

Cabinet Member for City Services

15th June 2020

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Colin Knight, Director of Transportation and Highways

Ward(s) affected:

Holbrook, Lower Stoke, Upper Stoke, Westwood and Wyken

Title:

Local Safety Scheme Programme 2020/21 – Additional Locations

Is this a key decision?

No – Although the matters affect various wards in the city, it is not anticipated that the impact will be significant

Executive Summary:

Every year a citywide review of personal recorded injury collisions is undertaken. This information is used to identify and prioritise potential Local Safety Scheme locations. Local safety schemes are installed at locations where there are 6 or more recorded personal injury collisions in a 3 year period, to try to reduce injuries.

On 10th March 2020 Cabinet approved the 2020/21 Local Safety Scheme Programme as part of the 2020/21 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme. In addition to the locations identified in the original programme it is proposed to include 4 more locations in the programme. This is to allow for possible delays resulting from engineering difficulties or issues raised at consultation, which may result in it not being possible to introduce all the initial schemes during 2020/2021.

This report is submitted to gain approval for the 4 additional locations to be included in the 2020/21 programme.

The cost of Local Safety Schemes is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Approve the inclusion of four additional locations, as detailed in Appendix A, in the 2020/21 Local Safety Scheme programme

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Proposed Safety Scheme Locations 2020/21
Background Papers

None

Other useful documents:

Cabinet Report dated 20th March 2020

2020/21 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital programme report

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Local Safety Scheme Programme 2020/21 – Additional Locations

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 Each year a citywide review of personal recorded injury collisions is undertaken. This information is used to identify and prioritise potential Local Safety Scheme locations. Local safety schemes are installed at locations where there are 6 or more recorded personal injury collisions in a 3 year period to try to reduce injuries.
- 1.2 On 10th March 2020 Cabinet approved the 2020/21 Local Safety Scheme Programme as part of the 2020/21 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme.
- 1.3 Since the approval of the initial programme four additional sites have been identified, as detailed in Appendix A, to be included in this year's programme. All proposed Local Safety Scheme locations and schemes are subject to further investigation and possible delays resulting from engineering difficulties or issues raised at consultation. This can result in it not being possible to introduce all the originally proposed schemes during 2020/2021, therefore the approval of additional schemes will enable the available budget to be fully utilised.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The annual citywide review identified many locations with 6 or more recorded personal injury collisions, these were prioritised as potential Local Safety Scheme locations, including possible ASE schemes. Due to finite resources, not all potential locations identified were included in the 2020/21 programme.
- 2.2 Once scheme locations have been identified further investigations/detailed design can reveal possible engineering difficulties or the potential cost of a scheme can increase. Sometimes the consultation process alone can significantly delay schemes should there be a difference of opinion between residents. Therefore, it may not always be possible to complete a scheme within a financial year, so approval is sought for additional schemes for 2020/21 to fully utilise the available funding.
- 2.3 It is proposed to add 4 additional schemes to the 2020/21 Local Safety Scheme programme as detailed in Appendix A, to continue to undertake advance design at all sites and to install any schemes not completed this year as part of a future year's programme.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

No consultation has been undertaken as yet.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 Subject to approval, design works will be undertaken and schemes introduced where possible by the end of March 2021.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Comments from the Director of Law and Governance

- 5.1 Financial implications

The cost of introducing local safety schemes is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

The additional schemes proposed in this report along with those already approved in the 2020-21 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme Report have an approved 2020-21 budget as per the table below.

	£000s	£000s	£000s
	Corporate Capital Resources	Integrated Transport Block	TOTAL
Safety Schemes	300	400	700

5.2 Legal implications

Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 requires the Council to investigate road accidents involving vehicles and to develop a rational programme of measures (such as the Local Safety Scheme programme) for preventing their recurrence.

6 Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council’s key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

The proposed changes will contribute to the City Council’s aims of working for:

A safer and more confident Coventry- by introducing road safety schemes.

Making Coventry’s streets, neighbourhoods, parks and open spaces attractive and enjoyable places to be - encouraging drivers not to exceed the speed limit and making people feel safer.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

None

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA

The introduction of safety schemes should improve road safety for all.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) Climate Change and the Environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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Appendix A – Proposed Safety Scheme Locations 2020/21

Approved by Cabinet - 20th March 2020

List of Schemes	Description
Old Church Rd	Traffic calming scheme already designed. with consultation and delivery in 2020/21
Radford Rd and Keresley Road	Vehicle Activated Signs and lining changes on roundabouts
Installation of Average Speed Enforcement sites	Extension of Ansty Road ASE scheme. Working with West Midlands Police to identify potential sites to be delivered this year
Lockhurst Lane (Foleshill Road to Durbar Avenue)	Refuges and junction Improvements to be designed, consulted and delivered this year
Scheme Development	To identify and develop designs for sites for the 2020/21 safety scheme programme.

Additional locations for approval

List of schemes	Description
Charter Avenue	Traffic calming scheme - to be designed
Hipswell Highway	Traffic calming scheme - to be designed
Torcross Avenue/Avon Street	Traffic calming scheme -to be designed
Wheelwright Lane/Holbrook Lane	Traffic calming scheme - to be designed

Note: All locations subject to investigation and possible delays due to engineering difficulties or consultation issues.