

Local Safety and Area Strategy Schemes Programme 2002/03-2006/07

Chiltern Local Committee

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1 Purpose of report

- a To involve members of the Local Committee in:
 - i. The annual review of the above programme.

2 Proposed action

- b Members of the Local Committee are invited to:
 - i. NOTE the commencement of the annual review of this programme.
 - ii. FORWARD any requests for schemes, which reflect Local Transport Plan (LTP) objectives to the Local Area Co-ordinator by 14 December 2001.

3 Resources appraisal

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Ultimately, the number and type of scheme included will depend on the LTP financial settlement, which will be confirmed in December 2001 and the consultations that will take place early in 2002.

4 Supporting information

Members may recall that the above programme is a five-year "rolling" programme, which is reviewed annually.

Before providing further details on the review, it is worth re-stating the difference between the Local Safety element of the programme and the Area Strategy Scheme element.

i **Local Safety Schemes**

These are schemes that are proposed to address a poor or particular accident record at a site, in an area or on a length of road. In all cases, an intelligence led approach is adopted using injury accident data forwarded to the County Council by Thames Valley Police. These schemes are wholly identified by the County Council. Traffic calming schemes are included in this category.

ii **Area Strategy Schemes**

These are schemes that may not have an accident reduction potential but have amenity benefits or are likely to achieve (or contribute to) the aims of the LTP. Examples of these might be pedestrian crossings (refuges, zebras, pelicans), footways, cycling facilities, Safer Routes to School projects or environmental improvement schemes.

5 Area Strategy schemes are identified from the following:

- a the annual review of pedestrian crossing requests;
- b the annual review of the requests reported to the Local Committee over the last 12 months, via the Traffic Management Requests and Petitions report, in particular those requests afforded a medium or high priority rating for investigation;
- c the annual review of footway requests.
- d the annual review of the Safer Routes to Schools Projects (heavily dependant on schools participating in data collection); and
- e consideration of the strategic transportation needs of the area.

6 Requests for schemes should be forwarded to the County throughout the year. However, should there be any requests, particularly along the lines suggested in 4(ii), these should be forwarded to the Local Area Co-ordinator by 14th December. The reason(s) why the proposal has been put forward and how the scheme will contribute to one or more of the LTP objectives should be included.

7 An abridged version of the current programme is available on the County's website at http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/safety_schemes/index.stm