

Structural Maintenance Programme 2001/2002

Chiltern Local Committee

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1 Purpose or report

- a This report presents the initial list of Structural Maintenance Schemes for 2001/2002

2 Proposed Action

- b Members of the Committee are invited to:
 - i. DISCUSS the type of schemes that are being submitted in the structural maintenance programme.
 - ii. DISCUSS priorities for the £100,000 locally determined element of the structural maintenance programme.
 - iii. PROPOSE suitable innovative structural maintenance schemes for funding from the £100,000 centrally held budget.

3 Supporting Information

- c At the last meeting of this committee a report was received regarding the current year 2000/2001 structural maintenance programme. This programme is now substantially complete and the programme for the new year (2001/2002) needs to be established.
- d It was indicated at the last meeting of this committee that a report giving the list of schemes proposed for 2001/2002 would be available at this meeting. At the time of writing this report, technical assessments are continuing, however an initial list of schemes identified will be available at the meeting.
- e In compiling this list assumptions have had to be made regarding the funding available for 2001/2002 as the County Council's budget has yet to be finalised.
- f In addition to the issue of the County Council's budget, note also needs to be taken of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) settlement as described in the LTP Financial Settlement report on this agenda. The additional funding

provision available for local non principal roads will clearly affect the anticipated programme and a further report will be made to the April meeting of the committee once the level of funding for this area of Highway Maintenance has been established.

- g In considering the County Council's budget provision and the 5 year LTP funding programme consideration needs to be given to the current backlog of maintenance needs that have been reported previously in a number of fora. In preparing service plans it has been noted that the backlog of highway maintenance needs within Buckinghamshire could be in excess of £20m. It is therefore appropriate to use any additional funding that becomes available to begin to address this need.
- h Notwithstanding the overall funding provision that will be available there will continue to be a £100,000 locally determined element to the structural maintenance budget and continued opportunity to bid for contributions from the centrally held £100,000 budget.

Centrally held budget

- i At the October meeting it was reported that Amersham Town Council had submitted two schemes for the 2001/02 centrally held budget. These referred to Whielden Street Amersham and sought the reinstatement of grass and planted areas and the removal of parked cars under the bridge to allow pedestrians to use the footpath
- j The second bid from Amersham Town Council related to works to prevent flooding in the layby, on A413 London Road, adjacent to Amersham Town nameplate.
- k Also at the October meeting Chalfont St Peter requested that their scheme relating to the strengthening and repair of the verge along the A413 Amersham Road between Cherry Acre and Misbourne Avenue (which was considered in July 2000) should be reconsidered. The scheme would include the reconstruction of the eroded sections of verge with "Grasscrete" to accommodate vehicles and improve its appearance. There would also be localised repairs to the damaged section of footway.
- l These works have now been technically assessed and will be reported upon verbally at the meeting.

- **Report ends** -