

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 4 MAY 2004

#### ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMMES FOR 2004 - 2005

#### Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to: -

- (a) Seek the Committee's approval of the Road Safety Programmes for 2004/2005 and to
- (b) Advise the Committee that further reports will be submitted with regard to 20 mph speed limits at schools, and a new Capital Road Safety Programme for accident locations throughout East Ayrshire.

### 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Funding has been awarded to Roads Division for year 2004/2005 as follows :-

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Sum</b>	<b>Source</b>
Cycling Walking and Safer Streets	- £195,000	Scottish Executive
Capital Road Safety	- £150,000	East Ayrshire Council
Quality of Life	- £123,000	Scottish Executive
20mph School Zones	- £257,000	Scottish Executive

2.2 **Cycling Walking and Safer Streets** - On 11 September, 2003, The Transport Minister announced additional ring fenced awards for Cycling Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) to all Scottish Local Authorities for measures to provide walking, cycling and safer routes to school. The allocations to East Ayrshire are:-

2004/2005 - £195,000  
2005/2006 - £205,000

It is intended that the new CWSS funding will be used to provide further improvements to benefit local communities and make it easier for children and local people to walk and cycle as an enjoyable and healthy way to travel. This will include speed reduction measures where these have been identified as a result of school travel surveys.

On 23 August 2003 the Committee agreed the implementation of road safety proposals at schools funded from CWSS identified from the first round of

travel surveys, subject to available funding. This programme was completed apart from traffic calming for Sorn Primary School.

Proposals for CWSS programmes in 2004/05 and 2005/06 are set out in Section 3 of this report, below.

**2.3 Capital Road Safety** - In June 2000 the Committee approved a programme of road safety measures. These measures were the result of a road accident analysis, which evaluated projects for Kilmarnock, Irvine Valley and other locations throughout East Ayrshire. All identified sites have been treated with the exception of the A713 through Dalmellington.

Now that the earlier programme is nearing completion it is proposed that a new programme will be produced.

Within the Capital Road Safety Budget it has been the practice, for the last few years, to allocate the sum of £10,000 for improvements to access for vulnerable road users. A programme of provision of dropped kerbs at road crossing points has been implemented and a list of requests for further works is maintained within the Roads Division

**2.4 Quality of Life Funding.** On 20 May 2003 a report to the Development Services Committee set out implementation arrangements for Quality of Life funded programmes for which Development and Property Services is the lead committee. Approval was given for an allocation of £110,000, £123,000 and £200,000 for Road Safety Improvements for financial years 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 respectively.

In May 2003 the Committee, gave its approval for :-

- (i) 50% of the funds to be used to implement rural route action plans on the rural sections of the A class routes. Following this, measures have been designed for Stage 1 of a route action plan for the A713 from the Council boundary with South Ayrshire to Patna. This work is currently being implemented.
- (ii) The remainder was to fund Twenty's Plenty Schemes and minor traffic calming.

A list of requests for further Twenty's Plenty Schemes is maintained by Roads Division.

**2.5 20 mph Speed Limits for school areas.** On 26 September, the Transport Minister announced ring-fenced awards for all Scottish Local Authorities to promote 20 mph speed limits around school areas and other road safety projects to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. The Council is to receive funding over three years as follows:-

2003/2004 - £117,000

2004/2005 - £257,000

2005/2006 - £257,000

Twenty mph speed limits can play an important role in protecting vulnerable road users. By improving safety around schools and residential areas it is hoped to encourage more people to walk and cycle. The introduction of the lower speed limits will also help to meet the government targets to halve the number of children killed and seriously injured by 2010 and reduce the numbers of all fatalities and serious injuries by 40%.

At the Development Services Committee on 21 October 2003 Committee :-

- (a) Noted that a review of the existing safety measures in the vicinity of schools and proposals for future works programmes for CWSS and 20 mph speed limits would be the subject of a further report; and
- (b) Agreed that speed reduction measures at Bellfield Primary School and Darvel Primary School would be implemented in 2003/04 with the first years' allocation for 20mph speed limits.

The traffic calming at Darvel and Bellfield Primary Schools has recently been completed.

**2.6 Better Neighbourhoods Services Fund** - An application is currently being considered for funding to carry out road safety schemes (value £116,000 over 2 years) at the following locations :-

Shortlees, Kilmarnock - Turnberry Drive (partly traffic calmed), Loreny Drive and Lainshaw Avenue

Northwest Kilmarnock - Altonhill Avenue and Woodhill Road (in close proximity to Hillhead Primary School), Ardgour Road and Todhill Avenue

### **3. PROPOSALS**

#### **3.1 Cycling Walking and Safer Streets -**

- (i) From the previous year's listed programme all projects were completed apart from Main Street, Sorn. It is proposed that this scheme is implemented from this year's funding allocation.
- (ii) School travel surveys were carried out during 2003/2004. Following analysis of the information the proposed programme is as follows:-

School	Location	Comments	Approx Costs
Stewarton Academy	Robertland Rigg	Phase 1 - Traffic calming in Jubilee Drive/Cutsburn Road.  Phase 2 - Consideration given to safety measures on Robertland Rigg and Old Mill View when funding becomes available.	£35,000
Nether Robertland Stewarton	Robertland Rigg	Road safety measures for Cutstraw Road (narrow road with no footways)	£15,000
Lainshaw Primary	Kilwinning Road	Traffic calming on Kilwinning Road	£16,000
Dunlop Primary	Main Street	Traffic calming in Main Street	£20,000
Fenwick Primary	Kirkton Road	Traffic calming on Kirkton Road	£15,000
Kilmaurs	Irvine Road	Possible need for footway extension at the school Crossing Patrol point as part of traffic calming.	£10,000
	Sunnyside	Main entrance to school is on Sunnyside. Traffic calming	£10,000
Muirkirk Primary	A70 Smallburn Road	Traffic calm A70 Smallburn Road. This will complement other traffic calming works recently carried out on A70	£30,000
Catrine P S	Ballochmyle Quad	School accessed from cul-de-sac. Improve signs road markings etc	£2,000
Doon Academy	Ayr Road	Traffic Calming on Ayr Road to be funded by the Capital Road Safety fund. Consider complementary road safety measures on Ayr Road and Main Street.	£5,000
Dalmellington PS	Ayr Road		
Bellsbank	Craiglea Crescent/ Merrick Drive	traffic calming Merrick Drive	£25,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£183,000</b>

### **3.2 Capital Road Safety**

- (i) It is proposed that £10,000 will be allocated to the provision of dropped kerbs to improve access for vulnerable road users. It is proposed that these are firstly selected from outstanding requests received from Members and members of the public.
- (ii) It is proposed that A713 through Dalmellington, the remaining scheme from the road safety programme prepared in 2000, is carried out from this year's allocation. This is estimated to cost £60,000
- (iii) £33,000 is committed as part of the Council's contribution to the Kilmarnock Town Centre Pedestrian Access Measures on John Finnie Street
- (iv) A programme of road safety measures will be produced following a detailed study of accidents throughout East Ayrshire and consideration of requests for safety measures from Members, community groups and the public. This will be the subject of a further report to Committee. A programme of measures for the balance of funding under this heading for 2004/2005 will also be included in the report.

### **3.3 Quality of Life Funding -**

- (i) It is proposed that Twenty's Plenty Schemes requested after the initial programme was prepared will be considered for implementation in this financial year. It is estimated that the cost of implementing Twenty's Plenty Schemes will be approximately £20,000
- (ii) The remainder of the allocation for funds be used to implement rural route action plans on the rural sections of the A class routes. It is proposed that this is used to fund works on the remaining section of the A713 and also the A70.

### **3.4 20 mph Speed Limits for school areas -**

It is proposed to consider the promotion of mandatory 20 mph limits at all schools throughout the Council area in consultation with Strathclyde Police, Schools, and the local community. Priority will be given to schools that are adjacent to roads which have previously been traffic calmed and also those adjacent to the busier main routes. Particular consideration will be given to the suitability of setting part-time mandatory 20 mph speed limits outside schools, operating at times when children are going to and from school

The detailed programme will be the subject of a future report, when site assessments of accidents, speeds and site conditions have been carried out. Within this study the following aspects will be considered :-

- (i) A review of the existing safety measures in the vicinity of schools and proposals for future works programmes for CWSS and 20 mph speed limits.
- (ii) Traffic Calming Schemes will be identified which will assist in the implementation of 20mph Zones at schools.
- (iii) A programme for the implementation of 20mph Zones at schools will be drawn up.

In view of the significant workload of the Traffic Section, it is proposed that a suitably qualified consultant will be commissioned to review the need for 20mph limits at schools throughout East Ayrshire and draft the required Orders.

The introduction of 20mph speed limits will require to be promoted in accordance with the Road traffic Regulations Act, 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedures)(Scotland) Regulations 1999.

The statutory Procedure must be finalised before any 20mph limits can be introduced. The timescale to complete the procedure is approximately 9 months, however, this will be extended significantly if there are any objections to the Orders.

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** When required an Order will be promoted in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999. The Statutory process for promoting an Order includes extensive consultation and a period of advertisement during which the public has the right to make objections. The timescale for a straightforward order is generally approximately 9 months. However, this time can be significantly increased if there are objections from the public.

In addition, when appropriate, a Road Humps Notice will be processed under the terms of the Road Scotland Act 1984

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** Road Safety measures will be funded from the various budgets as stated in paragraph 2.1

## **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6.1** It is recommended that the Committee : -

- (a) notes the contents of the report;
- (b) agrees to the implementation of road safety projects from the various funds as outlined in section 3 of the report; and
- (c) notes that further reports will be submitted with regard to 20mph speed limits at schools and also a new capital road safety programme for accident locations throughout East Ayrshire.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1. Road Safety Capital Programme, Development Services Committee, 6 June 2000.**
- 2. Cycling Walking and Safer Streets, Development Services Committee, 26 August 2003.**

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