

CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

20 JUNE 2018

at 13:00 at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford

Chairman:	Councillor Dick Madden
Panel Members:	Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Richard Ambor, Michael Holoway, Ray Ride and Bob Shepherd Essex County Council – County Councillors John Aldridge, Jenny Chandler, Mike Mackrory
Officers:	Michael Adewole - Chelmsford City Council, Sonia Church - Essex Highways, Laura Medhurst – Chelmsford City Council, David Green - Chelmsford City Council and Jon Simmons - Essex Highways
Also present:	County Councillor Jude Deakin, City Councillor Bob Massey and County Councillor Stephen Robinson
Secretariat:	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions The Chairman welcomed those present.	
2.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Claire Harris, Chelmsford City Council.	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting on 13 March 2018 were agreed as a correct record.	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p><i>LCHE172023 – High Street, Chelmsford</i> – Officers of the County and City Councils were in discussion about linking this scheme with planned public realm works in Tindall Street.</p> <p><i>LCHE142019 A1245/A32 RAB Rettendon</i> – Councillor Ride had been given the information requested.</p> <p><i>LCHE171004 Pump Lane j/w Crocus Way, Springfield</i> – It had been ascertained that there would be no duplication of work and expenditure on this scheme</p> <p><i>LCHE181002 A1016 Westway j/w Robjohns Road</i> – It was intended to look at whether a detector loop would be best for this location before considering a box junction. Councillor Deakin pointed out, however, that a box junction was already there. Officers would investigate further and keep Councillor Deakin informed.</p> <p><i>LCHE162060 Springfield Green, Springfield</i> – Councillor Mackrory would be kept informed with progress on this scheme</p> <p><i>LCHE162143 Copperfield Road j/w Dickens Place</i> – The Panel was told that these were two distinct and independent schemes. It was pointed out, however, that the cycleway from the Persimmon development would cross Copperfield Road at the zebra crossing before continuing on the other side and therefore the possibility existed of combining LHP and Section 106 funds to create a comprehensive scheme that would include improving the visibility of the crossing. The normal criteria for the provision of Halo lights at pedestrian crossings at casualty reduction sites were not met in this instance.</p> <p>It was requested that:</p> <p>(a) the Panel write to the Cabinet Member to clarify the policy around the use of Halo crossing lights and whether they could be provided at this site; and</p> <p>(b) in the meantime it be determined who is responsible for maintaining the trees near the crossing and they be requested to cut them back to improve its visibility.</p> <p><i>LCHE172025 – A114 London Road nr Britvic RAB</i> – There was no Section 106 money available for this scheme and no affordable alternative to providing either a signalled crossing or underpass. Councillor Deakin said that she would discuss with officers the possibility of using CIL funds for some form of crossing.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>DM</p> <p>JS</p>
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	<p>The Panel was informed that the Direct Delivery Team would soon be starting work in Chelmsford and suitable schemes for them were being identified.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Approved Works Programme Update 2018/19</p> <p>The Panel was informed that the new County Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure which includes responsibility for Highways, Kevin Bentley, had reviewed the arrangements for the preparation of LHP budgets and had informed district councils that the County Council would match fund any money that the districts were prepared to contribute to their local LHP budgets up to £100,000. Chelmsford City Council had said that it would provide £100,000 and therefore, added to the existing budget of £500,000 and the match funding from the County Council, the budget for this Panel in 2018/19 would be £700,000.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Mackrory would, after discussions with the officers, produce a list of schemes that could be funded from the additional £200,000, pass it to the other Panel members for their views and agree which of them should be added to the 2018/19 programme. The additional schemes would be reported to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Panel discussed or was updated on the following schemes:</p> <p><i>LCHE172023 – High Street, Chelmsford</i> – It was thought that this scheme would be ideal for the Direct Delivery Team to carry out.</p> <p><i>LCHE152057 Old Moulsham, Chelmsford</i> – It was confirmed that traffic calming features were required in 20mph zones. The Chairman would discuss with officers whether requests for 20mph zones should continue to be supported.</p> <p><i>LCHE142019 A1245/A132 Roundabout, Rettendon</i> – The scheme was being fed into a route based strategy for the A132 west of the A130. The route based strategy would be shared with local councillors when available.</p> <p><i>LCHE162149 The Meads, Chelmsford</i> – The Chairman said that he would discuss the options for this scheme with officers and it would be brought back to the next meeting</p> <p><i>LCHE162146 Waterhouse Lane, Chelmsford</i> – Councillor Deakin expressed disappointment that nothing could be done to improve the junction. Jon Simmons offered to meet her to discuss the scheme.</p> <p><i>LCHE156006 Victoria Road nr Riverside Leisure Centre</i> – The drainage improvements had been identified as possible S106 works associated with development at former PO Sorting Office. It was also</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>

	<p>suggested that the drainage improvements be co-ordinated with any planned resurfacing work to Victoria Road.</p> <p><i>LCHE172023 High Street, Chelmsford</i> – It was anticipated that the police would be willing to enforce the TROs once the correct signage was in place.</p> <p><i>LCHE162104 Well Lane to The Heights, Danbury</i> – Councillor Ambor thought it likely that the proposed scheme would only work if the width of the road was reduced to prevent parking on both sides. Nonetheless, option was preferred.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the recommendations in the detailed schemes for <i>LCHE162059 North Avenue, Chelmsford, LCHE162039 Highwood Road, Edney Common, LCHE162038 Highwood Road, Loves Green and LCHE152057 Old Moulsham</i> be approved.</p> <p>The Panel AGREED to a suggestion by officers that the detailed information required for some schemes should in future be sent electronically to local County and City Council members for comments when they are received from the designers.</p>	SC
6.	<p>Potential Schemes List</p> <p>The Panel was requested to review the current Potential Schemes List and remove any that it did not wish to consider for future funding.</p> <p>AGREED that the Potential Schemes List be confirmed without change.</p>	
7.	<p>Highways Rangers and 2018/19 Revenue Spend Updates</p> <p>The Panel considered a summary of the Chelmsford City Highways Rangers work programme for January to March 2018 and details of the Panel's revenue budget for 2018/19.</p> <p>AGREED that the Highways Rangers Update report be noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Section 106 Update</p> <p>The Panel received an update on Section 106 highway schemes.</p> <p>AGREED that the Section 106 Update report be noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Other Business</p> <p><i>School Crossing Patrols</i></p>	

