

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** North Warwickshire Area Committee

**Date of Committee** 26 March 2008

**Report Title** Capital Programme for Transport 2008-9

**Summary** The report sets out the proposed 2008-9 Capital Programmes for Integrated Transport for North Warwickshire Area.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?** Yes/No

**Background Papers** North Warwickshire Area Committee Transport Seminar paper (16 January 2008).

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-** *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees  Cabinet 31 January 2008.
- Local Member(s)   
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members  .....
- Cabinet Member  Councillor M Heatley – for information.  
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  I Marriott – comments incorporated.
- Finance  C Holden - comments incorporated
- Other Chief Officers  .....

- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION**                      **YES/NO**      (*If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps*)

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :**

*Details to be specified*

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  24 April 2008
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

**North Warwickshire Area Committee - 26 March 2008**

**Capital Programme for Transport 2008-9**

**Report of the Interim Strategic Director for  
Environment and Economy**

**Recommendation**

That Members:-

1. Support the Capital Programme for Integrated Transport for North Warwickshire Area given in Table 1.
2. Agree that the schemes listed in Table 2 be progressed and that the decision regarding the remainder of the LTP Integrated Transport Delegated Budget be deferred until the actions detailed in Table 3 have been completed.
3. Agree that the scheme in Table 5 be removed from the list of requests.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 A seminar for North Warwickshire Area Committee members was held on 16 January 2008. At the seminar the draft 2008-9 programme for Integrated Transport was discussed. The purpose of this report is to enable North Warwickshire Area Committee to formally support the proposed programme for North Warwickshire Area. The full programme for all five area committees will be reported to Cabinet on 24 April 2008.

**2. Integrated Transport Programme for North Warwickshire Area**

- 2.1 The draft Capital Programme for Integrated Transport is given in Table 1. It is recommended that the Area Committee resolves to support this programme. A costed programme of schemes will then be developed within the resources available, and reported to the Cabinet in April 2008.

<b>Table 1 – Programme of Integrated Transport Projects for North Warwickshire Area 2008-9</b>
Public Transport – Coleshill Parkway Marketing Plan; improved directional signing
Public Transport – Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership – provision of Real Time Information at Atherstone and Water Orton railway stations
Public Transport – Warwickshire Quality Rail Partnership – provision of cycle lockers at Coleshill Parkway
Safer Routes to School - Curdworth Primary School – improvements to existing access and new footpath
Safer Routes to School - Newton Regis Primary School – provision of pedestrian link to rear of school
Traffic Management – C Road Village Speed Limit Reviews - C70 Hurley Common and C15 Maxstoke, preliminary design
Traffic Management – B4111 Mancetter Village Speed Limit Review
Traffic Management - B4114 Coleshill Road/B4098 Nuneaton Road Junction, Furnace End – feasibility of junction signalisation
Walking and Cycling – Continuation of the on-going programme of dropped kerb provision throughout North Warwickshire

### 3. Delegated Budget for North Warwickshire Area

- 3.1 At the Transport Seminar on 16 January it was provisionally agreed to allocate £40,000 to implement the speed limit review. However, at its meeting of 31 January 2008 the Cabinet decided that a sum of £1,000,000 should be made available from central funds over the next three years to fund speed review work throughout the County. Therefore, it is not now necessary to use any Delegated Budget funding for speed review work in 2008-9.
- 3.2 At the Transport Seminar on 22 January members were presented with a list of requests that had been received for Minor Works. These requests were considered and the two locations listed in Table 2 were selected for preliminary design work.

<b>Table 2 – Delegated Budget Minor Improvements for North Warwickshire Area 2008-9 - Schemes Identified</b>		
<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Schemes Selected for Implementation</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
04/NW/08-09, 05/NW/08-09	Scheme scoping and preliminary design; i) Baxterley – traffic calming measures ii) Astley – measures on Nuthurst Lane	£6,000 (for preliminary design)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,000</b>

- 3.3 It was agreed that further work is required on a number of schemes before funding is allocated to them. These schemes are listed in Table 3. Other schemes have already been allocated funding from elsewhere. These schemes are listed in Table 4.

Ref.	Location and Description	Comments
01/NW/ 08-09	Maxstoke Lane, Coleshill – extension of footway	Local member will consider the scheme in further detail.
02/NW/ 08-09	Bramble Close, Coleshill – alterations to layby	Local member will consider the scheme in further detail.
07/NW/ 07-08	B4114 Birmingham Road, Woodlands Cemetery, Coleshill – pedestrian link (new footway, dropped kerbs, tactile paving)	Solihull MBC to be contacted to establish their willingness to contribute to the funding of the scheme.

Ref.	Location and Description	Comments
03/NW/ 08-09	Main Road, Shuttington	Scheme has been chosen to be funded from the <b>2007-08</b> Maintenance and Safety Budget.
02/NW/ 06-07	Woodlands, Hartshill	Scheme has already been carried out.

- 3.4 After consideration members agreed that the footway scheme in Kingsbury, detailed in Table 5, should be removed from the list of requests. A letter of explanation will be sent to the local resident who requested the scheme.

Ref.	Location and Description	Comments
06/NW/ 08-09	B4098, Coventry Road, Kingsbury – new footway from Kingsbury to Hurley Lane	Scheme does not represent value for money and would be difficult to implement

- 3.5 At its meeting of 21 November 2007 the Area Committee elected to split the 2008-09 £400,000 Maintenance and Safety Delegated Budget equally between the eight divisions (£50,000 each) for individual members to choose how to allocate the funding in their Division. No decisions regarding allocation of this funding took place at the seminar in January. A further report will be presented to the Area Committee in due course to establish proposals for the Maintenance and Safety Delegated Budget (£50,000 per division).

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Funding allocated through the Local Transport Plan was discussed in the Capital Programme for Transport report to Cabinet on 31 January 2008; all LTP Maintenance and two-thirds of LTP Integrated Transport funding is provided to the Authority as supported borrowing, and the remaining one-third of the Integrated Transport funding is provided as direct grant. The revenue implications of funding the debt charges arising from borrowing this money were set out in a report to Cabinet on the 31 January 2008. These costs were subsequently approved by the Council on 5 February 2008 as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan in the 2008-9 budget resolution.

- 4.2 In addition to the debt charges described above, there are also revenue implications arising from the cost of maintaining new transport infrastructure. Examples include traffic signal installations, street lighting, signage, traffic calming and foot/cycleways. The revenue impact of projects which proceed will add to pressures on the Directorate's revenue budget.
- 4.3 The Highways Maintenance and Safety Budget was approved by the County Council on 6 February 2007. £2 million was allocated across the County; £400,000 to each of the County's five areas.
- 4.4 The £1 million funding for Implementation of the Speed Review was approved by the County Council on 5 February 2008.
- 4.5 It is the intention that the schemes in Tables 2 and 3 will be funded from Capital. However, if any of these schemes do not proceed to be implemented, abortive expenditure will have to be funded from Revenue instead.

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