

CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

12 MARCH 2020

at 13:00 at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford

Chairman:	County Councillor Bob Massey
Panel Members:	Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Jennie Lardge, Chris Shaw and Mike Steel Essex County Council – County Councillors John Aldridge, Jenny Chandler, Jude Deakin, Ian Grundy, Mike Mackrory, Dick Madden and Stephen Robinson Representing Parish Councils – Councillor Wendy Daden
Officers:	Michael Adewole and David Green - Chelmsford City Council, Jon Simmons, Sonia Church and Kris Radley - Essex Highways
Secretariat:	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

Item		Owner
1.	Chelmsford Cycling Update	
	<p>Before the start of the formal meeting, Kris Radley updated the Panel on the Essex Cycling Strategy, for which he is the lead officer. He outlined statistical information about cycling in the county and the provision for it; the objectives of the Strategy; the Cycling Action Plans that had been produced for each district; and the work on establishing Coherent Cycle Networks.</p> <p>In response to questions from members, Kris explained a Cycle Charter, one of which was planned for Chelmsford, was an expression of the wish of local authorities, businesses and other organisations in an area to promote cycling as a sustainable and healthy form of transport and to encourage more facilities to support it. He said that the provision of cycle parking facilities was part of the Chelmsford Growth Package and developers, businesses and local authorities were being encouraged to provide them and to adopt a consistent approach to the design and location of signage. In terms of giving incentives for people to cycle more, experience showed that different methods worked for different people in different areas and a key part of the Strategy was to look at effective ways of bringing about behavioural change.</p>	

	Kris was thanked for his presentation.	
2.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jeremy Lager and Councillor John Spence</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 23 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p><i>LCHE152057 – Old Moulsham, Chelmsford</i> – Future surveys of vehicle speeds would confirm whether the results obtained so far were accurate and supported the creation of a 20mph zone in this area. The additional surveys were required 18months after the installation of the 20mph Zone. Other schemes of this type elsewhere in Chelmsford could continue the planning and design process pending completion of this pilot.</p> <p><i>LCHE162060, Springfield Green crossing improvements</i> – The Planning Inspectorate had been urged to make an early decision on de-registering part of the village green by Senior Officers at Essex County Council.</p> <p><i>LCHE191006 – Pentland Avenue, Chelmsford</i> – The results of the feasibility study had been passed to Councillor Daden.</p> <p><i>Cycle Paths</i> – Provision for these had been made in the revenue budget for 2020/21.</p> <p><i>A130/132 route based study</i> - Information on this was still being sought.</p>	
6.	<p>Funded Schemes 2019/20</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the schemes in the Funded Schemes Programme for 2019/20. The total cost of the programme, including Safer Roads and Commissioned Schemes, was currently £544,500.</p>	JS

	<p><i>LCHE152093 – Chignal Hall Lane j/w Mashbury Road, Chignal Smealy</i> – It was requested that the safety of this scheme be assessed as the edge of the road was now very close to the ditch running alongside it following the works.</p> <p>AGREED that the update on Funded Schemes 2019/20 be noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>The Panel received details of the latest version of the list of Schemes Awaiting Funding, which contained schemes with a total estimated cost of £1,757,629. The list included those schemes agreed as a priority by the Panel at its last meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion on the following schemes in particular:</p> <p>LCHE201003 – A414 j/w Bulimers Way, Writtle – Councillor Aldridge mentioned the need for double white lines to emphasise the need to stop and give way at this junction.</p> <p>LCHE182021 – Railway Bridge, Pump Lane, Springfield – In view of its cost it needed to be referred to the Major Projects department for inclusion on its list of schemes.</p> <p>LCHE182054 – Wayfinder Signage – AGREED that the scheme remain on the list but phased over three years, with £50,000 being allocated to it over each year.</p> <p>LCHE182064 – Andrews Place, Chelmsford – Whilst it was suggested that this scheme was design only in 2020/21, the Panel asked that depending on whether there were objections to the TRO, the Design Team should see if it were possible to be a Total Scheme in 2020/21.</p> <p>LCHE152126 – Stump Lane, Chelmsford – Councillor Mackrory advised that Section 106 funding of £76,000 had been earmarked for this scheme.</p> <p>LCHE182043 – Westway nr Service Road to Bus Station – AGREED that this should be included as a priority scheme.</p> <p>LCHE172026 – Writtle Road j/w Westway, Chelmsford – The target cost of this scheme was now expected to be £52,000.</p> <p>LCHE192023 – Copperfield Road and Chignal Road, Chelmsford – Short term measures, including cutting back vegetation and improving signs, could be taken in advance of the main scheme.</p>	

	<p>Former scheme LCHE182006 Savernake Road – Councillor Lardge would be updated on the situation.</p> <p>In the light of the Panel's decisions at the meeting, £100,000 remained to be allocated to schemes not yet identified as priorities. It was AGREED that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would meet with Jon Simmons and Sonia Church to agree which schemes should be funded from that sum, taking into account any suggestions put forward by other members of the Panel.</p> <p>AGREED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The schemes shown on the list with a P, together with scheme LCHE182043, be confirmed as the initial priorities for funding in 2020/21. 2. The Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to decide which schemes should receive the £100,000 not yet allocated. 	JS
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><i>Gowers Avenue</i> – The Parish Council had queried the estimated cost of the scheme for the provision of a bus shelter. The Panel were advised once the new County wide contract arrangements for the installation of shelters were implemented there could be changes in costs</p>	
9.	<p>Dates of Meetings 2020/21</p> <p>AGREED as 18 June, 17 September and 17 December 2020 and 18 March 2021.</p>	

The meeting closed at 14:45

Chairman