

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

12TH NOVEMBER 2015

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE ROAD SAFETY BUDGET 2015-16
WARD/S AFFECTED:	WARDS WITHIN THE WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY▪ HOYLAKE AND MEOLS▪ PENSBY AND THINGWALL▪ WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON▪ UPTON
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL WEST)
ROAD SAFETY PANEL MEMBERS (2014-15):	COUNCILLOR WENDY CLEMENTS COUNCILLOR GERRY ELLIS COUNCILLOR MIKE SULLIVAN COUNCILLOR STUART WHITTINGHAM COUNCILLOR DAVID ELDERTON
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present recommendations to the Committee in respect of the process for allocating the Constituency Committee's 2015-16 Integrated Transport Block (road safety) budget allocation (including 2014-15 underspend).

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 Recommendations for the allocation of the budget for road safety and active travel to fund schemes across the five wards were 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 was allocated as equitably as possible across the five wards. The Panel's recommendations were considered at the Constituency Committee meeting in October 2014 and it was resolved:

- To fund a series of local schemes costing an estimated £68,850;
- To use the remaining £8,900 and any slippage from the local schemes agreed for dropped kerbs in the constituency, with due regard to the need to allocate the funding equitably across the five wards.

2.3 Progress and expenditure in relation to the schemes approved for funding in October 2014 is attached at **Appendix 1**. Based on this information, the budget position relating to the Committee's road safety allocation of £77,750 for 2014-15 is as follows:

Actual expenditure to date	£57,871.00
Further estimated expenditure	£7,000.00
Total estimated expenditure	£64,871.00
Estimated underspend	£12,879.00

2.4 At Cabinet on 20 July 2015 (minute 36 refers), a further £25,000 of Integrated Transport Block funding was devolved to each Constituency Committee for local schemes to improve road safety and/or support active travel. Taking into account the budget position at 2.3, the Committee therefore has an estimated total of **£37,879** to allocate to local schemes in the current year.

2.5 It is proposed that the Committee's Road Safety Panel reconvenes to identify how the funding available might be allocated to local scheme taking into account the Committee's previous resolutions and any variations between the estimated and actual cost of the schemes agreed in October 2014 to ensure that the funding continues to be allocated equitably over the five wards in Wirral West. It is proposed that the Panel is again supported by the Constituency Manager and Road Safety Manager.

2.6 The Constituency Manager and Road Safety Manager are aware of a number of representations in relation to local schemes, including those not taken forward following the considerations of the Road Safety Panel in respect of the 2014-15 budget allocations. These will again be considered along with a number of other issues which have subsequently been raised. Any information provided by residents and interested parties in this respect will be presented to the Road Safety Panel for their consideration.

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 schemes.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 A range of options have been, and will continue to be, considered in respect of the allocation of the Committee's road safety budget.

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 has previously been undertaken, and will continue to be undertaken, with councillors as part of a Road Safety Panel. As mentioned in 2.6 above, issues raised by residents and interested parties will also be 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

It is recommended that:

- 12.1 The Committee's Road Safety Panel reconvenes to identify how the funding available might be allocated to local schemes taking into account the Committee's previous resolutions;
- 12.2 The Committee delegates decision-making in respect of this budget to the Road Safety Panel in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 13.1 To progress the allocation of the Committee's road safety budget.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Local Transport Capital Funding and the Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Programme 2014/15	13th March 2014
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Committee Budget	3rd July 2014
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Road Safety Budget 2014-15	14th October 2014
Cabinet – Transport Plan for Growth Programme 2015/16	20th July 2015

APPENDIX 1: STATUS OF ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES APPROVED IN OCTOBER 2014 (as at November 2015)

Location	Ward	Scheme	Actual / Estimated Cost	Responsible Officer	Status
Arrowe Road	Greasby, Frankby and Irby	Pavement parking TRO which will have added benefit of reducing speeding	£6,582 (actual)	David Kirk	▪ Scheme complete
Glenwood Drive / Coombe Road	Greasby, Frankby and Irby	Introduction of parking restrictions at junction	-	Paul Barton	▪ Scheme not progressed due to significant objections
Hillbark Road / Ferndale Avenue	Greasby, Frankby and Irby	Speed indicator device	£7,000 (estimated)	Carl Amos	▪ Site not suitable for solar power sign therefore mains power supply being fitted - awaiting implementation on site by contractor
Banks Road / Victoria Drive	Hoylake and Meols	Introduction of parking restrictions	-	Paul Barton	▪ Following objections, scheme refused by Highways Panel (Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee, 23 rd March 2015 Minute Ref 54)
Birkenhead Road / Carlton Lane	Hoylake and Meols	Parking restrictions either side of Carlton Lane on Birkenhead Road	£1,259 (actual)	Paul Barton	▪ Scheme complete
Elwyn Road / Guffitts Rake and Elwyn Road / Newlyn Road	Hoylake and Meols	Parking restrictions at junctions (school times)	£1,381 (actual)	Paul Barton	▪ Scheme complete
School Lane	Hoylake and Meols	Build out and carriageway markings	£6,067 (actual)	Graham Roe	▪ Awaiting start by contractor November 2015
Kentmere Drive	Pensby and Thingwall	Give Way marking to reduce risks of speeding traffic exiting Stanley school onto Kentmere Drive	£200 (actual)	Lee Bailey	▪ Scheme complete

Location	Ward	Scheme	Actual / Estimated Cost	Responsible Officer	Status
Kylemore Drive area	Pensby and Thingwall	Introduction of 20mph speed limit on residential roads including Kylemore Drive but bounded by Irby Road and Pensby Road	£5,889 (actual)	Carl Amos / Ian White / Lee Bailey	▪ Scheme complete
Pensby Road (shops)	Pensby and Thingwall	Introduction of cycle stands	£369 (actual)	Graham Roe	▪ Surveys in progress
Ridgewood Drive area	Pensby and Thingwall	Introduction of 20mph speed limit on residential roads including Kylemore Drive but bounded by Irby Road and Pensby Road	£5,932 (actual)	Carl Amos / Ian White / Lee Bailey	▪ Scheme complete
New Hey Road, Woodchurch	Upton	Introduction of zebra crossing on existing flat topped road hump opposite St Michael and All Angels school	£18,103 (actual)	Graham Roe	▪ Scheme to be issued to contractor - proposed start 26/10/15
Avalon School	West Kirby and Thurstaston	Introduction of parking restrictions	£2,362 (actual)	Paul Barton	▪ Amended scheme issued to contractor following Highways Panel
Frankby Road (near Hilbre School)	West Kirby and Thurstaston	Speed indicator device	£4,000 (actual)	Paul Cropper / David Kirk	▪ Awaiting implementation on site by contractor
Saughall Massie Road, Newton	West Kirby and Thurstaston	Introduction of pavement parking TRO	£2,955 (actual)	David Kirk	▪ Scheme complete
Whitfield Lane / Downham Road North	Pensby and Thingwall / Heswall (with Wirral South)	Introduction of 20mph speed limit on residential roads adjacent to Heswall Primary School	£13,691, actual cost to Wirral West £2,772	Carl Amos / Ian White / Lee Bailey	▪ Scheme complete