

Structural highway maintenance programme 2001/02

Chiltern Local Committee

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1 Purpose of report

- a To inform Members of the finalised main programme of works and agree the Local Committees own programme of works for 2001/02.

2 Proposed action

- b The Local Committee is invited to:
 - i. NOTE the finalised main programme of works and share this with their representative organisations.
 - ii. AGREE one of three options for the Local Committees own programme of works.

3 Supporting information

Main programme

- c Appendix A shows the finalised structural highway maintenance programme for 2001/02. This was presented in draft form to the January Committee.
- d The programme reflects the firmed up budget which has been set for Chiltern area in light of the pressures for structural highway maintenance in Chiltern district area compared with South Bucks, Wycombe and Aylesbury Vale.
- e The programme also takes into account the continuing and significant flooding in Vale Road Chesham.
- f It is not yet possible to establish the full extent of flood and frost damage to the highways across the Chiltern area. Therefore it

might be necessary to reallocate finance within the programme to address such problems as may be necessary - an example being the need for highway repairs in Chalfont St Peter following the major flooding of the River Misbourne.

- g Committee members are requested to inform their representative organisations of the finalised programme.

Local Committee programme

- h Appendix B shows three options (a, b and c) to allocate the Local Committees delegated budget of £100,000.
- i These three options were considered at the January Committee, where option c was favoured. Since the January meeting further comments have been received from Committee members. The Committee will be asked to consider these comments before finalising and agreeing the programme on the 4th April.
- j The comments received are set out below – scheme numbers relate to the January Committee report. Only comments specifically relating to options a, b and c are listed – other comments made will be considered separately by the Area Manager and replies sent direct to the local councils concerned:

Amersham Town Council: “ The principal of the schemes being carried forward is welcomed. This made option c the only possibility. It is not satisfactory that scheme (91) Chequers Hill was only included on technical reasons. The reason is one of danger, pedestrians (Tesco shoppers and school children) have no protection from vehicles since the kerb is flattened “.

It is suggested that the committee may like to consider whether to insert this scheme into the programme, and if so which scheme should come out.

Ashley Green Parish Council: “ with regard to the programme for 2001/02, councillors feel that carriageway resurfacing is needed on either side of the Village Road junction at Whelpley Hill (scheme 99) as the current road surface makes for hazardous driving ”

Again, the Committee may wish to consider inserting this scheme and if so which scheme should come out.

Chartridge Parish Council: “ My council noted that the Committee voted for a ‘mix’ of submissions from last year and this year, and rejected your suggestion that the schemes approved should be based upon the merit of the UKPMS ratings. We also noted that your proposal to resurface Westdene Lane,

Chartridge (scheme 35) was first on that list for payment from the local delegated budget, but dismayed that despite our requests for urgently needed remedial work at the junction of Westdene Lane and Pednor Bottom, it now seems that nothing will be done, at least for the foreseeable future “

Again, the Committee may wish to consider inserting this scheme and if so which scheme should come out.

- j Committee members will be asked at the 4th April meeting to make a final decision on which schemes should be included in the Local Committee programme of works.

Central fund bids

- k The two schemes agreed at the January committee meeting will go forward to the Head of Transportation and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation for consideration and decision. The Local Committee will be informed of their decision shortly.