

Northumberland Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme

Parish Council notes for Guidance

Criteria for LTP Schemes

Integrated Transport

The LTP programme has been developed following a comprehensive review of the needs for the maintenance of the highway asset, identified road safety issues and potential improvement of the highway and transport network.

In addition, requests for improvements and maintenance received from the local community over time are recorded in the Directory of Requests database and considered for inclusion in the programme on an annual basis. County Council Members and Town and Parish Councils are provided with details of the requests that have been made within their own areas throughout the year and they are asked to identify key priorities for consideration in the programme for completeness.

The requests are scored by officers in Technical Services and the draft priorities are presented to Council Members in the autumn for their comment before the final draft programme is presented to the Local Area Councils for final comment early in the calendar year, prior to the final approval in March. The process is transparent, however, as the demand for schemes significantly outweighs the funding available it is impossible to approve all of the requests that we receive in the annual programme.

- Requests are assessed against the following criteria:

Contribution to National Transport Goals:

- a) Support Economic Growth
- b) Reduce Carbon Emissions
- c) Promote Equality of Opportunity
- d) Contribute to Better Safety, Security and Health
- e) Improve Quality of Life and a Healthy Natural Environment

Other Criteria:

- f) Part of a package of measures
- g) Community Priority
- h) Attracts External Funding or Synergy with other projects

Scoring

- 2 = contributes to the criteria
- 1 = makes some contribution
- 0 = no contribution

- Safety Schemes are assessed according to the number and severity of personal injury accidents.

- Issues concerning traffic regulation (e.g. parking restrictions) are also considered as part of this annual review, rather than on an ad hoc basis throughout the year. This enables county wide priorities to be established.
- When submitting priorities, please give as much information as possible, including the location and the reason for the priority, i.e. what is the issue that needs to be addressed? (e.g. pedestrian safety, speeding traffic). In each case it is the “issue” that is scored, not any proposed solution.

Roads, Bridges & Public Rights of Way Maintenance

- The road, footway and bridge maintenance programme is developed largely from condition surveys. Foot/cycleway maintenance is prioritised where a lot of reactive maintenance work has been carried out and/or complaints from the public have been received.
- Public rights of way schemes are identified by the Countryside Access Team following consultation with path users. Works focus on meeting the Council's statutory duty by repairing flood damage or river erosion and improving the surface and drainage of damaged and well used paths in popular walking/riding areas.

Note

- The LTP programme is capital funding. It cannot be used for revenue funded schemes, such as public transport services or pothole repairs. Requests for new or improved bus or rail services will therefore be forwarded to the Public Transport Team who liaise with operators, (public transport infrastructure, e.g. raised kerbs at bus stops, is eligible for LTP funding). Routine maintenance requests such as pothole filling or ditch clearance will be forwarded to the relevant Highway Inspector.