

LCOAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Date: 2nd February 2016

Present: County Councillor Anne Brown (Chairman), County Councillor Kevin Bentley, County Councillor Dave Harris, Parish Council Rep John Gili-Rose, Borough Councillor Dennis Willets.

Apologies: County Councillor Sue Lissimore, County Councillor Julie Young

Other Attendees: Sonia Church (Highways Liaison Manger), Joe Hazelton (Highways Liaison Officer), Bradley Blackwell (Highways Liaison Apprentice) and Vicky Presland (Essex Highways - Head of Design Services)

Item:	Action	Action Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Declarations of Interest There were none.	
3.	Minutes of Meeting held on June 2 nd 2015 Cllr Brown led the panel through the minutes.	
4.	<p>Updates on schemes approved</p> <p>Sonia talked the panel through the approved scheme list and provided updates where appropriate.</p> <p>LCOL001010 - Glen Avenue and A133 Cymbeline Way, Sonia explained that this will needed to be redesigned. We have liaised with BT and UKPN and they have responded with an expensive estimate. Sonia/Joe will bring back any more information to the relevant county member to this scheme.</p> <p>LCOL141004 - B1022 Maldon Road j/w Braxted Park Road. Sonia explained that she would like the scheme to be cancelled as our safety team would like to look at this site and start again. Cllr Bentley explained that the scheme fell in the Maldon District and any further work was to be completed by the Maldon LHP. The Panel agreed to cancel the scheme.</p> <p>LCOL142004 - The Willows Estate. Parish Cllr Gili-Ross asked Sonia if the £4,000 allocated to was for the Feasibility or design. Sonia confirmed that this money is only for the feasibility. Cllr Brown suggested that maybe another column would stop the confusion.</p>	<p>Joe/Sonia</p> <p>Joe/Sonia</p>

	<p>LCOL142043 - Hawthorn Avenue. Sonia reported back on some of the feasibility reports that have been completed, and that they can be located in the appendices. No questions were asked. Sonia asked the panel for a top up of £12,000. The panel agreed the top up.</p> <p>LCOL142075 - Severalls Lane near the Honorius Drive bus stop. Sonia asked if the panel were happy to change the scope of works from a Pedestrian refuge and footway works to two VAS signs. The panel were happy for Sonia/Joe to change the scope of works.</p> <p>LCOL142068 - Abberton Road, Fingeringhoe. Cllr Bentley asked if we could somehow make the process easier for simple sign. Vicky & Sonia both confirmed that we will look into this in the new financial year.</p> <p>LCOL152084 - The Strood. Sonia updated the panel on this scheme, explaining that we have got back the typographical survey and the design is under review.</p> <p>LCOL152120 - Maypole, Thaxted Walk. Sonia asked the panel for a £12,000 top up. The panel agreed to the top up. Cllr Willets expressed the possibilities of a Highway Practice Note for Grass Crete needed to be put in place. Vicky agreed and confirmed that she will consider this for the next financial year.</p> <p>LCOL153001- Maldon Road, Tiptree. Sonia explained that this scheme needs a change of scope from Supply Chain Partner to a Feasibility Report. More options need to be explored. Sonia/Joe will report back to the county member.</p> <p>LCOL155012 - IM2489 Lower Road, St. Ives Road. Sonia informed the panel that the money allocated to this scheme will be for the design this year and implementation next year.</p>	Sonia/Joe
5.	<p>Potential Scheme for consideration of Panel in 2016/17</p> <p>Sonia informed the panel in regards to how we are spending and delivering the schemes this year. Sonia will be bringing a report that both Cllr Brown and Sonia talked through together for the next panel meeting, complete with strong, robust schemes that are deliverable.</p> <p>Cllr Brown raised the question to the panel members around what action is to be taken after a scheme has been rejected, due to it not being feasible. This is wasting officer's time and money. Cllr Bentley opinion was that when a scheme is rejected it should be brought back to the next panel meeting for all members to discuss the next stage. All parties agreed.</p>	Sonia

Sonia also wanted to let the panel know that depending on the new budgets she still wants the panel to over allocate to keep a contingency.

Cycling:

Cllr Brown explained to the panel that we need to prioritise cycling schemes in key areas like stations and Universities.

Sonia also added that she has asked Alan Lindsey to come to the next LHP to talk about cycling strategies.

Cllr Willets asked about the situation with the Wivenhoe Cycling scheme, Sonia confirmed that this scheme is still going ahead.

Sonia confirmed to the panel if you have any questions please email Joe and he will assist.

Public Rights of Way:

Sonia explained to the Panel that we have £14,000 worth of PRoW schemes to date.

Cllr Willets asked what the PRoW team do?

Sonia responded with the PRoW team look into upgrading existing public rights of way footways.

Cllr Willets asked the question regarding PROW priorities, why some are looked at over others?

Sonia explained that these schemes were supported by the councillors.

Cllr Bentley assisted Sonia by saying if you want a footpath to be looked at then you will need to submit a request form.

Traffic Management:

Sonia started by letting the panel know that all of the schemes that have a white box in the RAG column are still in validation, all the ones in red are the ones Sonia would like the panel to consider about removing and all the ones in green are ready for the panel to allocate to in march.

LCOL142102 - Prettygate Road, Prettygate. Sonia explained to the panel that she would like this one to be cancelled because it is not deemed a suitable solution by an engineer.

Vicky agreed with Sonia by confirming that sometimes it is safer for a pedestrian to cross at their own digression as statistically it has been shown that sometimes people put too much faith into a zebra crossing.

The Panel agreed to cancel this scheme.

LCOL152029- Westlands, Prettygate. Sonia highlighted this scheme because she would like the panel to consider removing it from the scheme list.

The panel agreed to wait for Cllr Lissimore to discuss this.

	<p>Cllr Bentley Highlighted scheme number 59, Birch Glen Estate. He expressed that the description is wrong and he believes this is a Maldon issue.</p> <p>Sonia explained to Cllr Bentley that we are waiting for the design of a 20mph and this definitely isn't for the Maldon LHP.</p> <p>Need to adjust wording.</p> <p>Walking:</p> <p>LCOL153004 - High Street, Rowhedge. Sonia wanted to explain that we have conducted a highway boundary search and we've discovered that ECC do not own the land.</p> <p>Sonia/Joe will share more information with Cllr Bentley over email.</p> <p>LCOL152158 - A133 Cymbeline Way at Spring Lane Roundabout.</p> <p>Cllr Brown asked if Sonia could explain a bit more regarding this scheme. Sonia stated by letting the panel know that this is a perfect example of a scheme that keeps coming back to her, she went on to explain that it did not meet Pv2 criteria nor the speeds for a zebra crossing.</p> <p>The Panel Agreed to remove this from the scheme list due to safety reasons.</p> <p>Potential Revenue:</p> <p>Sonia asked the panel for a general pot of money to get all validations completed. Sonia would like to remind the panel that this needs to be agreed with Cllr Brown.</p> <p>Sonia/Joe will email everyone to let them know.</p> <p>Chairman Approved</p>	<p>Joe</p> <p>Joe</p> <p>Joe</p> <p>Joe</p>
6.	<p>Appendix</p> <p>Due to the fact that there has been no Colchester LHP meeting for some time, the attendees were given an appendix pack to read through. If there are any questions regarding these, please send your thoughts to Joe.</p>	<p>Joe</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p>	
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The panel agreed the date of the next Colchester Local Highway panel will be the 6th April 2016.</p>	