

Major Highways Capital Works

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Agenda

- Annual funding allocations
- Highway Maintenance schemes
- Minor improvement schemes
- Road safety schemes
- Major highway and transport schemes
- Section 106 developer contributions



Annual funding allocations 2022/23 – 2024/25

- Highways Maintenance Block needs element - £3.735m
- Highways Maintenance Block incentive element - £0.934m
(confirmed allocation for 2022/23, indicative for 2023/24 and 24/25)
- Potholes Fund - £3.735m
- Integrated Transport Block Funding - £1.551m

Intended to aid delivery of Local Transport Plan



Highway maintenance schemes (1)

- Highway maintenance schemes, such as resurfacing,
- Selected based on data collected regarding the network condition on an annual basis by our delivery partner KierWSP.
- Once this data is collected, KierWSP propose a list of schemes across a number of categories, ranked based on the needs of the network.
- The client team agree the sums to be allocated to each category and the schemes to be delivered in the upcoming year are agreed based on their place in the ranked list for each category.



Highway maintenance schemes (2)

- Progress to complete these agreed schemes is monitored monthly throughout the year by the client team.
- Occasionally it is necessary to demote schemes from the list due to urgent issues on the network such as the effects of unusually hot weather or following a storm event.
- The schemes to be demoted from the list are agreed with the client team and they are then placed on the long list for the following year.



Minor improvement schemes

- Funded from the Integrated Transport Block
- Examples of these schemes are:
 - Pedestrian crossings
 - Footway extensions
 - Cycle lanes
 - Village entrance/gateways
 - Traffic calming
- Most schemes come from parishes/councillors via Community Liaison Officers, but others are generated by officers within the highways service.



Minor improvement schemes – assessment criteria (1)

- Does the proposal provide Pedestrians with safe and direct routes to local services, facilities and workplaces?
- Does the proposal provide cycling with safe and direct routes to local services, facilities and workplaces?
- Does the proposal minimise route severance to enable uninhibited movements ?
- Does the proposal improve the Quality and attractiveness of the environment by decluttering?
- Does the proposal reduce road casualties and make the users feel more secure?
- Does the proposal reduce congestion?
- How much match funding is available?
- Is the scheme a Local Priority?
- Does the Proposal have local support?



Minor improvement schemes – assessment criteria (2)

- What is the anticipated Cost of the scheme?
- Has consultation been undertaken?
- What was the response to the scheme?
- Do the proposals require a TRO?
- Do the proposals form part of Council strategy?
- Do the proposals facilitate Growth?



Traffic Signal schemes

- Funded from Integrated Transport Block
- Based on condition of equipment
- Related to number of faults
- Largely based on obsolescence of equipment



Road Safety Engineering schemes

- Funded from Integrated Transport Block
- Based on collision data in the local area



Other Government grants (1)

- In addition to the annual block allocations, Government makes funding available via specific funding. Some are ongoing, others can be one-offs.
- Examples
 - Major Road Network
 - Large Local Majors
 - New Stations Fund
 - Local Pinchpoint Fund
 - Active Travel Fund
 - Local Growth Fund
 - Levelling Up Fund



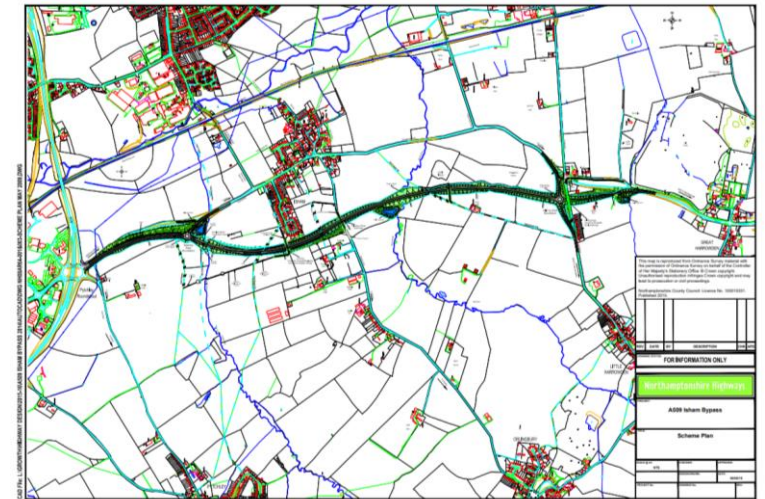
Other Government grants (2)

- Many funding rounds announced at short notice
- Schemes need to be prepared and ready to be bid
- Means Council needs a pipeline of suitable projects
- Particularly challenging with new areas of focus
- Risk funding opportunity may not arise or bid unsuccessful
- Council may be required to make financial contribution



Major highway schemes

- Varied schemes from new roads to public realm
- Many generated by modelling of Local Plans
- Other schemes from a variety of sources
- Various funding sources, dependent on scheme



Questions



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