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Report title: Basildon Borough Local Highway Panel Schemes - Scheme approval for Essex Local Highway Panel 2018/19 Match Funding

Report to: Councillor Kevin Bentley, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure

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For: Decision

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County Divisions affected: Basildon Westley Heights, Billericay, Laindon Park and Fryerns, Wickford Crouch

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. For the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure to consider the additional schemes which have been recommended by the Basildon Borough Local Highway Panel to be funded via the 2018/19 to be funding, for delivery in 2019/20.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 For the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure to approve and sign off the recommended Local Highway Panel schemes, in consultation with the Director for Highways & Transportation.

3. Summary of Issue

- 3.1. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure has already signed off schemes to the value of £160,500, as recommended by the Basildon Local Highway Panel, which were funded via the 2018/19 Match Funding.
- 3.2. There remains £39,500 of Match Funding yet to be allocated.
- 3.3. The below identifies additional schemes to the cost of £33,500 which the Basildon Local Highway Panel would like to recommend be delivered using the remaining Match Funding, for delivery in 2019/20.

**Schemes for inclusion to the Basildon Borough Local Highway Panel
Approved Works Programme**

Cost Code	Scheme	Scheme Stage	Allocated Budget
LBAS142056	Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse – Pedestrian refuge improvements	Installation	£6,000
LBAS182031	Outside 49 Ingaway, Basildon - Footway improvements	Total Scheme	£5,500
LBAS182058	Whitmore Primary School, Whitmore Way – 20's Plenty	Total Scheme	£6,000
LBAS182059	Abacus Primary School, Tresco Way – 20's Plenty	Total Scheme	£4,000
LBAS182060	Buttsbury Infant School, Perry Street – 20's Plenty	Total Scheme	£4,000
LBAS182062	Wickford Crouch of England Infant School, Mount Road – 20's Plenty	Total Scheme	£4,000
LBAS182064	Great Berry Lane and Little Berry Lane, Basildon- Parking	Total Scheme	£4,000
		Total	£33,500

4. Options

- 1) Agreement to the inclusion of these schemes to the approved works programme
- 2) Do nothing and leave the schemes on the potential schemes list for consideration in 2019/20

5 Issues for consideration

- 5.1 Financial Implications – If option 2 is decided then there is a high chance that the Basildon Borough Local Highway Panel could underspend the match funding allocation.
- 5.2 Legal Implications - All schemes are in line with Essex County Council policies, strategies and guidelines.

6 Equality and Diversity implications

- 6.1 The public sector equality duty applies to the council when it makes decisions and this is covered by the equality impact assessment dated 19th December 2018.

The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:

- (a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful
 - (b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - (c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.
- 6.2 The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).
 - 6.3 The equality impact assessment indicates that the proposals in this report will not have a disproportionately adverse impact on any people with a particular characteristic.

7. List of Appendices –EQIA

- 8. **List of Background papers** - Scheme Request Forms and pertaining documentary evidence, Validation Reports, Proposal Scheme Lists

I approve the above recommendations set out above for the reasons set out in the report.	Date
Councillor Kevin Bentley, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure	30/08/2019

In consultation with:

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