

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	APPROVAL TO SPEND CAPITAL FUNDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO SCHEMES 2012/13
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	12 MARCH 2012 14 MARCH 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
Not applicable.	

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

This report seeks approval to spend and provides details of the Environment and Transport Capital Programme in 2012/13.

The report also seeks approval to variations totalling £1,230,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital programme as agreed at Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### CABINET

- (i) Subject to approval of Council to capital variations and additional funding on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012, to approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £10,257,000 in 2012/13, as detailed in Appendix 2, from the total Environment and Transport Capital Programme of £13,236,000
- (ii) To note the detail of the projects within the Capital Programme for 2012/13, as set out in Appendix 3, including a major scheme to resurface Redbridge Roundabout.

#### COUNCIL

- (i) To approve capital variations totalling £1,230,000 in 2012/13 to the programme agreed at Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (ii) To approve the addition of £317,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme funded from additional Local Transport Plan Government Grant, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (iii) To note that as part of the above recommendations, a major scheme to resurface Redbridge Roundabout is created with a budget of £1,200,000;
- (iv) To note the £1,871,000 scheme for City Centre Improvements includes a Local Transport Plan contribution of £412,000 towards the Platform to Prosperity Project, which is the subject of a report elsewhere on the Agenda.

### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Financial Procedure Rules require that approval to spend is secured to enable the delivery of the Councils Capital Programme each year.

2. The details of the projects are included to provide Members with relevant information.
3. To amend the funding allocations in response to the latest Transport Asset Management priorities for road surfacing projects.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

4. The proposed programme is fully funded and is based on available funding levels.
5. A smaller programme than that proposed would undermine the essential support for the ongoing development of the City, fail to meet the objectives set out in the Local Transport Plan (LTP3), or deliver any noticeable improvement in the basic highway infrastructure.

#### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

6. The Environment and Transport Capital Programme for 2011-12 included the delivery of a number of high profile highway infrastructure schemes such as:

- Chantry Bridge replacement
- Itchen Bridge bearing replacement
- Itchen bridge lighting enhancement
- Board Walk cycle facility adjacent to the Itchen river
- Over 20 miles of carriageway surfacing
- Over 3 miles of footway and kerbing reconstruction
- Over 60 miles of footway surface treatment (slurry)
- Havelock Road resurfacing to tie in with the SeaCity Museum
- Town Quay resurfacing
- Victoria Road footway improvements enhancing Woolston Shopping precinct
- Dock Gate 20 relocation

Car Parks lifts ongoing replacement programme

7. The Council is continuing to invest in the highway and public realm infrastructure of the City to help offset the continuing deterioration of the City's roads and footways.
8. The innovation and efficiency savings achieved through the contract with Balfour Beatty is enabling more surfacing of roads and footways to be delivered.
9. Appendix 3 shows a list of road surfacing projects and details of other non-roads schemes that will be carried out this year.
10. The Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and Local Transport Plan (LTP3) have provided the priority for highways spend and the supporting transportation policies. Individual consultation will be undertaken on each project using the agreed consultation strategy.
11. A new road surfacing project for Redbridge Roundabout has been included in the programme in response to the rapid deterioration of the circulatory carriageway at this gateway junction. The latest inspections reveal that the existing surfacing may not last another winter.

12. The overall programme proposed for 2012-2013 totals £13,236,000.
13. Appendix 1 shows how the programme is funded.
14. Appendix 2 shows the Block Headings and the proposed spend by scheme, showing where approvals to spend are required.
15. Appendix 3 shows scheme descriptions and individual projects.
16. The Environment Directorate Capital and Major Projects Board has an overarching responsibility for the delivery of the Environment and Transport Capital Programme whilst individual Boards manage the interface for delivery with the partner contractors, review progress and performance and reports exceptions.
17. All Projects in the programme are managed through the corporate Project Management System, "PM Connect" which ensures the financial and timely delivery of individual projects within the overall programme. All projects will have an approved Project Initiation Document prior to commencement of works.
18. The road surfacing projects shown in Appendix 3 are based on the latest TAMP priorities. There may be some minor changes to this programme as the individual projects are designed and if further deterioration of the network requires alternative priority investment. Any variations will be subject to the appropriate change control process.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue**

19. The Capital Programme for Environment and Transport Portfolio in 2012/13 will be £13,236,000. This is in line with the budget approved by Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 but with the addition of £317,000 in Local Transport Plan (LTP) Government Grant, which has only recently been awarded.
20. This capital expenditure can be fully funded as detailed in Appendix 1.
21. Some of this expenditure has been previously approved, as indicated by the 'status of approval' column in Appendix 2.
22. This report seeks Cabinet 'approval to spend' for capital expenditure of £10,257,000 in 2012/13, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules and as detailed in Appendix 3.
23. This is subject to Council approval for capital variations totalling £1,230,000 in 2012/13 and the addition of the £317,000 LTP funding, as detailed in Appendix 4. It is noted that these recommendations create a new capital highways maintenance scheme called Redbridge Roundabout with a budget of £1,200,000.
24. Subject to no increase in maintenance levels, the ongoing revenue consequences of these schemes can be accommodated within existing budgets.

### **Property/Other**

25. There are no property implications as a result of this report.
26. There are no employment implications as a result of this report.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

27. Each Capital scheme will be delivered in accordance with a variety of Highways and Environmental legislation, including but not limited to the Highways Act 1980, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994, Traffic Management Act 2004, and s.2 Local Government Act 2000 (having first had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy).

### Other Legal Implications:

28. Procurement of Schemes will be carried out in accordance with the Council's procurement strategy, existing and newly procured partnership contracts and in accordance with National and European procurement legislation and directives. Design and implementation of schemes will take into account the provisions of s.17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and the impact of schemes on individuals and communities will be assessed against Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities legislation provisions.

## POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

29. The Capital Programme is compatible with the objectives of the Community Strategy.
30. The City Council is a Local Transport Authority as laid down in the Transport Act 2000 and the Council's relevant Policy Framework is the City of Southampton Local Transport Plan (LTP3).
31. The importance of the condition of the highway network in terms of defects, as well as its ability to assist in providing high quality transport for all modes cannot be understated in terms of providing an indication of the health and vitality of the City. Increased investment by the Council can only signal to businesses and residents that Southampton is a location to invest and commit to. Getting this message clearly across to key stakeholders in the City will be a priority once the programme is approved.

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**KEY DECISION?** Yes

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All
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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line**

### **Appendices**

1.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Sources of Funding 2012/13
2.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Approval to spend 2012/13
3.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Description of Schemes 2012/13
4.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Variations to the programme

### **Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	The City of Southampton Local Transport Plan (LTP3)
2.	The City of Southampton Transport Asset Management Plan

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes (An IIA will be prepared for the whole programme)
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### **Other Background Documents**

**Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at: Highways Manager, Floor 5, One Guildhall Square Southampton.**

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1. None	