

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal Policy
and Performance Board

DATE: 29th June 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Community and
Resources

PORTFOLIO: Transportation

SUBJECT: Local Transport Plan 3 Review

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with a summary of progress in delivering transport schemes and interventions, as funded through the Integrated Transport Block and other sources of funding, over the period 2015/16.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Halton's third LTP 'Transport - Providing for Halton's Needs' sets out a Transport Strategy covering the period 2011/12 to 2025/26 and contains an 'Implementation Plan' setting out in detail how the strategy would be delivered in the first four years, based on the levels of transport capital funding announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review 2010. Progress on delivering this 4 year Implementation Plan, covering the period 2011/12 to 2014/15, has been reported to previous meetings of this Board. It was felt that Members may wish this practice to continue and this report, therefore, outlines progress made with the implementation of transport schemes during 2015/16.
- 3.2 Members will be aware that local transport authorities currently receive two principal sources of formula-based capital funding from Government to improve local transport conditions, namely the Integrated Transport Block (ITB), which is used to fund small transport improvements and the Highways Maintenance (HM) block, which is used to maintain the highway and associated structures, (covering works such as resurfacing, bridge maintenance and new street lighting).
- 3.3 This report reviews the delivery of schemes funded through the Integrated Transport Block Grant.
- 3.4 The ITB is allocated over a range of themes and interventions that were reported and approved by Executive Board for inclusion into the Council's annual Capital Programme. Expenditure across these themes

during the previous four-year period has been in accordance with the overall ITB allocation as follows:

Integrated Transport Budget Allocations £	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Total
Transport Integration	163,498	166,271	225,000	236,000	790,769
Measures to Assist Walking	184,920	132,703	239,098	170,000	726,721
Measures to Assist Cycling	100,529	111,378	85,902	118,000	415,809
Measures to Assist Buses	125,179	150,415	240,000	80,000	595,594
Local Safety Schemes	131,175	137,575	180,000	236,000	684,750
Intelligent Transport Systems	19,706	25,000	50,000	68,000	162,706
Total	725,007	723,342	1,020,000	908,000	3,376,349

3.5 Within each of the themes listed above, the budget allocations enabled the delivery of a wide range of schemes to continue in the year. The following paragraphs provide a brief synopsis of the type of schemes that were implemented:

3.6 Integrated Transport Block

3.7 Neighbourhood Centres

A range of pedestrian, cycle and bus route improvements, together with work to address road safety, have been successfully delivered focusing on neighbourhood centres at the following locations

- St Michaels Road / Hale Road / Ditchfield Road Junction
- Halton Road / Sea Lane.
- Pit Lane / Farnworth Street improvements for pedestrians within the area.

- Watkinson Way crossing to the Hive providing walking and cycling improvement links between The Hive and the Town Centre.

3.8 Walking and Cycling Improvements

These have ranged from the provision of new crossing points incorporating drop-kerbs, carriageway refuges or controlled crossings, to route-based interventions providing improved links to existing footpaths and cycleways at the following locations:

- Milton Road, Spring Court, Murdishaw West Community Primary School frontage, Abington Walk, Sunningdale, Albert Road, Waterloo Road, Public Hall Street, Clifton Road traffic signal junction and Green Oaks Way.

3.9 Measures to Assist Buses

A wide range of schemes have been implemented through the ITB incorporating bus stop access improvements providing boarder kerbs, shelters and improved passenger information at the following locations:

- Halton Brow, Heath Road / Delph Bridge, Castlefields Avenue near Kingshead Close, Castlefields Avenue North / Astmoor, The Butts, A56 Chester Road, and Picow Farm Road.

Funding acquired through the **Better Bus Fund** enabled significant improvements to the Wilmere Lane junction with Lunts Heath Road which has benefitted from works including the provision of traffic signals, bus priority measures and walking route improvements.

3.10 Local Safety Schemes and other Highway Improvements

Local safety schemes have been delivered both through neighbourhood centre schemes and as specific interventions to address known road traffic accident sites. These have included simple road marking alterations, adjustments to road geometry and alignment, and the reinstatement of skid resistant materials at the following locations:

- **Local Safety Schemes at:** Kingsway roundabout; A56 Chester Rd / A533 Northwich Rd roundabout; A56 Chester Road / O2 building roundabout; Watkinson Way; and Elworth Avenue.
- **ITB/Sustainable Transport Enhancement Package (STEP) funded schemes at:** A56 Chester Road through the provision of a controlled Pegasus and Toucan crossing improving links from Daresbury Village to the Science Park; on the A56 Daresbury where a cycleway/footway has been provided fronting Daresbury Hotel; and Ditton Road to Higher Road walking and cycling improvements. All these schemes will assist access to employment sites and

facilitate more sustainable travel opportunities with associated health benefits for our communities.

3.11 Other funded schemes

- Dungeon Lane in Hale, was a scheme to improve accessibility to the Oglet waterfront for non-motorised users, surface improvements and preventing misuse of the area by 4x4vehicles. This scheme was completed in 2015/16 utilising WREN and ITB funding.
- The Common, in Runcorn, was a public right of way scheme that allowed the surfacing and drainage to be improved along its length. This scheme was completed utilising ITB funding.
- Lockett Road improvements to parking were incorporated in bus access improvement works that were funded jointly through the ITB and Area Forum funding.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** There are no policy implications associated with this report. The delivery of the ITB implementation programme has been in accordance with the policies and strategies contained in the Council's LTP - 'Transport - Providing for Halton's Needs'

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** There are no financial implications associated with this report. The delivery of the LTP ITB implementation programme has been in accordance with the Transport Block grant funding each year.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The highway and transport schemes and interventions described above and delivered over the period of the original Implementation Plan as well as over 2015/16, have contributed to a safer, more accessible highway network providing improved and sustainable access to schools, colleges and other services.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

The highway and transport schemes and interventions described above have contributed to a safer, more accessible and integrated highway network providing improved and sustainable access to employment centres, town centres and other services.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The provision of improved walking and cycling routes is aimed at encouraging healthier and more sustainable modes of travel to work and for leisure.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Improvements to the highway and transport network outlined above provide a safer environment by tackling road safety issues and providing improved pedestrian and cycle routes across the Borough.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

Improvements to the highway and transport infrastructure outlined above contribute to a more accessible and enhanced public realm.

7.0 Risk Analysis

7.1 None identified, the report is for information purposes only.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Halton's third Local Transport Plan, 'Transport - Providing for Halton's Needs'	Available on HBC website	N/A

