

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**HIGHWAY SCHEMES APPLICATIONS
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Policy context:

**Havering Local Development
Framework (2008)
Havering Local Implementation Plan
2017/18 Delivery Plan
(where applicable)**

Financial summary:

**The estimated cost of requests,
together with information on funding is
set out in the schedule to this report.**

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering
Places making Havering
Opportunities making Havering
Connections making Havering

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SUMMARY

This report presents applications for new highway schemes which are not funded and do not appear on the Council's highways programme. The Committee is requested to decide whether the requests should be rejected or set aside with the aim of securing funding in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee considers the requests set out in Section A and decide either;
 - (a) That the request should be rejected; or
 - (b) That the request should be set aside in Section B with the aim of securing funding in the future
2. That it be noted that any schemes taken forward in the future to public consultation and advertisement (where required) will be subject to a further report to the Committee and a decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety if a recommendation for implementation is made.
3. That it be noted that the estimated cost of implementing each scheme is set out in the Schedule. In the case of Section A - Scheme proposals without funding available, that it be noted that there is no funding available to progress the schemes.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Highways Advisory Committee receives all highway scheme requests which are not funded, on the Council's highways programme or otherwise delegated so that a decision will be made on whether the scheme should be set aside for possible future funding or rejected.
- 1.2 The bulk of the highways schemes programme is funded through the Transport for London Local Implementation Plan and these are agreed in

principle through an Executive decision in the preceding financial year. A full report is made to the Highways Advisory Committee on conclusion of the public consultation stage of these schemes.

- 1.3 There is also a need for schemes funded by other parties or programmes (developments with planning consent for example) to be taken forward to consultation.
- 1.4 In cases such as this, the decision to proceed with the public consultation is delegated to the Head of Environment and this will be as a published Staff Decision which will appear on Calendar Brief and be subject to call-in. The outcome of these consultations will be reported to the Committee which will make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety in the usual way.
- 1.5 In order to manage the workload created by unfunded matters, a schedule has been prepared to deal with applications for new schemes and is split as follows;
 - (i) Section A - Scheme proposals without funding available. These are requests for works to be undertaken where no funding from any source is identified. The recommendation of Staff to the Committee can only be one of rejection in the absence of funding. The Committee can ask that the request be held in Section B for future discussion should funding become available in the future.
 - (ii) Section B - Scheme proposals on hold for future discussion. These are projects or requests where a decision is not yet required (because of timing issues) or the matter is being held pending further discussion should funding become available in the future.
- 1.6 The schedule contains information on funding source, likely budget (as a self-contained scheme, including staff design costs), the request originator and date placed on the schedule.
- 1.7 In the event that funding is made available for a scheme held in Section B, Staff will update the Committee through the schedule at the next available meeting and then the item will be removed thereafter.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of each request or project is set out in the Schedule for the Committee to note.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs to implement a scheme should it be ultimately implemented. It should be noted that further decisions are to be made following a full report to the Committee and with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety approval process being completed where a scheme is recommended for implementation.

Legal implications and risks:

Many aspects of highway schemes require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Where a scheme is selected to proceed, then such advertisement would take place and then be reported in detail to the Committee so that a recommendation may be made to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety.

With all requests considered through the Schedule, a formal set of Recommendations and a record of the Committee decisions are required so that they stand up to scrutiny.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities implications and risks:

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, the young and older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

Decisions need to be made which are in accordance with equalities considerations, the details of which will be reported in detail to the Committee so that a recommendation may be made to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.