EXECUTIVE BOARD 27th February 2017

PRIORITISATION MODEL FOR HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Purpose: To outline the revised criteria for the assessment and prioritisation of requests for highway infrastructure and road safety improvements and to seek Member approval to implement the revised prioritisation process.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To seek Member approval for the assessment and prioritisation of requests for highway infrastructure and road safety improvements.

Reasons:

The last assessment of potential schemes was undertaken in 2011 and revised criteria are to be used for the assessment and prioritisation of future projects.

RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSULTED – Yes – Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny – 16th January 2017

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments: Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny resolved to receive the report.

Exec Board Decision Required

YES

Council Decision Required

NO

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **EXECUTIVE BOARD** 27TH FEBRUARY 2017

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To outline the revised criteria and to seek approval for the assessment and prioritisation of requests for highway infrastructure and road safety improvements.

The Executive Board approved the current criteria for assessment, selection and prioritisation of Road Safety Improvement and Footway Improvements funded from the Council's capital budget allocation for such works on 14th November 2011. Demand for improvements is high and the Department continues to receive community requests for highway related safety improvements and other infrastructure. There are currently 355 number requests for highway infrastructure and road safety improvements which include requests for a range of measures from major highway improvements, footway provision, traffic calming, reduced speed limits, signage and other road safety measures.

The principles of the assessment and prioritisation of current requests are to be maintained with some additional factors now being included. The additional factors to be considered are : A revision to top slice ten percent of the annual budget to facilitate low cost high value interventions to address road safety issues at high risk sites and to reduce the pressure on revenue. Such measures will include for example: signage, road marking, fencing and minor surfacing.

Greater weighting to personal injury and severity of accidents and adjustments to the weighting for the level of deliverability and improvement.

Stage two assessment reduced from fifty sites to twenty sites, as the current level of funding limits the number of schemes that can be delivered in any year.

The potential of the scheme to address an existing maintenance priority to enable integration between the authority's transport strategic investment and highway maintenance.

Full details are included in the Appendix to the report but the main factors of the staged approach are accident records (severity and number), traffic volumes and pedestrian flows, level of improvement for any intervention, deliverability and value for money, potential for additional funding and revenue savings, and addressing maintenance priorities.

From this latest assessment and prioritisation a rolling programme will be formulated which will form the basis of future Highway Infrastructure and Road Safety Improvement capital Programmes in future years.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To seek Member approval for the assessment and prioritisation of requests for highway infrastructure and road safety improvements.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

Yes

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report : Signed: S G Pilliner

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Head of Transportation & Highways

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Policy,	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk	Staffing	Physical
Crime &				Management	Implications	Assets
Disorder				Issues		
and						
Equalities						
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Road Safety is one of the priorities set out in the Carmarthenshire Integrated Community Strategy. The Carmarthenshire County Council Local Transport Plan which is contained within the Joint Transport Plan for South West Wales also includes a Road Safety component strategy.

2. Legal

The Council has a statutory responsibility to manage and maintain public roads. That duty includes the investigation of road traffic accidents, the provision of road safety measures and the expeditious movement of traffic.

Future projects may require the acquisition of privately owned land or the implementation of appropriate Road Traffic Regulation Orders as necessary.

3. Finance

Future projects will be funded from a number of sources including the Council's Capital Programme, Welsh Government Transport related grants or developer contributions.

5. Risk Management Issues

It is unlikely future projects will require planning consent but should consent be required there is a minor risk of objections being received.

7. Physical Assets

Future projects may require the acquisition of privately owned land.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

 Signed:
 S G Pilliner
 Head of Transportation & Highways

 1. Scrutiny Committee – Environment & Public Protection Scrutiny resolved to receive the report.

2. Local Member(s) - N/A

3.Community / Town Council - N / A.

4. Relevant Partners - N / A.

5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N / A.

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:				
Title of Document	File Ref No.	File Ref No. Locations that the papers are available for public		
		inspection		
Report to Executive		http://online.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/agendas/eng/EXE		
Board on 14 th November		B20111114/SUM05.HTM		
2011				
Joint Transport Plan for		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1085004/		
South West Wales		Joint-Transport-Plan-300115.pdf		



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