

CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

16 DECEMBER 2021

at 13:00 via Remote Meeting

Chairman:	County Councillor Bob Massey
Panel Members:	<p>Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Jeremy Lager, Jennie Lardge and Chris Shaw</p> <p>Essex County Council – County Councillors Marie Goldman, Ian Grundy, Mike Mackrory, Anthony McQuiggan, Stephen Robinson and Mike Steel</p> <p>Representing Parish Councils: Councillor W Daden</p>
Officers:	<p>Michael Adewole and Emma Corbett - Chelmsford City Council Ian Henderson and Jon Simmons - Essex Highways</p>
Secretariat:	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor John Spence and City Councillor Janette Potter.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 16 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	

4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p><i>LCHE192039 – O/s Tyrrells School, Tavistock Road – A programme date for this scheme was still awaited.</i></p> <p><i>LCHE182032 – Thames Avenue, Chelmsford – The design of this scheme had been shared with Councillor Robinson.</i></p> <p><i>Cost of schemes and timescales – The Members Guide Appendix 1 Costs & Timescales was being updated and would be shared with Panel members when available.</i></p>	
5.	<p>Casualty Reduction Schemes 2022/23</p> <p>Ian Henderson of the Road Safety Emergency Team updated the Working Group on the Casualty Reduction Schemes likely to be funded in 2022/23.</p> <p><i>Howe Green – A12 southbound off-slip road. National Highways would be putting forward a scheme for this southbound off slip road. Essex Highways currently reviewing data for NB offslip and will be consulting with National Highways in relation to a scheme for the northbound slip road once data collection had been completed.</i></p> <p><i>Miami Roundabout – Feasibility / design is in progress to reduce the number and improve the alignment of lanes at this roundabout. Construction of scheme will take place next financial year</i></p> <p><i>Parkway/Victoria Road South Roundabout – Improved alignment of lanes on the south-eastbound approach to roundabout.</i></p> <p><i>Little Waltham Road – No right turn at the junction with Essex Regiment Way scheme had been designed and would be implemented next financial year.</i></p> <p><i>Hulls Lane – Provision of “Queues Ahead” VAS sign. Design has been completed and scheme will be implemented next year.</i></p> <p><i>Parkway Crossing – This scheme was not currently on the list but would be assessed by ITS / Jacobs to look at option to better link crossing facilities with signals at New London Rd junction.</i></p> <p>In response to a question, Ian Henderson said that he would review the pattern of collisions in Brackenden Drive/Lawn Lane since the introduction of the roundabout in Lawn Lane.</p> <p>AGREED that the update on Casualty Reduction Schemes be noted.</p>	IH

6.	<p>Funded Schemes 2021/22</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the schemes in the Funded Schemes Programme for 2021/22. The total cost of the current year's programme, including Safer Roads and Commissioned Schemes and those schemes that had slipped from 2020/21 that required additional funding, was £796,800, to be funded from a budget of £700,000.</p> <p>In relation to specific schemes:</p> <p><i>LCHE182032 – Thames Avenue, Chelmsford</i> – It was agreed that the required additional funding for this scheme should be provided.</p> <p><i>LCHE154009 – Princes Road Footway/Cycleway</i> – It was noted that part of this scheme may slip into 2022/23, mainly to enable an assessment to be made of the implications for it of a new design guide for cycleway schemes. Whilst a number of other schemes in the programme were due to be completed in December 2021 and may slip into quarter 4, the Design Team had raised no concerns about the ability to complete the outstanding schemes in 2021/22.</p> <p>Jon Simmons said that he would update members on how much of the £700,000 budget had been spent so far.</p> <p>AGREED that the update on Funded Schemes for 2021/22 be noted and the additional funding for scheme LCHE182032, Thames Avenue, Chelmsford be approved.</p>	JS
7.	<p>Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>The Sub-Group established at the last meeting had prioritised schemes awaiting funding for inclusion in the 2022/23 programme. The cost of the Priority 1 and 2 schemes was £196,900 and had been decided on the basis of their contribution to improving safety, their benefit to the greatest number of people and the funding likely to be available. Other schemes had been recommended for removal from the list and some had been classified as not a priority. The Casualty Reduction Schemes for 2022/23 were still to be costed, as were the design and feasibility study costs for other schemes. The full list of schemes would be brought to the March meeting of the Panel to decide those schemes for 2022/23 in the light of the available funding.</p> <p>The following questions on specific schemes and general issues were raised during discussion:</p>	

	<p><i>Crossings</i> – There was a difference between the criteria for the provision of school crossing patrols and other pedestrian crossing schemes and details would be sent to the Panel members.</p> <p><i>Funding for cycling/walking</i> – It was noted that there was significantly less funding for these schemes than for traffic management projects. The status of several cycling schemes was clarified.</p> <p><i>LCHE202038, Maltese Road, Chelmsford</i> – The South Essex Parking Partnership would be asked whether it could fund this scheme.</p> <p><i>Quiet Lanes</i> – It was recognised that to be effective these schemes needed to include speed reductions, the introduction of which was a long and costly process. They were therefore unlikely to be included in the Funded Schemes List.</p> <p><i>Bus Shelters</i> – The effect of the pandemic on bus usage had delayed work on the revised procurement arrangements for the provision of bus shelters. An update of its progress would be provided to members.</p> <p><i>Public Rights of Way Schemes</i> – The Sub-Group had recommended the removal of these schemes from the list as they did not meet the criteria. However, the Panel agreed that they should remain on the list for now and be considered alongside other schemes at its March meeting.</p> <p>AGREED that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the recommendations of the Sub-Group on the priorities for schemes awaiting funding be noted; 2. with the exception of the Public Rights of Way schemes, the Sub-Group’s recommendations on those schemes that should be removed from the list be approved; and 3. the revised full list of schemes awaiting funding be considered at the March meeting of the Panel. 	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><i>LCHE172031, o/s 19-33 Shelley Road, Chelmsford</i> – It was confirmed that only the design element of this scheme would be carried out in 2021/22. The full costed scheme would be included on the list of schemes awaiting funding to be considered at the March meeting.</p>	<p>JS</p>

8.	Dates of Next Meetings 17 March 2022 at 1300.	
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The meeting closed at 14:00

Chairman