

LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

To: **Cambridge City Joint Area Committee**

Meeting Date: **14th July 2015**

From: **Executive Director Economy, Transport and Environment**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **N/A** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To report the outcome of the member review of the Local Highway Improvement Scheme (LHIS)**

Recommendation: **The Committee is recommended to:**

- a) agree to the creation of a six member panel to prioritise LHIS applications in the city area.**
- b) agree which members of the Committee should be on the panel.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A member led review of the Local Highway Improvement Scheme was approved at Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee on 10th February 2015.
- 1.2 The Highways and Community Infrastructure (H&CI) Committee report in **Appendix 1** provides all of the background to the review and subsequent recommendations. This report will be presented to the H&CI Committee on 7th July 2015.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 Arrangements within the Cambridge City area were reviewed, where the process currently differs to the rest of the County. An unlimited number of applications are currently accepted from the City Council and scored by the Cambridge Joint Area Committee (CJAC), which acts as the member panel.
- 2.2 The applications that are received do not have the necessary approved third party contributions at the point of submission, but are allocated once the LHI Panel has scored the applications in priority order.
- 2.3 In order to bring the process in the city more in line with the rest of the scheme across the County, limiting the number of applications was considered an option. This could be achieved by the four Cambridge City Area Committees prioritising applications from their areas prior to submission and be limited to the equivalent of 2 applications per Ward.
- 2.4 The East and North Area Committee's with four wards would be limited to a maximum of 8 applications in total, with West/Central and South Areas limited to 6, leading to a maximum of 28 for the city as a whole. The City Council contribution would then be agreed following prioritisation by an LHI member panel. Generally 15 schemes on average are allocated LHIS funding in the city area each year.
- 2.5 It is also suggested that a member panel made up of 6 CJAC members be created for the city, to maintain consistency for the LHIS and simplify the prioritisation process.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

See attached report in Appendix A

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

See attached report in Appendix A

Source Documents	Location
Report to Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee 7 th July 2015 on Local Highway Improvement Scheme	Appendix A and http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=988