

# CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

## 18 JUNE 2020

### at 13:00 via Remote Meeting

<b>Chairman:</b>	County Councillor Bob Massey
<b>Panel Members:</b>	<p>Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Jennie Lardge, Chris Shaw and Mike Steel</p> <p>Essex County Council – County Councillors John Aldridge, Jude Deakin, Ian Grundy, Mike Mackrory, Dick Madden and Stephen Robinson</p> <p>Representing Parish Councils – Councillor Wendy Daden</p>
<b>Officers:</b>	Michael Adewole, David Green and Dan Woska - Chelmsford City Council, Jon Simmons and Sonia Church - Essex Highways
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

Item		Owner
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jeremy Lager and County Councillors Jenny Chandler and John Spence.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 12 March 2020 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p><i>Former scheme LCHE182006 Savernake Road – More technical information on this scheme had been shared with Councillors Deakin and Lardge and, in accordance with their wishes, it had been returned to the list of schemes awaiting funding.</i></p>	

5.	<p><b>Funded Schemes 2020/21</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update on the schemes in the Funded Schemes Programme for 2019/20 and the list for 2020/21. The total cost of the current year's programme, including Safer Roads and Commissioned Schemes, was £660,500 which, after deducting slippage of £120,000 on schemes from the previous year, left a funding shortfall of £40,500.</p> <p>The Panel was informed that the cycling schemes discussed at the last meeting were still awaiting funding and approval by the Cabinet Member as a package of measures. Some major schemes may be carried out as part of nearby development schemes and funded through Section 106 and 278 monies. Councillor Lardge commented that the total value of those schemes was now approaching £1 million and that she would like to see some progressed as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>LCHE152088, Lordship Road j/w Fox Burrows Lane and LCHE152089, Writtle College main access</i> – Councillor Aldridge reported that both schemes were being reassessed to take account of their proximity to the allocated development site at Warren Farm.</p> <p><i>LCHE152126, Stump Lane, Chelmsford</i> – It would be verified whether the Parish Council would contribute to the cost of the scheme.</p> <p><i>LCHE192028, Ford End average speed cameras</i> – The Parish Council had applied for and continued to seek grants from various sources to meet its match funding contribution for this scheme but was unlikely to be able to raise the funding soon. After discussion, the Panel <b>AGREED</b> that as the full scheme was unlikely to be implemented in 2020/21, the implementation cost of the scheme should be deferred to next year but that those costs associated with its design, safety audit and TRO preparation be retained in the budget for 2020/21. An assessment would be made later in the year in the light of progress with the raising of match funding. The design would not commence until the match funding had been confirmed.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that the update on Funded Schemes 2019/20 and 2020/21 be noted.</p>	<p><b>JS</b></p> <p><b>JS</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Schemes Awaiting Funding</b></p> <p>The Panel received details of the latest version of the list of Schemes Awaiting Funding, which contained schemes with a total estimated cost of £1,961,500.</p> <p>There was discussion on the following scheme in particular:</p>	

	<p><i>LCHE152057, Old Moulsham 20mph zone</i> – Councillor Madden said that there were particular problems with speeding in Moulsham Drive, Lady Lane and St John’s Road, where there had been an increase in average speeds in contrast to a reduction in other roads in the area. He asked that consideration be given to introducing traffic calming measures in those roads earlier than the 18 months agreed for the area as a whole at the last meeting. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the situation in those roads would be reviewed by the Panel at its next meeting and a decision on whether additional speed surveys were carried out in the current financial year would be made. to introduce advance measures taken in the light of the situation then on the restrictions on movement. In the meantime, local councillors would consult residents on their preferred speed reduction measures.</p> <p>During its discussion of the report, the Panel reaffirmed the principle that, whilst recognising the financial difficulties faced by all public sector bodies, Parish Councils should be asked to match fund highway schemes in their areas, possibly by meeting the cost from their reserves or CIL monies.</p> <p>In response to a question from Councillor Steel, Sonia Church said that the highway authority was responsible for maintaining the surface of public rights of way, although different Highways Panels took different approaches to the funding of such works.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that the list of schemes awaiting funding be confirmed without amendment, with the exception of the approach set out above to the Old Moulsham 20mph scheme.</p>	<b>Cllr Madden</b>
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><i>Hedgehog Warning Signs</i> – Responding to a question from Councillor Mackrory, Sonia Church said that validations of such signs involved establishing a pattern for the movement of hedgehogs and putting up signs near the routes they most commonly used. Such validations were on hold at present whilst staff worked in Covid-related schemes.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Dates of Meetings 2020/21</b></p> <p><b>AGREED</b> as 17 September and 17 December 2020 and 18 March 2021.</p>	

The meeting closed at 14:06

Chairman