TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO
DECISION RECORD
12 July 2010

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor   Peter Jackson (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Alastair Smith, Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

8.   Amended Local Transport Plan Budget Allocations for 2010/11 – *Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)*

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to amend the 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.

Issues for Consideration

The report detailed the background to the revised budget allocation and made suggestions as to how these revisions could be achieved. One option was to reduce all scheme budgets proportionately by 11% or a further option would be to recover from one of more individual schemes. Details of proposed schemes with 11% savings were outlined in table 1 of the report.

The Portfolio Holder was unwilling to recommend an 11% reduction on all schemes as he felt it was important to bring roads in the town up to standard. He had prioritised schemes on the list which he felt could not be compromised and outlined those which could be put on hold for this year. Although these were difficult decisions priorities should be safety schemes, road conditions and safety schemes around schools.

The Portfolio Holder asked that the Assistant Director (Transport and Engineering) write to the Chairs of the Neighbourhood Forums to inform them of the decision in relation to traffic management and traffic calming Neighbourhood Forum budgets.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved:-

- Traffic Management and Traffic Calming LTP Capital Budget Allocation for 2010/2011 for Neighbourhood Forums be reduced to £24,000
- Motor cycle training be removed from the LTP Capital Budget Allocation for 2010/2011, subject to Tees Valley Collaborative Agreements which will be investigated by the Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)
- Cycling Schemes be reduced from the LTP Capital Budget Allocation for 2010/2011
- Workplace Travel Plan be reduced in the LTP Capital Budget Allocation for 2010/2011
- Other Walking Schemes be reduced in the LTP Capital Budget Allocation for 2010/2011
- Delegated Powers to the Assistant Director (Transport and Engineering) in respect of 10% of the budget allocation or to the value of £15,000 for a period up to the next LTP budget.

9. St Helen's School Durham Street – School Safety Scheme *– Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)*

Type of Decision

Non key.

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.

Issues for Consideration

The report outlined how a group of students from St Hild's School had identified road safety issues outside of St Helen's School. A scrutiny investigation had been undertaken in relation to proposals for 20 mph limits outside of schools in the town. The report detailed where the proposed limit would take place with the introduction of 3 sets of speed cushions along with vehicle activated signs. Consultation had been undertaken with residents, Ward Councillors, the school and the Parish Council and only one letter of objection had been received. Talks were being undertaken with the Fire Service to allow parents to park within their grounds whilst dropping off/collecting pupils. The scheme was estimated to cost £30,000 and would be funded from the Local Transport Plan.

The Portfolio Holder was very happy that the students' suggestion had been followed up. He did not dismiss the objection received but felt that it was a worthwhile scheme to undertake.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the implementation of the scheme as outlined in the report.

The meeting concluded at 9.14 am.

PETER DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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