# Local Safety and Area Strategy Schemes Programme 2001/02 – 2005/06 - Draft

# **Chiltern Local Committee**

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#### **1** Purpose Of Report

**a** To inform the Local Committee of the work currently underway on compiling the draft Local Safety and Area Strategy Schemes Programme for 2001/02 to 2005/06 and to seek comments on the draft, which because of time constraints will be tabled at the meeting.

#### 2 Proposed Action

**b** The Local Committee is invited to COMMENT on the draft programme, following consultations with their representative organisations.

#### **3** Financial Appraisal

- **c** Finance to support the proposed schemes is being found from the Local Transport Plan settlement, which was announced mid-December. The letter from the Government Office for the South East (GOSE) was received on 14 December 2000.
- **d** Accordingly, the budgetary allocations for the various elements of the programme have not yet been confirmed. At the time of writing the report, the indicative allocations were as follows:

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Local Safety Schemes	750,000
Southern Green Belt	515,000
Chilterns AONB	340,000
Rural North Bucks	285,000
Aylesbury Urban	1,400,000
Wycombe Urban	1,030,000
Minor Scheme Work (Revenue)	107,900*
Traffic Regulation Order work (Revenue)	77,100*
TOTAL	4,505,000

\*Additional sums provided by the County Council from its own sources to support the proposed programme. The figures shown in these two categories are last year's – this year's figures again, are yet to be confirmed.

e Further work to identify schemes for inclusion in the programme is on going and will be until the programme is finally confirmed in February/March 2001, by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.

## **4** Supporting Information

- f The draft Local Safety Schemes (LSS) element of the programme that is submitted has been compiled, as in previous years, by taking into account the following:
  - Safety Engineering's annual review of the performance of the County roads;
  - The annual traffic calming review, which is the subject of a separate report to the meeting and
  - The investigation of traffic management requests considered by the Traffic and Road Safety Panel and the Local Committee over the last 12 months.
- **g** The focus of the LSS is casualty reduction, concentrating solely on injury accident reduction schemes with an indicative budgetary allocation of £750,000.
- **h** The Area Strategy Schemes programme consists of schemes that have a strategic bias and/or seek to promote/enhance amenity, environmental issues, cycling, Safer Routes to School projects and pedestrian schemes in the five Strategy Areas.
- i Schemes in this category are developed through the Local Transport Plan and/or again, from the investigation of the traffic management requests considered by the Traffic and Road Safety Panel and the Local Committee over the last 12 months.
- j The indicative budgets for the financial year 2001/02 for the Southern Green Belt and the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Strategy Areas are given in 3(d). The comparative figures for last year were £75,000 and £85,000.
- **k** The GOSE announcement in mid-December means this is the first opportunity to notify the Local Committee of the intended works programme. Bearing in mind the need for the programme to be confirmed in February/March to allow work to start on scheme development, there is little opportunity for extensive consultations at this stage. However, it should be stressed that extensive scheme consultations will take place later in the year as progress is made. Nevertheless, should you have any comments on the programme, please write to the Local Committee Co-ordinator.
- I It should also be noted that the schemes included in this draft are proposals; there can be no guarantee that a scheme will be completed on site. There may be technical considerations, difficulties during public consultations etc that may prevent a scheme being completed.
- **m** The approved programme will be circulated, as in previous years, to all Parish, Town and District Councils and representatives of the Local Committees, in April/May 2001.