- 2.2 In addition, Wallasey Constituency Committee carried forward from its 2013/14 devolved budget, £10,000 that the Committee allocated for improving road maintenance and road safety (minute 18 refers).
- 2.3 Officers have sought to generate a comprehensive list of requests from Elected Members, MPs and the public for schemes which would be suitable for funding from the allocations above. It is not possible to generate a report from the Council's CRM system to identify the substance of all requests made

within the Constituency area that may fall within the above categories. It is not practicable to undertake this task manually within a reasonable time frame.

2.4 List A: Road Safety & Promoting Active Travel and Health (Appendix 1)

2.4.1 This list encompasses known requests that fall within the criteria for spend under the Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund (2014/15).

2.4.2 Members of this Working Group are asked to submit any additional locations to this list that they wished to be assessed for feasibility and outline costing.

2.5 List B: Road Maintenance (Appendix 2)

2.5.1 This list encompasses known requests that fall within the priority of improving road maintenance set by Wallasey Constituency Committee in 2013/14.

2.5.2 Officers have assessed roads across the borough to identify potholes. Officers aim to provide best value in utilising the funding available; including the Pothole Fund Programme. Locations identified within List B (Appendix 2) that do not meet either the Highways Maintenance policy criteria or inclusion for repair within the Pothole Fund Programme, will be established shortly. Officers will then endeavour to provide costings for such sites so that members can prioritise these if they wish to spend all or some of this allocation on road maintenance works.

2.5.3 Works that are to be funded from other funding streams (e.g. 2014/15 Structural Maintenance Programme) have been highlighted (in grey) within the list in Appendix 2. The Working Group will also note that at some locations works have been already been prioritised and completed (also highlighted in grey).

2.5.4 Members of this Working Group are asked to submit any additional locations to this list that they wished to be assessed for feasibility and costing.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 Failure to agree the allocation of this spend may result in a loss of funding allocation. Decisions need to be made in good time to enable outline feasibility and estimated costings to be assessed prior to works being contracted.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 This report seeks the views of Members, together with local suggestions, for schemes that meet the aspirations of the Integrated Transport Capital Programme and improve road safety and/or promote sustainable travel which could be further developed.

4.2 Attempts to generate a comprehensive list of requests from the Council's CRM system have been unsuccessful.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Elected members and community representatives have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committee Working Group meetings. Following prioritisation/selection, detailed scheme proposals will be subject to further Public and Member consultation as appropriate together with engagement with other interested bodies (Cycle Forum, Pedestrian Forum, WIRED, etc).

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 6.1 Community Representatives have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committee Working Group meetings.

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

- 7.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wallasey Constituency Committee.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no implications under this heading.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?
Yes and impact review 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 Schemes that assist pedestrians or cyclists support a reduction on reliance upon the private motor vehicle and therefore assist in reducing the overall carbon footprint; key aims within the Merseyside Local Transport Plan.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 That Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group identifies and adds any additional locations to List A and List B respectively and instructs Officers to assess feasibility and cost the potential works identified.
- 12.2 That Officers feed back their findings at the next meeting of the Constituency Committee Working Group on 1 October 2014 and the Working Group either agrees or make recommendations to Wallasey Constituency Committee

(subject to the number of Elected Members present) of the allocation of this spend.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

None.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Local Transport Capital Funding & The Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Programme 2014/15	13 May 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Priorities and Spend	26 June 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group – Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Funding (2014/15)	6 August 2014