

Transport and Parking Working Party

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Subject: Road Safety Initiatives 2023/24

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Contained within the Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan (2021/22 - 2026/27) are the details of committed budgets which includes Road Safety initiatives. This information is shown under the heading of Road Safety, 20mph Areas and Minor Works

This budget will allow for a number of small minor road safety engineering schemes each year. Any larger schemes will need to be considered as separate businesses cases as part of the authority's capital budget setting process.

- 1.2 The expenditure for minor schemes in 2023/24 is expected to be £60,000, however the use of other Integrated Transport Block funding may be considered where schemes provide other transport benefits.

The purpose of this paper is to:-

1. Inform the members of the Transport and Parking Working Party of previous years supported schemes, which have not been completed, as identified in **Appendix 1** and completed or 'in progress' schemes as identified in **Appendix 2**.
2. Seek support from the Transport and Parking Working Party to progress the list of schemes for 2023/24, as identified in **Appendix 3**, and to provide recommendations to the Cabinet Lead member on which schemes should be treated as the highest priority for the available funding.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Transport and Parking Working Party recommends continuing with the programme of implementation.
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The implementation of the proposed schemes in **Appendix 3** will assist in helping to reduce the number of vehicle collisions and related casualties across the bay area.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

3.1 It is recommended that the Transport and Parking Working Party supports the proposals outlined in **Appendix 3**. And provides recommendations to the Cabinet Lead Member on which schemes should be prioritised for the available funding.

3.2 Summary

3.2.1 The development of a local Road Safety Strategy was included within the new Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 – 2026), to ensure greater reductions in road casualties locally by:

- Encouraging better and co-ordinated working between local authorities and their partners.
- Enabling local authorities to consider their future priorities.
- Involving and informing the public.

3.2.2 Road safety is of paramount importance to both the Council and the residents it serves. Road safety issues are wide ranging and sometimes complex, but the Council has a good record in improving road safety for all transport users. A mixture of encouragement, enforcement, and engineering, alongside evaluation will be used to further improve the safety of all road users.

3.2.3 An evidence based approach to road safety engineering will be used in Torbay to identify and target investment where it is most needed.

3.2.4 Discontinuing the implementation of the programme may affect the likelihood of the authority meeting any future proposed Government or local targets for casualty reduction. There is also a possibility that the casualty rate amongst children would increase in the future.

3.3 Possibilities and Options

3.3.1 Option 1

Continue with Programme of Implementation as set out in Section 2 to this report.

3.3.2 Option 2

Discontinue the Programme of Implementation.

3.4 Preferred Solution/Option

3.4.1 The Transport and Parking Working Party is recommended that Option 1 in section 3.3.1 above, would be the most appropriate option. However, advertising any changes made to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders as part of these works may attract objections, which will have to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Culture & Events and Parking for further consideration.

3.4.2 It should be noted that the purpose of this report is to enable the Transport and Parking Working Party to provide comments and recommendations to the Director of Pride in Place,

as the decision maker, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Culture & Events and Parking.

3.5 Consultation

3.5.1 Consultation will be undertaken with Council Ward Members and major stakeholders prior to the introduction of works. Where Traffic Regulation Orders are required, these will be advertised (both on site and in the local media) and should there be any objections, these will be presented to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Culture & Events and Parking for further consideration.

3.6 Risks

3.6.1 Whilst consultation will be undertaken with major stakeholders prior to the introduction of works, it is possible that when the alterations to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders are advertised (both on site and in the local media), these will attract objections from the members of the public. Any such objections will then have to be referred back to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Culture & Events and Parking for further consideration.

3.6.2 It is highly likely that the available funding for the Road Safety Initiatives for 2023/24 will not be sufficient to fund all of the proposed schemes in Appendix 3 to this report. It is therefore recommended that the Working Party provides recommendations on which schemes are considered as the highest priority for the available funding.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Update of previous schemes, which have not been completed.

Appendix 2: Completed analysis of schemes identified in the 2022/2023 Road Safety Initiatives Report.

Appendix 3: Schedule of all proposed Schemes for 2023/24.