



**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Central Community Assembly
Report**

Report of: Highways Link Manager /Central Community Assembly Manager

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Subject: Central Assembly Highways Budget 2012/13

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Background Papers:

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
YES Cleared by: Liz Orme
Legal Implications
YES Cleared by: Julian Ward
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO Cleared by:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
YES
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications

NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
Central Community Assembly area of Sheffield
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Safer and Stronger Communities
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

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2. What does this mean for people within the Central Community Assembly Area?

The allocation of £40,000 for small Highways works via the Community Assembly allows some of the issues and priorities of local people to be addressed. If agreed, the proposed Highways spend set out in this report will allow 12 sites to be visited by a Speed Indication Device; will see parking improvements on South Road; allow a number of double yellow line schemes to go forward; the implementation of a 20mph zone on Winn Gardens; and allow the Assembly to capitalise on PFI works in making minor improvements in a timely and economical fashion.

3. Outcomes and Sustainability

The funding identified in this report will contribute to the delivery of one of the priorities in the Central Community Assembly Plan – Traffic and Parking - thus benefiting residents in the Central Assembly Area.

The funding also supports the City Council’s priorities, values and outcomes as set out in the Corporate Plan ‘Standing Up For Sheffield’. In particular:

Priorities

- Supporting and protecting communities

Values

- Spend public money wisely
- Enable individuals and communities

Outcomes

- A Great Place to Live

4. Full Proposal

4.1 In previous financial years, the Assembly has had a large devolved budget for highway schemes (£275,000 in 2009/10 and 2010/11, reduced to £75,000 in 2011/12). This had allowed a number of large schemes (over £10,000) to be progressed, together with a minor works budget for small works (over the last two years £40,000 has been allocated each year for minor works).

4.2 In the current financial year 2012/13, the Highways Budget allocation to each Assembly has been reduced to £40,000. In this context, it will no longer be possible to fund large schemes, but the Central Assembly can still choose to fund a variety of smaller schemes.

4.3 Over recent years, Assemblies have developed a list of larger scheme requests for consideration, from members of the public. It is proposed to write to all large scheme requesters, to let them know that the Assembly cannot currently fund their requests, but that the list will be referred to corporate Highways for consideration.

4.4 In summary, it is proposed that the Assembly allocates the 2012/13 Highways budget as set out in the following table. Each item is discussed in more detail below.

Project	Sum
a. Speed Indication Device (SID) rotation	£ 2664 plus £415 for one new site
b. Walkley Traffic Review - implementation	£12,500
c. 'Bundle' of yellow lines with one Traffic Regulation Order	Up to £10,000,
d. Minor 20mph scheme works (Winn Gardens as first priority, any balance to Hanover)	£ 5000
e. PFI-related work e.g. tactile paved crossings	Up to £ 9,500,
	£40,000

a. SID rotation

The Assembly has purchased 2 Speed Indication Devices (SIDs), which can each be sited at 6 locations throughout the year on an 8-week rotation cycle. The costs of moving the SIDs and downloading and analysing the data from them costs £2664 for the year.

The Assembly has currently identified 17 sites which have been visited by a SID or have been nominated to do so. Members are asked to choose 12 sites from these. New sites will cost £415 per site for the post and installation.

The 12 proposed sites for 2012/13 are:

- Harcourt Road - new site
- Walkley Bank Road, lower stretch - new site
- Crookesmoor Road, upper stretch - new site
- Howard Road, relocated - new site
- Oxford Street - new site.

- Hallowmoor Road, to help enforce the 20mph scheme
- Manchester Road
- Abbeydale Road, Rude Shipyard - out of town
- Loxley Road near Riverside Close
- Brocco Bank
- Crookes Road
- Cemetery Road - out of town

This list includes 5 new sites. One site can be funded as part of the £40,000 allocation; the other 4 sites (£415 x 4 = £1660) can be funded from around £2000 carry-forward from last year's Highways budget.

b. Walkley Traffic Review Implementation

During 2011, a traffic consultation exercise was undertaken for central Walkley, funded by the Assembly, linking in with the proposed Walkley Active Travel Corridor (from South Rd – the University – City Centre).

Based on the highest priority items identified via the public consultation work, it is suggested that an allocation of £12,500 is made to allow for alterations to existing waiting restrictions on South Road, between Walkley Lane and Cundy Street, to provide better parking opportunities for shoppers. This would be in keeping with many of the comments made during the consultation.

This would also include improving two of the bus stops with tactiles and kerbs.

These proposals may well use the full suggested allocation on its own when a nominal allowance for a TRO plus some additional consultation is added to the works cost. However any underspend of the £12,500 could be used on some of these additional measures.

- Advance Stop Lane on South Road at Walkley Lane
- Road markings/limited waiting in each of the car parks on Freedom Road and Cundy Street
- Cycle stands as necessary

c. 'Bundle' of yellow lines with one Traffic Regulation Order

The Assembly receives many requests for single or double yellow lines, which as individual schemes are prohibitively expensive as they require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) of £2-3000. However, a bundle of schemes could be set under a single TRO.

Members are recommended to prioritise the following 8 requests (two per ward) on the understanding that not all may be funded this year; but if they cannot be completed this year, they would be top priority next year for completion.

Central Ward

1. Glover Rd, to protect dropped kerbs near the Madina mosque
2. Lancaster St, to protect vehicle entrance at Kelham Mills flats

Broomhill Ward

1. Burns Road
2. Chesterwood Drive.

Walkley Ward

1. Palm Street
2. Orchard Road.

Hillsborough Ward

1. Proctor Place
2. Ben Lane, either side of junction with Laird Avenue

d. One minor 20mph scheme (Winn Gardens or Hanover)

Members are aware of two minor 20mph zones which could be funded from their own Highways budget this year:

- Hanover Estate – additional signage and lining to reinforce existing 20mph limit. Estimated cost £3-4000.
- Winn Gardens – creation of 20mph speed limit across the estate. Estimated cost £5-6000.

Members are recommended to allocate £5000 to minor 20mph scheme works; to agree to prioritise the Winn Gardens scheme for installation; and to request officers to manage the Winn Gardens scheme as economically as possible, with any underspend to be allocated to the Hanover scheme.

Following a recent Cabinet Report, an additional corporately-funded 20mph zone will be located within the Assembly area. Officers are currently working on costings for 4 potential areas, based on accident statistics, which will be consulted on once firmer details are available.

e. PFI-related work e.g. tactile paved crossings

When the PFI contract is fully operational, it may be prudent to allocate a significant part of the Assemblies budget to additional works which complement the PFI programme e.g. tactile paved crossings. This will potentially offer large savings compared with tactiles or other features being provided in isolation.

As the PFI contract will not be starting until part-way through this financial year, it is proposed to allocate a sum of up to £9500 towards these works this year.

5. Financial Implications

The Central Assembly, in line with all 7 Community Assemblies, has a £40,000 Highways Budget to allocate in 2012/13, to help fulfil the priorities identified in the Central Assembly Plan. The spending proposals set out in this report do not exceed this £40,000 allocation.

6. Legal Implications

The Council, as the Highways Authority for Sheffield, has the powers under Part V of the Highways Act 1980 to implement the improvements requested in this report.

This funding is allocated from the Local Transport Plan budget and as such all projects using this funding will need to comply with the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan.

7. Equality of Opportunity Implications

The Central Community Highways budget is being applied across the Assembly area, with measures which will benefit all parts of the community, including pedestrians, public transport users, car users and those with limited mobility.

8. Human Resource Implications

There are no specific human resource implications for the Council as a result of the allocation of this funding.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

The proposals in this report promote responsible driving and pedestrian safety.

10. Mitigation of Risk

The risks relating to this proposal have been considered by the Central Community Assembly Team and Highways Officers. These risks will be regularly reviewed and monitored.

11. Alternative Options

Several alternative options for spend have been considered, but are not currently recommended for funding.

Alternative not currently recommended for support	Cost	Comments
Additional SID device	£7,000	This would provide a 3 rd SID for use around the Assembly area. However, other proposals were considered to be a higher priority.
Alternative SID sites		Members have considered a list of current and requested SID sites, and have aimed to choose the most effective sites across the Assembly area
Alternative yellow line sites		Members have considered a list of requested yellow line sites, and have aimed to choose the most pressing sites from across the Assembly area.

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