

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2022 - 10.00

ONLINE MEETING: MICROSOFT TEAMS

Chairman:	County Councillor Sue Lissimore
Panel Members:	County Councillors Lewis Barber, Mark Cory, Dave Harris, John Jowers, David King and Lee Scordis Borough Councillors Jeremy Hagon, Mike Hogg, Dennis Willetts and Julie Young. Parish Councillor: John Gili-Ross
Officers:	Essex Highways: Jon Simmons – Senior Highways Liaison Officer
Secretariat:	Colchester Borough: Robert Carmichael – Democratic Services Officer.

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions: The Chairman welcomed Councillors and officers to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Essex County Councillor Simon Crow.	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.	
4.	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting 18. Avon Way, Nr jw Magnolia Drive Jon Simmons, Highways Liaison Officer outlined that a meeting had been requested by Councillors Cory and Young regarding Avon Way and the crossing point. This meeting had taken place on the 7 February 2022 and outline design would be shared with the aforementioned Councillors shortly.	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes 2021/22</p> <p>The Panel considered a report providing an update on the current position of all the schemes which the Colchester Local Highway Panel has recommended for inclusion in their 2021/22 programme.</p> <p>In discussion the following update was provided about the funded schemes in 2020-21</p> <p>1 – Rowhedge Village – Traffic management improvements: the implementation date of was being programmed for 4 April 2022.</p> <p>3. Bounstead Road/ Berechurch Hall Road/ Berechurch Road, Colchester – Junction improvement: the scheme had been added to the funded schemes list at the June 2021 meeting using additional 2021/2022 funding and would now slip into the 2022/2023 budget and would be delivered in 2022/2023</p> <p>4. Ipswich Road, near East Street, Colchester – Pedestrian Crossing Improvements: the scheme had been added to the funded schemes list at the June 2021 meeting using additional 2021/2022 funding and would now slip into the 2022/2023 budget and would be delivered in 2022/2023</p> <p>5. St Johns Road – Crossing improvements: it was noted that this scheme had been completed but that there would be a footfall survey to ascertain whether any further upgrade was required. The Senior Highway Liaison responded to questions from the Panel regarding the criteria for what type of crossing would be necessitated and how medium-term planning would be a relevant consideration for the Strategic Development Team.</p> <p>6. Shrub End Road, Colchester, Pedestrian Crossing: the scheme had been added to the funded schemes list at the June 2021 meeting using additional 2021/2022 funding and would now slip into the 2022/2023 budget and would be delivered in 2022/2023 and had been delayed as an objection had been received regarding the proposal. It was noted that an objection had been received and that a decision on this would need to be take by the Cabinet Member.</p> <p>7. Brinkley Grove Road, Mile End - pedestrian crossing improvements: it was noted that an outline design had been completed and that the scheme could now be recommended for funding.</p> <p>12. High Street, nr Library, Wivenhoe – Parking: the scheme is to be removed from the programme as design is being delivered by ECC integrated passenger transport unit.</p>	
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	<p>13. Avon Way nr jw Magnolia Drive, Colchester – Crossing Point: originally the crossing point was not deemed to be feasible so looking at new location of Avon Way j/w the Chase/ Pickford Way. As Design Only 2021/22.</p> <p>15. Footway between 34-36 Queen Mary Avenue and j/w King George Road, Colchester – Crossing Point. A point was raised that these works although marked in the workplan as being completed this was not the Case. The Senior Highways Liaison Officer responded that this would be investigated.</p> <p>17. Rectory Hill, Wivenhoe -Street Lighting: the scheme had been added to the funded schemes list at the June 2021 meeting using additional 2021/2022 funding and would now slip into the 2022/2023 budget and would be delivered in 2022/2023</p> <p>22 Titania Close j/w Avon Way, Colchester- Dropped Kerbs – awaiting the results of a safety audit. It was noted that this item should be updated with the correct ward.</p> <p>23. Broom grove Infant and Junior School, Broome Grove, Wivenhoe, School Street – Engaging ECC and external consultants to work with School/ residents to help identify any feasible scheme in 2021/2022. Then may need to consider implementation in 2022/2023</p> <p>24. Millfields Primary School, Bowes Road, Wivenhoe – School Street – Engaging ECC and external consultants to work with School/ residents to help identify if any feasible scheme in 2021/2022. Then may need to consider implementation in 2022/2023.</p> <p>33. B1508 Colchester Road, West Bergholt – Pedestrian crossing improvements: a technical note had been shared. It was noted as an action that the names of the County Councillors and wards should be updated and checked that they continue to support the action proposed.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to note that there had been a misunderstanding between the Neighbourhood Plan which should have been reflected in the technical note and that its status be changed to “technical note updated”. Disappointment was conveyed regarding the standard of reports which was noted by the Officer.</p> <p>Panel Members also raised concern over their involvement with SID and VAS and how they required further information. The Senior Highways Liaison Officer responded that Members would be included in the process when going forward.</p>	
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<p>7.</p>	<p>Report on schemes awaiting funding 2022/23</p> <p>The Panel considered a report providing an update on the current position of all the schemes which the Colchester Local Highway Panel that were awaiting funding in 2022/23.</p> <p>In discussion the following update was provided about the proposed funding for 2022/23.</p> <p>The Senior Highways Liaison Officer advised the panel that there was a change in the way that casualty reduction schemes across Essex were to be funded in 2022/23 with all Local Highways Panels providing £585,000 towards this. The monies for the casualty reduction schemes were to be removed from the Countywide LHP capital budget and the remainder split across the Panels using the formula from the LHP Terms of Reference and that the panel would not be asked for any further funding on this area.</p> <p>22.- Walking- London Road, nr j/w Millers Lane, Stanway – Zebra Crossing Upgrade. – It requested that any reports were sent through to the ward members with regards to this.</p> <p>4- Cycling – Monkwick Cycleway improvements, Maypole, Cycle Route – From design to create widened footway link from Thomas Lord Audley School to Wych Elm only, not the original whole route. The Ward Member or the area advised Members that the fence line had already been moved to facilitate this.</p> <p>Significant concern was raised by the panel over the amount of funding of £221,000 that would be allocated to the project. The Senior Highways Liaison Officer showed the panel the proposed plans for the cycleway. Members questioned whether the cycleway would be segregated and whether such a large scheme should come out of the Local Highways Panel Budget. The Senior Highways Liaison Officer advised Members that under the terms of reference of the panel that they were responsible for spending up to £500,000.</p> <p>Members resolved that they could not make a decision on this item without seeing a full report and asked that the decision be referred to until they had been sent a full report on the scheme and could make an informed funding decision.</p> <p>It was requested that on the schemes awaiting funding list that these include the name of the County Division Member.</p> <p>57. – Traffic Management – Dyers Road, Colchester – 30mph It was noted that the Division/ ward name had been assigned to this scheme.</p>
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	<p>Members were asked to provide a steer on the priority schemes for funding. Members debated the following schemes:</p> <p>7. Public rights of way- Clifton Terrace, Wivenhoe – Surface/ Step improvements. The Senior Highways Liaison Officer responded to questions that the any scheme funding may need to be split between the panel and Network Rail as it was in dual ownership.</p> <p>14.Traffic management – Peace Road Stanway, and 21 Lakeland Estate.</p> <p>The Senior Highways Liaison Officer advised Members that any schemes denoted with a V were currently undergoing validation and it was noted that Borough Councillors could submit proposals through their County Councillors.</p> <p>1.B1206 Colchester Road, Tiptree – Bus Stop improvements</p> <p>It noted that there was an inaccuracy for 10. Passenger Transport which had the incorrect Division.</p> <p>58 .School Lane, Great Horkesley, & 59 A134 Nayland Road, Great Horkesley – Speed Reduction.</p> <p>16. Walking – Brinkley Grove Road, Mille End Pedestrian Crossing improvements. It was resolved that the scheme would be allocated the £85,000 funding.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Local Highway Panel would take place on 14th June 2022 (Teams meeting) and meetings would also be held on 20th September 2022, 6th December 2022, and 21st March 2023.</p>	