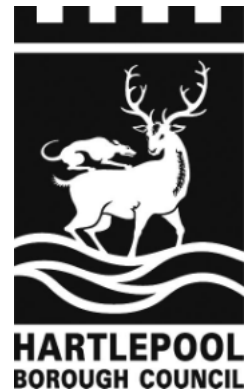


# **TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE**



**Monday, 12 July 2010**

**at 9.00 am**

**in Committee Room C,  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

Councillor P Jackson, Cabinet Member responsible for Transport and Neighbourhoods will consider the following items.

**1. KEY DECISIONS**

No items

**2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

- 2.1 Amended Local Transport Plan Budget Allocations For 2010/11 - *Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)*
- 2.2 St Helens School, Durham Street – School Safety Scheme- *Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)*

**3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items

**4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**

No items

## **TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO**

Report to Portfolio Holder  
12 July 2010



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

**Subject:** AMENDED LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2010/11

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval to amend Local Transport Plan (LTP) budgets for 2010/11 to accommodate a £249k reduction in the Integrated Transport Block of the LTP settlement for this year.

#### **2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

Details of cuts to budget and suggested ways in which the LTP programme can be adjusted to accommodate these.

#### **3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for Traffic and Transportation issues.

#### **4. TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key.

#### **5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

Revised LTP budget allocation for 2010/11 approved by this Portfolio on 21 June 2010

#### **6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

That the previously agreed LTP budget allocation be reduced proportionately to accommodate the cuts to the Integrated Transport Block capital settlement.

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

**Subject:** AMENDED LTP BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR 2010/11

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval to amend Local Transport Plan (LTP) budgets for 2010/11 to accommodate a £259k reduction in the Integrated Transport Block of the LTP settlement for this year.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 On 21 June 2010 a report was submitted to this Portfolio, and subsequently permission granted, for a revised LTP budget allocation for 2010/11. The approved budgets were based on figures announced in a three year settlement of grant allocation made by Government for 2008/2009 to 2010/2011 and under spend from the previous year.
- 2.2 Recent revised budget allocations from Central Government have resulted in the Integrated Transport Block element of the LTP being reduced by £259,000. This equates to nearly 11% of the overall budget for 2010/11

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 In order to achieve the saving of £259k there are two main options
- 1) Reduce all scheme budget proportionately by 11%
  - 2) Recover from one or more individual schemes
- 3.2 Table 1 below indicates the various schemes and the budgets previously approved for 2010/11 together with what these would be reduced to if an 11% reduction was made across all areas.
- 3.3 It can be seen from Table 1 that there are options to save the required amount by not undertaking various schemes at all during 2010/11. For instance the Local Road Scheme budget of £400,686 could be reduced by the full amount. This would, of course, have implications in respect of works previously agreed not being able to be undertaken.

- 3.4 All in all it is felt that an 11% reduction across all budgets, as indicated in Table 1, would be the easiest and fairest way in which to save the required amount.

#### **4. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Reductions to the LTP budget will result in fewer schemes being delivered in 2010/11.

#### **5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 An 11% reduction in the Integrated Transport Block budget for 2010/11 is required due to a reduction in capital grant of £259,000.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 That the integrated transport block budget for 2010/11 be reduced by £259k by way of reducing all scheme budgets by 11% as detailed in table 1 of this report.

#### **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 To ensure that the Council continue to deliver the strategies contained within the second Local Transport Plan to the best of its ability given the constraints of the budget cuts for 2010/11.

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**Table 1 – Amended LTP Capital Budget Allocations for 2010/2011**

<b>Scheme Type</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Revised Budget(£)</b>	<b>Amended Budget with 11% Saving (£)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bus Priority Schemes	Bus Quality Corridor	100,000	89,000	Allocation to be used as local contribution towards projects identified in Tees Valley Bus Network Improvement bid
Bus Infrastructure Schemes	Improvements to existing bus stops Low Floor Bus Infrastructure	20,000 33,483	17,800 29,800	Small under spend on low floor bus infrastructure carried forward from 2009/10
Public Transport Interchange	Hartlepool Transport Interchange	726,679	N/A	Carried forward from 2009/10
Cycling Schemes	Cycle tracks / Lanes New Advanced Stop Lines Cycle route signage New cycle parking facilities	225,348 10,000 13,340 5,000	200,560 8,900 11,873 4,450	Budgets adjusted for under spend in 2009/10
Walking Schemes	Other Walking Schemes	22,982	20,454	Under spend from 2009/10
Travel Plans	Workplace Schools	24,785 15,827	22,059 14,086	Budgets adjusted for under spend in 2009/10
Local safety Schemes	Safer routes to school Public transport CCTV  Street lighting Other safety schemes Safer streets initiative	108,300 0  80,241 28,976 22,583	96,387 0  71,414 27,788 20,099	Budgets adjusted for under spend in 2009/10 Scheme completed funding reallocated to LTP3 monitoring and development
Road	Uncontrolled crossings	33,745	30,033	Budget adjusted for under spend in 2009/10

Scheme Type	Scheme	Revised Budget (£)	Amended Budget with 11% Saving (£)	Comments
Crossings				
Traffic Management and Traffic Calming	Other traffic management schemes Parking lay-bys School 20mph schemes Neighbourhood Forums Car Park ITS	159,226 25,000 17,593 30,000 114,000	141,711 22,250 15,658 26,700 101,460	Budgets adjusted for under spend in 2009/10
Local Road Schemes		400,686	356,610	Budget adjusted for under spend in 2009/10
Miscellaneous Schemes	Car park improvements Road safety and education Motor cycle training Smarter travel awareness LTP monitoring and development	50,000 36,017 20,000 18,719 42,500	44,500 32,055 17,800 16,660 37,825	Budgets adjusted for under spend in 2009/10  Additional funding allocated for development of LTP3 comprising of £15k under spend from 09/10, £10k from public transport cctv
Highway Maintenance	Carriageways Footways	837,000 50,000	N/A N/A	Under spend from 2009/10
Bridge Strengthening & Maintenance	Maintenance	109,563	N/A	Under spend from 2009/10

## **TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO**

Report to Portfolio Holder  
12 July 2010



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

**Subject:** ST HELENS SCHOOL, DURHAM STREET –  
SCHOOL SAFETY SCHEME

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval to introduce a 20 mph speed limit, associated traffic calming and parking restrictions on Durham Street in the vicinity of St Helen's School.

### **2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

The report details the background to the scheme, the consultation undertaken and the proposals put forward.

### **3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for Traffic and Transportation issues.

### **4. TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key.

### **5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

This is an executive decision by the Portfolio Holder.

### **6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

The Portfolio Holder approves the implementation of the scheme outlined in section 3 of the report.

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

**Subject:** ST HELENS SCHOOL, DURHAM STREET  
SCHOOL SAFETY SCHEME

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval to introduce a 20 mph speed limit associated traffic calming and parking restrictions on Durham Street in the vicinity of St Helen's School.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As part of a school project a group of students from St Hilds School have been investigating road safety outside of St Helen's school, Durham Street. The students have been looking at parking problems and perceived speeding issues on Durham Street and have been investigating measures to help improve road safety in this area. The students presented their findings to the Mayor and Council officers and it was promised to fully investigate their concerns and the solutions put forward.
- 2.2 In February 2006 the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum submitted a detailed report on the inquiry into 20mph limits outside of schools. Since then it has been the Council's policy to introduce 20 mph speed limits and associated traffic calming on roads in the vicinity of schools. Several school safety schemes have been introduced, however, such measures have not been introduced on Durham Street.
- 2.3 Durham Street is a local distributor road which serves The Headland a 30 mph speed limit is currently in operation. St Helen's school is located on the north side of Durham Street between Corporation Road and Beacon Street. The Fire Station a Community Centre and residential housing are located opposite the school. A school crossing patrol operates on Durham Street outside the school.

**3. PROPOSALS (see appendix A)**

- 3.1 It is proposed to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Durham Street between Corporation Road and Beacon Street, the speed limit will be 'self enforcing' this will be achieved by the introduction of 3 sets of speed cushions, these are road humps which allow emergency service vehicles and buses to straddle the cushions and travel along the road unimpeded. Vehicle activated signs will be positioned at the



start of the speed limit, these signs will indicate the speed of approaching vehicles.

- 3.2 It is proposed to introduce parking restrictions around the Durham Street / Corporation Road junction and either side of The Fire Station entrance, the current school zig zags would be extended to cover the schools vehicular access.
- 3.3 Talks are currently being held with the Fire Service to allow parents to park within their grounds whilst picking up / dropping off children.

#### **4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The scheme is estimated to cost £30,000, and will be funded from Local Transport Plan

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Residents, St Helens School, Ward Councillors and the Parish Council have been consulted via letter containing a plan outlining the above proposals. 10 responses have been received; of which 1 resident objected on the grounds that the current parking restrictions are not enforced and that traffic speed is not an issue due to parking congestion.
- 5.3 The Police and Emergency Services have been consulted with regards to these proposals and have no objections.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder approves the implementation of the scheme as detailed in section 3 of the report.

#### **7. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 To improve road safety on Durham Street in the vicinity of St Helen's School.

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APPENDIX A

