

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Neighbourhoods & Community Services
Scrutiny Panel

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PART I

FOR CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT

Highways Engineering Programme of Works for 2012/13

1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Panel of the proposed programme of works for 2012/13 to be carried out by the Council's Highways Engineering service.

2. **Recommendation/Proposed Action**

That the Panel comment on the principle of the approach and priorities identified in the proposed highways schemes of work for 2012/13.

3. **Sustainable Communities Strategy Priorities**

- **Regeneration and Environment**
- **Health and Wellbeing**

Aims:

- Deliver cleaner and safer neighbourhoods
- Adopt a green and sustainable approach to managing and developing the environment
- Protect and enhance public health and wellbeing
- Improve transport

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

Initiatives set out in the report are funded from within existing budgets.

(b) **Human Rights Act and other Legal Implications**

There are no Human Rights Act Implications.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 **General**

The Highways Engineering service has responsibility for maintaining the Borough's highways network. This network includes approximately 260 miles of roads including footpaths, bridges, street lights, highway drains and signs and bollards.

This report lists the main programmed works due to take place from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013. It does not include minor reactive works including patching, potholes, cleaning highway drains/ditches and repairs to the street lights and bridges.

The schemes proposed for highways are detailed in the appendices and summarised below.

Ap'x	Schemes for 12/13	Budget
A	Carriageway Structural Improvements (Capital)	£450K
B	Carriageway Resurfacing Maintenance (Revenue)	£881K
C	Footway Resurfacing Maintenance (Revenue)	£245K
D	Drainage Improvements (Capital)	£110K
E	Street Lighting Improvements (Capital)	£200K
F	Public Right of Way Maintenance (Revenue)	£77K

All schemes have been listed in alphabetical order and include the wards they are located within. Reserve schemes are included within the lists. These reserve schemes will be considered on their merits should further funding become available.

5.2 **Selecting schemes**

The Highways Engineering service continually assesses and records the condition the Borough's highways network. These assessments, of which some are reported to the government include:

- Visual surveys of roads and footpaths on foot.
- Visual surveys of roads and footpaths from vehicles.
- Mechanical surveys of roads including SCANNER/SCRIM/Deflectograph surveys.
- Visual surveys of highway drainage including gullies, soakaways and ditches.
- Mechanical camera surveys of highway drainage.
- Visual surveys of street lights and illuminated signs on foot.
- Visual surveys of street lights and illuminated signs from vehicles at night.
- Mechanical testing of the structural strength of street lighting columns.
- Visual surveys of the Rights of Way network on foot.
- Interrogating the Council's historic records.

The Council also received valuable information from the residents of Slough and Councillors through consultation, general enquiries and complaints.

The various forms of data collected were interrogated to prepare a draft list of highways schemes. The Appendices to this report were circulated internally within the Council and to Ward Councillors for feedback, that consultation period closed on

Friday 17 February 2012. The results from the consultation will be reported and the appendices will be modified where considered appropriate.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

None.

7. **Conclusion**

To inform the Panel of the proposed programme of works to be carried out by the Council's Highways Engineering service in 2012/2013.

8. **Appendices**

- A Carriageway Structural Improvements for 12/13
- B Carriageway Resurfacing Maintenance for 12/13
- C Footway Resurfacing Maintenance for 12/13
- D Drainage Improvements for 12/13
- E Street Lighting Improvements for 12/13
- F Public Right of Way Maintenance for 12/13

9. **Background Papers**

None.