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Date: 4th February 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **ASHINGTON AND BLYTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE** to be held in **ASHINGTON RUGBY CLUB, ELLINGTON TERRACE, ASHINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE63 8TP** on **WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2025** at **4.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Dr. H. Paterson
Chief Executive

To Ashington and Blyth Local Area Committee members as follows:-

C Ball, D Carr, E Cartie, B Gallacher, L Grimshaw (Chair), C Humphrey (Vice-Chair), J Lang, K Nisbet, K Parry, W Ploszaj, M Purvis, J Reid, M Richardson, E Simpson, A Wallace and A Watson



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AGENDA

PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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- 14)

Minutes of the meetings of Ashington and Blyth Local Area Committee held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required where a matter arises at a meeting;

- a. Which **directly relates to** Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ('DPI') as set out in Appendix B, Table 1 of the Code of Conduct, to disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote and not to remain in room. Where members have a DPI or if the matter concerns an executive function and is being considered by a Cabinet Member with a DPI they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with the matter.
- b. Which **directly relates to** the financial interest or well-being of a Other Registrable Interest as set out in Appendix B, Table 2 of the Code of Conduct to disclose the interest and only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain the room.
- c. Which **directly relates to** their financial interest or well-being (and is not DPI) or the financial well-being of a relative or close associate, to declare the interest and members may only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak. Otherwise, the member must not take part in discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.
- d. Which **affects** the financial well-being of the member, a relative or close associate or a body included under the Other Registrable Interests column in Table 2, to disclose the interest and apply the test set out at paragraph 9 of Appendix B before deciding whether they may remain in the meeting.
- e. Where Members have or a Cabinet Member has an Other Registerable Interest or Non Registerable Interest in a matter being

considered in exercise of their executive function, they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with it.

NB Any member needing clarification must contact monitoringofficer@northumberland.gov.uk. Members are referred to the Code of Conduct which contains the matters above in full. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

4. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME 2025/26

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The report sets out the details of the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) Highways Maintenance programmes 2025/26 for consideration and comment by the Local Area Committee, prior to final approval of the programme by the Executive Director for Place and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for improving our Roads and Highways.

5. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19th March 2025.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name:		Date of meeting:	
Meeting:			
Item to which your interest relates:			
Nature of Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Table 1 of Appendix B to the Code of Conduct, Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest (as defined by Appendix B to Code of Conduct) (please give details):			
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?		Yes - <input type="checkbox"/>	No - <input type="checkbox"/>

Registering Interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

"Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

"Partner" means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in **Table 2**), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests

7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in **Table 1**) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.
8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –
- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
 - b. a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
 - c. a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2** you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied
9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) **affects** the financial interest or well- being:
- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
 - b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise, you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

Table 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the [Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#).

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain. [Any unpaid directorship.]
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and Property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licenses	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body

	<p>where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the councillor’s knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or ii. if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.
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* ‘director’ includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* ‘securities’ means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2: Other Registrable Interests

You have a personal interest in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- a) any body of which you are in general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- b) any body
 - i. exercising functions of a public nature
 - ii. any body directed to charitable purposes or
 - iii. one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

AHINGTON BLYTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Ashington Blyth Local Area Committee** held at The Ashington Rugby Club, Ellington Terrace, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 8TP on Wednesday, 22 January 2025 at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor L Grimshaw
(Chair), in the Chair)

MEMBERS

C Ball
E Cartie
K Parry

J Reid
A Wallace
A Watson

OFFICERS

N Snowdon
L Dixon

Principal Programme Officer
(Highways Improvement)
Assistant Democratic Services
Officer

ALSO PRESENT

K Gardner
R Wearmouth

Lead Petitioner
Deputy Leader

About 3 Members of the Public were present.

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr, Gallacher, Nisbet, Purvis, Richardson and Simpson.

Ch.'s Initials.....

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meeting of the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Committee, held on 20 November 2024, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

34. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

35. PETITIONS

This item was to:

- **Receive any new petitions:**

None were received.

- **Consider reports on petitions previously received:**

A petition had been previously received for a request for a safe crossing on A197 between Jet Garage and KFC in Ashington.

Kelly Gardner, the lead petitioner, was invited to the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Council meeting to discuss with the Committee and provided a speech.

Key information to take from Kelly’s speech was:

- The crossing in place now does not leave a lot of room for error, especially for the elder who can stand for over 15 minutes to wait for a safe time to cross.
- The petition started when a young girl was knocked over along the road in October 2024.
- The route is identified as a major route to schools and into Ashington Town Centre.
- Safety precautions were requested to be put up to create a safe crossing for pedestrians.
- The crossing was made even more dangerous with cars trying to quickly exit the Jet Garage station.

Neil Snowdon, Principal Programme Officer (Highways Improvement) then ran members through the report which was provided in the agenda.

The e-petition had received 181 signatories as a request to make the A197 between the Jet Garage and KFC crossing safer. A scheme to improve the existing refuge was already in the current 2024-2025 Local Transport Plan Programme. The scheme had been issued to the area officer for

implementation, and works were programmed to start at the end of March 2025.

There had only been one recorded accident that had taken place along the A197 in the last 5 years. Following the incident, a PV2 survey was carried out. The data obtained highlighted that the location met the necessary criteria for a controlled crossing. To avoid any further delay, the Council had decided to proceed with the planned refuge improvements. The impact of the refuge was to be monitored and if deemed unsafe, a controlled crossing would be considered for inclusion in a future Local Transport Plan Programme alongside all other projects, subject to funding available.

Improvements had been made to the A197 puffin crossing. A raised toucan crossing had been introduced after the Council received funding from Sustrans to upgrade a nearby section of the National Cycling Network and improve walking and cycling infrastructure to encourage more active travel.

The 2024/25 Local Transport Plan was also funding improvements to the existing pedestrian refuge along the A197 such as:

- Wider and longer refuge to be provided in the centre of the A197.
- Width of dropped kerbs on either side to be doubled and associated works to both paths.
- Tactile paving to be provided to improve accessibility for visually impaired pedestrians
- Pedestrian crossing warning signs to be provided on both directions of traffic.
- New SLOW Road markings to be provided on both directions of traffic.
- Existing pedestrian guardrail on the South side of the road to be amended to provide improved accessibility for all pedestrians and wheelchair users.

Members were then invited to ask questions and discuss the petition. Key information to take was:

- The crossing is dangerous and well used at most times of the day. It would be beneficial to look at something more substantial to create a safe area for pedestrians to cross.
- It was suggested that a Toucan crossing be implemented with the use of 106 money provided by the Council's planning infrastructure to improve local infrastructure.
- The crossings are heavily used by school children therefore need to be made safe to avoid any more accidents.
- There was no crossing guard implemented. Work done in March should be adaptable for future improvements.
- Speeding cushions/bumps to be installed was suggested to slow people down or, the installation of a speed monitor on the road.

A motion was put forward by Councillor E Cartie to source 106 money from planning to install a Toucan crossing on the A197 between the Jet Garage and KFC. The motion was seconded by Councillor C Ball.

Neil Snowdon agreed to contact the planning department to request 106 money for the scheme.

AGREED that the report be noted and the motion set by Councillor E Cartie be carried.

- **To consider updates on petitions previously considered:**

None were received.

36. BUDGET 2025-26 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Councillor Wearmouth, Deputy Leader of Council, was in attendance to provide a power point presentation on the budget for 2025-26.

Members were reminded that the presentation was not a full representation of the final budget which would go to Cabinet.

The presentation outlined achievements in 2024/25 under the following headings:

- Delivering Value for Money Services with an Outstanding Children's Services Ofsted inspection, no cuts in front line services, parking in towns and investment in leisure services such as Concordia, Morpeth and Ashington Leisure Centre, libraries and amenities across the County.
- Investing in Growth and Jobs – passenger figures for the new Northumberland Line were encouraging with discussions continuing for the £10 billion data centre in Blyth with ring fenced jobs.
- Tackling Inequalities - £28 million had been set aside to support those who struggled to pay their Council Tax. A new County Partnership had been established with external bodies to work together to tackle issues regarding and health and housing.
- Dealing with potholes, weeds and placing crime markers around fly-tipping hotspots.
- Record number of schools were outstanding, including colleges such as Ashington. Continued investment went on into Northumberland schools.
- The Northumberland Line had been opened and was operational from Ashington to Newcastle.
- A £10+ billion investment has been secured at NEP3
- The Council Tax Support scheme continued
- Warmzones had been provided in co-operation with partners
- Investment and support in communities and public health continued
- Dementia-friendly housing had been built

- A county partnership had been established on health and housing
- Woodlands, parks, and greenspaces had been transformed to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II
- A historic clean up of Lynemouth Beach had commenced
- Tree planting had increased due to the 'Free Trees' project set up by the Council
- The council had invested in solar panels and affordable heating to sustain their commitment to tackling climate change.

The Financial Context for the 2025/26 Budget Continued delivery of Priorities in 2025/26:

- Value for Money Services
- Growth & Jobs
- Tackling Inequalities

The next steps in the budget process and Financial Context included:

- New responsibilities from Government such as Children's Social Care Prevention, NI increase, and Extender Producer Responsibility, which totalled almost £9.5 million.
- An anticipated pay award of £5.5 million was to be received.
- Growth and pressure on home to school transport
- Inflationary pressures on external contracts
- The Council had not received any Recovery Grant from Government, and the Rural Service Delivery Grant of £3.2 million had been abolished.
- A Policy Conference was to be held on 23 January 2025 with all County Councillors being encouraged to attend (in person or virtually).
- Consultation continued in the form of an online questionnaire on the Council's website
- Jan Willis was to brief individual groups during January and February
- Engagement with Business Representatives was planned for 6th February 2025.

Members were then invited to asked questions. Key information to take from responses was:

- Unused money from Children's Services was to be reinvested where possible. Housing for children was a key priority within Northumberland.
- The Council were trying to figure out ways to safely remove any weeds around the County. This included commencing research on what machinery and chemicals can be used with little to no harm.
- Businesses such as Home Bargains in Ashington were content to offer free parking for a certain time in order to have the element of control for how long people can park outside their business.
- The investment in Cambois was welcomed, however, Investment in Bedlington was sought after.

- Security was important to QTS for the new data centre investment in Cambois. The company would ensure its own safety against any cyber-terrorism or data attacks.
- Regular meetings would take place for security, and QTS would follow protocol for security the same way as other data centres in the UK.
- The data centre would create thousands of skilled jobs for residents in Northumberland.
- Council tax was to increase by 2.99%.
- A presentation had been given at the Climate Change Working Group on 16th January 2025 by EGGER, promoting the Northumberland Forests. An update was also given on the Free Trees project. EGGER had offered an invitation to any member to tour their factory.
- Cambois was a good location for the data centre due to a lot of electricity, land and potential.
- The most efficient way to save money in children’s services was to build children’s homes in County.
- There were no changed plans to the parking at beaches, meaning, parking would remain free.

Councillor Wearmouth was thanked for his time and the report/presentation was **AGREED** to be noted by the Committee.

37. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME

A list of agreed items for future Local Area Council meetings was circulated. (A copy is enclosed with the minutes.)

Members were invited to email any requests to the Chair and / or Democratic Services Officer between meetings.

RESOLVED that the work programme be noted.

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Ashington Blyth Local Area Committee would be held on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at the earlier time of 4.00 pm as per the revised winter timetable.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____



Northumberland County Council

Ashington & Blyth Local Area Committee

Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Local Transport Plan Programme

Report of Councillor(s) John Riddle, Cabinet Member for Improving Roads and Highways

Responsible Officer(s): Simon Neilson, Executive Director - Place and Regeneration

1. Link to Key Priorities of the Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following key themes in the Corporate Plan for 2023-2026:

- 'Achieving Value for Money'
- 'Tackling inequalities'
- 'Driving economic growth'

2. Purpose of report

This report sets out the details of the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) Highway Maintenance programmes for 2025-26 for consideration and comment by the Local Area Committee, prior to final approval of the programme by the Executive Director for Place and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Improving our Roads and Highways.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Members of the Local Area Committee are asked to comment on the proposals, so that their comments can be considered in the finalisation of the LTP 2025-26 programme to be carried out in 2025/26.

4. Forward plan date and reason for urgency if applicable

N/A

5. Background

Key issues

- 5.1 The Local Transport Plan grant allocation is determined for the Council by the North East Combined Authority (NECA) based on the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) from the Department of Transport (DfT). The draft LTP programme 2025/26 is based on a CRSTS settlement from NECA of £23,425,624.
- 5.2 A further sum of £2,768,000 has been allocated to Northumberland County Council by NECA cabinet to supplement existing CRSTS funding for highway maintenance, which it has recognised as being insufficient to sustain the highway network to the desired standard.
- 5.3 The Council has also identified a further £2,500,000 of capital funding for highway maintenance through the Medium Term Financial Plan budget setting process for 2025/26 although this has yet to be formally agreed at the County Council meeting on 19th February 2025
- 5.4 A £28,693,624 Council Local Transport Plan programme has therefore been developed for 2025-26, consisting of improvements and maintenance schemes to address four key areas: Sustainable Transport; Safety; Roads; and Bridges, Structures & Landslips.
- 5.5 Appendix A to E sets out the details of the recommended LTP Programme for 2025-26.
- 5.6 During the October 2024 budget statement, Central Government announced an additional £500m of funding for highway maintenance to deal with potholes of which £21,734,000 has been allocated to NECA. We are currently awaiting confirmation from NECA of the impacts of this additional funding on our CRSTS allocation and at this stage we have not yet factored in the additional pothole funding to the draft LTP programme detailed in this report. The final maintenance programme for 2025/26 will therefore need to be reviewed and refined as appropriate to reflect the actual level of funding received and following the consideration of feedback from the LAC's, before being finalised in late February 2025.
- 5.7 The funding for the programmes is subject to approval of the Council's capital programme at the County Council meeting on 19th February 2025.

LTP PROGRAMME 2025 - 26

- 5.8 The draft LTP programme 2025/26 is based on a settlement of £28,693,624, which reflects a current baseline allocation of £21,780,000 for maintenance, a further additional £2,768,000 funding for 2025/26 for maintenance, £1,645,624 for integrated transport improvements and a further additional £2,500,000 from the Councils own capital resources identified in the MTFP process for maintenance specifically targeting pothole repairs.
- 5.9 The £28,693,624 Local Transport Plan programme developed for 2025/26 consists of improvements and maintenance schemes to address four key areas: Sustainable Transport; Safety; Roads; and Bridges, Structures & Landslips, the details of the 2025/26 LTP programme are set out in Appendix A to E.

Appendix	Scheme Type	Proposed Expenditure
A	Sustainable Transport	£2,245,000
B	Safety	£2,210,000
C	Roads	£17,545,624
D	Bridges, Structures and Landslips	£4,193,000
E	MTFP Pothole Fund	£2,500,000
	Total Programme	£28,693,624

- 5.10 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. Requests for improvements and maintenance received from the local community over time are recorded in the asset management system. County Council Members and Town and Parish Councils are provided with details of requests made from their own areas throughout the last year and they are asked to take these into account when considering their priorities for the programme.
- 5.11 Priorities for the 2025-26 programme were invited from County Council Members and Town and Parish Councils during summer 2024 and those put forward have been assessed against criteria from the Local Transport Plan and Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP). These are then combined with consideration of road safety improvement needs, based on accident statistics and other data sources, and the asset management needs of the overall highway network, based on inspections, condition data and the network hierarchy, to determine an overall programme of capital investment.
- 5.12 It should be noted that in some cases the budget allocations contained in the Appendices to this report are estimates only. At this stage it is the issue or problem that has been prioritised for inclusion in the programme and the design process will provide options for finding a solution. The assessment of options takes account of a number of factors including value for money and affordability. Costs will be firmed up as the proposals proceed through the design process.
- 5.13 It should also be noted that any schemes from the 2024-25 programme which are not completed by the end of the financial year will continue to be implemented in 2025-26 and are not detailed in this report.
- 5.14 A brief description of the types of highways and transport issues addressed by the LTP programme is set out below.
- 5.15 Priority for Integrated Transport is given to schemes that contribute to the achievements of the LTP objectives. The objectives reflect local needs and are related to North East Transport Plan (NETP) goals. The NETP is centred on connecting people to good employment opportunities, generating economic growth,

while enabling the region and its people to move to healthier and greener more sustainable ways of travel.

- 5.16 The improvement part of the programme is aimed at creating improvements for all types of users of the highway network. The allocations are split between different types of proposals aimed at making improvements for sustainable transport, as well as improvements for vehicular users such as public transport and road users. The improvements are designed to make the highway environment more attractive to pedestrians and cyclists, address areas of congestion and meet new and increased demands.
- 5.17 The Highway Capital Maintenance programme is split between different types of proposals aimed at maintaining the highway infrastructure by achieving objectives set out in the Council's Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP). Funds are allocated across the programme by applying a scoring process that has been developed following asset management principles in order to deliver the TAMP objectives.
- 5.18 The majority of the highway maintenance programme is aimed at addressing the structural decline of our roads as they form the largest part of our highway assets. We also take account of the needs of the other asset groups such as footways and cycleways, drainage, structures and traffic management assets. A risk based approach is used to determine priorities for maintenance and is based on priorities at a strategic level, transport network level and asset maintenance level.
- 5.19 It should be noted that proposed expenditure for Maintenance within the programme is £26,483,624 and for Integrated Transport is £2,210,000. These are generally in line with the expected allocations, but with Integrated Transport slightly exceeding the allocation and Maintenance expenditure set to balance this.

Sustainable Transport

- 5.20 Improvements for sustainable transport are a significant feature within the LTP programme. This year the draft LTP for 2025-26 has a specific allocation of £2,245,000 for walking and cycling as set out in Appendix A attached to this report.
- 5.21 This allocation includes £480,000 for schemes that provide improvements for sustainable transport including walking and cycling, as well as £1,765,000 for maintaining existing footpaths (rights of way), footways (along the side of the road) and cycleways (either part of the road or adjacent to it).
- 5.22 Alongside these specific allocations, it should be noted that much of the Safety element of the programme in Appendix B will also contribute to ensuring that the highway environment is improved in a way that will encourage more walking and cycling.
- 5.23 It should be noted that the Council continues with its initiative to deliver on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) in Northumberland's main towns. Focusing on the main towns will ensure that key employment sites, travel to work areas, school transport interchanges and significant new housing developments are all considered. It is anticipated that as the LCWIPs develop then they will become a key consideration in future when bidding for external funding, seeking developer contributions and allocating funds within future LTP programmes for cycling and walking schemes.

- 5.24 Major new cycleways are currently being implemented at North Seaton Road Ashington, A193 south of Bondicar Terrace Blyth, Hexham to Corbridge, Bedlington and Blyth Town Centre to Bebside through funding streams including Active Travel Fund, Transforming Cities Fund, Levelling Up Fund and Energising Blyth.
- 5.25 It should be noted that a number of County Councillors and Town and Parish Councils put forward priorities for the introduction of new cycleways and footways which when assessed were considered to be beyond the funding scope that would be available through the LTP capital programme. The details of these potential cycleways and footways have been captured separately and recorded so that they can also be considered should any other appropriate sources of external funding or bidding opportunities for such schemes become available.
- 5.26 It is further noted that there is an ongoing programme of Travel Behaviour Change measures that lie outside of the scope of the LTP programme but adds significant value to what we deliver.
- 5.27 The details of the draft LTP Sustainable Transport Programme of £2,245,000 for 2025-26 is set out in Appendix A, attached to this report.

Safety

- 5.28 An allocation of £2,210,000 has been made to improve safety on the highway network. Details of the programme are set out in Appendix B attached to this report
- 5.29 £1,350,000 is aimed at reducing the number and severity of road traffic casualties, through a programme of local safety schemes. Funding available for safety improvements to High Risk Sites will be at a level of £600,000. It also includes allocations of £200,000 for Rural Road Safety Improvements and £100,000 for Urban Road Safety Improvements.
- 5.30 £510,000 has been allocated to improve traffic management and traffic calming measures. Much of this funding will also create safer conditions where road safety concerns have been identified which will in turn encourage more walking and cycling.
- 5.31 A £350,000 allocation has been included to continue with the general refurbishment and renewal of existing signage and the replenishment of existing road markings. Both of these activities seek to improve the general safety for the highway user.

Roads

- 5.32 This section of the programme is the largest part of the programme with an allocation of £17,545,624 for maintenance of existing roads, including drainage, traffic lights and car park maintenance.
- 5.33 The programme is guided by the principles of effective asset management and is made up of £775,000 for named carriageway repair and drainage schemes (of which £2,920,000 is on major roads and the resilient road network and £4,830,000 on other local roads); £4,310,000 for surface dressing; £395,000 for micro surfacing and retexturing; and finally £5,090,624 of general refurbishment which includes retexturing, lining refurbishment, drainage, traffic signals, car parks and footways as well as preparatory work for the next year's surface treatment programme.
- 5.34 The details of the draft Roads Programme for 2025-26 is set out in Appendix C attached to this report.

Bridges, Structures and Landslips

- 5.35 An allocation of £3,221,000 has been made for bridge maintenance. Again, effective asset management is the main driver. This includes a programme that also addresses the maintenance backlog by providing bridge strengthening to a number of bridges as this continues to remain a key objective.
- 5.36 There is also an allocation of £972,000 for addressing landslips to enable stabilisation work as a cost effective approach to prevent the deterioration and potential loss of use of the network at critical locations throughout the County.
- 5.37 The details of the Bridges, Structures and Landslips Programme of £4,193,000 for 2024-25 is set out in Appendix D, attached to this report.

Medium Term Financial Plan – Pothole Fund

- 5.38 A trial was carried out during summer 2023 which has indicated that an enhanced programme of planned structural patching would be beneficial to the condition and ride quality of the highway network rather than carrying out localised reactive repairs. This programme is being continued throughout 2025/26 using the £2,500,00 of pothole repair funding that is to be considered through the Councils MTFP process. Further enhanced programmes of structural patching will be considered utilising any further additional funding that is allocated to highway maintenance above the levels shown in this report.
- 5.39 The Medium Term Financial Plan Pothole Fund programme will provide repairs to those minor roads already in poor condition, which will improve the overall condition of this network, building resilience and reducing long term costs. This will help to reduce the number of potholes that arise, improve condition and ride quality and minimise the need for future repairs in these areas. Identification and prioritisation of schemes has taken into account asset management principles in order to deliver Northumberland's Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) objectives.
- 5.40 The programme to address deterioration across the lower categories of our network has been split into two packages of work:
- 5.41 Carriageway Repairs which will address some of the worst sections of the minor road network, providing essential structural maintenance and resurfacing works over and above that already planned within the LTP.
- 5.42 Small Works to Minor Roads which will allow us to address those more discrete areas situated on the minor road network that are identified by the Area Teams to be in poor condition. Works will consist of smaller areas of resurfacing and structural patching.
- 5.43 The details of the MTFP Pothole Fund programme of £2,500,000 for 2025-26 is set out in Appendix E, attached to this report.

Next Steps

- 5.44 Following consideration by Local Area Committees at their meetings in February, any comments received will be considered and the final 2025-26 programmes for the Local Transport Plan and will be prepared for consideration and approval by the Portfolio Holder for Improving our Roads and Highways and the Executive Director for Place and Regeneration.

5.45 Following agreement of the final programme, all County Council members and Town and Parish Councils who put forward priorities for the LTP programme will then be provided with further information regarding the outcome of the assessment of their submission and whether it has been possible to include their priority schemes within the programme this year.

6. Options open to the Council and reasons for the recommendations

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7. Implications

Policy	The proposed programme is consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	The Programme allocations are within the budget available for 2025-26 through DfT funding and the additional County Council capital agreed in the 2025/26 Medium Term Financial Plan.
Legal	None
Procurement	Not applicable
Human resources	None
Property	None
The Equalities Act: is a full impact assessment required and attached?	<p>No - no equalities issues identified</p> <p>As a key issue for Northumberland, the needs of those that are socially excluded have been taken into account in the development of this programme.</p> <p>Improvement to footways will improve accessibility for pedestrians and those with mobility issues.</p>
Risk assessment	<p>The programme has been developed to minimise risks to the travelling public whether they are travelling on our roads or footways.</p> <p>Risks to the delivery of any individual scheme within the programme will be considered during scheme development. By managing risk at a scheme level, the risks to delivery of the overall programme will be controlled.</p>
Crime and disorder	Not applicable

Customer considerations	The delivery of the programme will improve the highways and transport network in Northumberland for the benefit of the travelling public.
Carbon reduction	Consideration is provided to using products based on their sustainable performance in use and opportunities for reuse and recycling at the end of life.
Health and wellbeing	Schemes to encourage more active travel through improved infrastructure for walking and cycling, road safety measures and improvement to the condition of footways and roads all act to improve the overall health and wellbeing of our communities.
Wards	(All Wards);

8. **Background papers**

Not applicable

9. **Links to other key reports already published**

Not applicable

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Appendix A		
Local Transport Plan Programme 2025-26		
Sustainable Transport		£2,245,000
Improvements for Pedestrians & Cyclists		
Location	Proposed Improvement	Budget Estimate
Various Countywide	Dropped Kerbs	£50,000
Fenkle Street, Alnwick	Junction Improvement (Phase 2)	£50,000
Stead Lane, Bedlington	Zebra Crossing	£100,000
Newbiggin Road, Ashington	Pedestrian Crossing	£140,000
Newgate Street, Morpeth	Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (Phase 1)	£10,000
Highfield School, Prudhoe	Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (Phase 1)	£10,000
Fountainhead Bank, Seaton Sluice	Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (Phase 2)	£100,000
B6320 Bellingham	New Footway (Phase 1)	£10,000
Mitford Road, Morpeth	School Pedestrian Crossing Improvements (Phase 1)	£10,000
SubTotal		£480,000
Maintenance of Footpaths, Footways and Cycleways		
Rights of Way		
Location	Proposed Improvement	Budget Estimate
March Burn Bridge and Bridleway	Bridge and surface reconstruction, drainage installation	£30,000
Castlefields Woods	Drainage improvements	£15,000
SE Northumberland Various	Various ROW improvement works in SE Northumberland	£25,000
Hott Chain Bridge	Structural Assessment	£15,000
Various	ROW Signage works	£15,000
Various	ROW Surface construction works	£50,000
Various	ROW structure installation	£45,000
Various	ROW accessibility improvements	£30,000
NNPA	Various ROW works in National Park	£10,000
Forest Trails	Various ROW works to address damage from Storm Arwen	£50,000
Kielder Lakeside	ROW realignment works	£60,000
Swarland Woods	Accessibility improvements	£10,000
Ovington Bridleway 5	Surface improvements	£30,000
Wansbeck Riverside	ROW improvements	£30,000
Low Lead Road	Surface improvements and drainage installation	£50,000
Blanchland	Route reconstruction	£145,000
Morpeth	Weir consolidation	£35,000
Various	Bridge replacement schemes	£120,000
Sub Total		£765,000
Footway Maintenance		
Road Number	Location	Budget Estimate
U6720	Ashington Drive, Choppington	£70,000

U6057	Dalton Avenue, Lynemouth	£60,000
U6111	Lancaster Park School, Morpeth	£40,000
U6109	Castle Close, Morpeth	£60,000
U6536	Rosalind Street, Ashington	£60,000
U9508	Ravensdale Grove, Blyth	£70,000
U6550	Elenbel Avenue, Bedlington	£60,000
U9537	Whytrigg Close, Seaton Delaval	£20,000
U9532	Southward Place, Holywell	£60,000
U8287	Chareway, Hexham	£10,000
B6531	Leazes Crescent, Hexham (phase 2)	£60,000
C202	Lloyds Bank to Hareshaw Bridge, Bellingham	£20,000
U8285	Paddock Wood, Prudhoe	£60,000
C99	High Street, Amble Phase 2	£60,000
A1167	North Road, Berwick	£70,000
U3142	Alwynside, Alnwick	£20,000
U114	Sunnyside Crescent, Spittal	£10,000
Sub Total		£800,000
General Cycleway and Footway Refurbishment Work		£200,000
(Countywide programme of site selected on a priority basis)		
Improvements for Sustainable Transport Total		£2,245,000

Appendix B		
Local Transport Plan Programme 2025-26		
Network Safety		£2,210,000
Local Safety Schemes		
Location	Proposed Improvement	Budget Estimate
Various	High Risk and Route Action Sites	£600,000
Various	Countywide Urgent Safety Measures	£50,000
Swinhoe Crossroads	Junction Safety Improvements (Phased construction)	£400,000
Various Countywide, including:	Urban Road Safety Measures	£100,000
<i>Cottier Grange, Prudhoe – Pedestrian Refuge (phase 1)</i> <i>A1068/A167 – Junction Widening (phase 1)</i> <i>Warkworth – Pedestrian Refuge (phase 2(if feasible))</i> <i>Princess Louise Road, Blyth – Bend Warning</i> <i>Cramlington – congestion phase 2 (once outcome of phase 1 is known)</i> <i>Shanklea School, Cramlington – Cycleway</i>		
Various Countywide, including:	Rural Road Safety Measures	£200,000
<i>Hexham Road, Heddon – Speed Reduction (Phase 1)</i> <i>Berwick Hill Road, Ponteland – Gateway</i> <i>Whalton School, Whalton – Safety Measures (Phase 1)</i> <i>Callerton Lane, Edge Hill – Junction Safety Measures</i> <i>Kirknewton (East) – Warning signs</i> <i>Station Road, Warkworth – Gateway</i> <i>Castle Hill, Kielder – Junction priority change</i>		
Sub Total		£1,350,000
Traffic Calming		
Location	Proposed Improvement	Budget Estimate
Station Road, Stannington	Phase 1	£10,000
Mile Road, Widdrington Station	Phase 1	£10,000
Cemetery Lane, Tweedmouth	Phase 1	£10,000
Main Road, Wylam	Phase 2	£100,000
Seafeld Mews, Seaton Sluice		£95,000
Sub Total		£225,000
Traffic Management		
Location	Proposed Improvement	Budget Estimate
Countywide	TROs	£200,000

A1171, Cramlington	40mph speed limit	£25,000
Kirkwhelpington	30mph speed limit	£10,000
Duddo	30mph speed limit	£10,000
Kirknewton	40mph speed limit	£25,000
Causey Hill Road	Reduced speed limit	£15,000
Sub Total		£285,000
General Traffic Sign/Road Marking Refurbishment		£350,000
Network Safety Total		£2,210,000

Appendix C			
Local Transport Plan Programme 2025-26			
Roads			£17,545,624
Major Road and Resilient Network Maintenance Schemes			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
B1340	B1339 Junction to Tughall Lodge	Carriageway Repairs	£275,000
A1167	A1 to Scremerston Junction	Carriageway Repairs	£150,000
B6341	Lemington Crossroads, Alnwick	Carriageway Repairs	£160,000
A68	North of Allensford	Carriageway Repairs	£200,000
A695	Station Road Roundabout, Prudhoe	Carriageway Repairs	£180,000
A696	Kirkharle Crossroads	Carriageway Repairs	£200,000
B6318	Halton Shields	Carriageway Repairs	£350,000
A696	Callerton Lane to Meadowfield, Ponteland	Carriageway Repairs	£285,000
A1147	Bomarsund	Carriageway Repairs	£160,000
A189	Woodhorn Rbt to North Seaton Rbt (Southbound)	Carriageway Repairs	£295,000
A192	Laverock Hall Roundabout	Carriageway Repairs	£370,000
A189	Approach to Klondyke Footbridge (Southbound)	Carriageway Repairs	£295,000
Major Road & Resilient Network Total			£2,920,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance Schemes			
Other Local Roads Maintenance – North Northumberland			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
B6346	Bailifgate to Canongate, Alnwick	Carriageway Repairs	£145,000
C43	Hepburn to Old Bewick	Carriageway Repairs	£100,000
B1339	Howick Bends Phase 2	Carriageway Repairs	£205,000
B6435	Cornhill Road, Tweedmouth	Carriageway Repairs	£210,000
B6346	Smiley Lane to Heckley	Carriageway Repairs	£240,000
C103	Morwick Road, Warkworth	Carriageway Repairs	£145,000
U114	Sunnyside Crescent, Spittal	Carriageway Repairs	£100,000
U3139	Leazes Street, Amble	Carriageway Repairs	£130,000
U3061	Rothill, Whittingham to A697	Carriageway Repairs	£100,000
North Northumberland Sub-Total			£1,370,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance – Tynedale			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
C324	Moss House to Chapel New Houses, Coanwood	Carriageway Repairs	£110,000
B6307	Dilston to Linnels Bank	Carriageway Repairs	£195,000
U8285	Homedale, Prudhoe	Carriageway Repairs	£110,000
U8098	Church Lane / Meadow Park, Riding Mill	Carriageway Repairs	£130,000
U8288	Haugh Lane, Hexham	Carriageway Repairs	£295,000
B6320	West of West Woodburn	Carriageway Repairs	£245,000
C195	Knowesgate to Ray Mill	Carriageway Repairs	£195,000
Tynedale Sub Total			£1,280,000

Other Local Roads Maintenance – Castle Morpeth			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
C119	Grange Road, Widdrington	Carriageway Repairs	£190,000
B6345	East Thirston to Acklington	Carriageway Repairs	£235,000
B6323	Throckley Fell	Carriageway Repairs	£235,000
C256	Oatens Bank Phase 2	Carriageway Repairs	£115,000
C395	Pegswood Station	Carriageway Repairs	£100,000
Castle Morpeth Sub Total			£875,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance – Ashington and Blyth			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
C401	Milburn Road, Ashington	Carriageway Repairs	£145,000
C410	Newsham Road, Blyth	Carriageway Repairs	£340,000
U6705	Briardale Road, Blyth	Carriageway Repairs	£170,000
Ashington & Blyth Sub Total			£655,000
Other Local Roads – Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
C420	Nelson Drive, Cramlington	Carriageway Repairs	£300,000
U9536	Seaburn View / Gloria Avenue, New Hartley	Carriageway Repairs	£180,000
C367	Arcot Lane, Cramlington	Carriageway Repairs	£170,000
Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Sub Total			£650,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance Schemes Total			£4,830,000
Surface Dressing Programme			
Surface Dressing – Major Road and Resilient Network			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
A1068	Killiekrankie Bends to Wooden Farm	Surface Dressing	£200,000
A696	Ottercops Masts to Blaxter Quarry	Surface Dressing	£110,000
A697	Haugh Head to Wooler	Surface Dressing	£55,000
B1340	Swinhoe to Beadnell	Surface Dressing	£140,000
A68	Woodford Bridge to Gunnerton Junction	Surface Dressing	£90,000
B6320	Simonburn to South of Keepersfield Quarry	Surface Dressing	£180,000
B6318	Carrow Farm to Limestone Bank	Surface Dressing	£140,000
B6303	Station House to Leadsid Bank	Surface Dressing	£90,000
B6278	A68 to Fieldhead Farm, Snods Edge	Surface Dressing	£180,000
B6305	Nubbock Lodge to Branch End	Surface Dressing	£200,000
B6318	Fawcett Hill Junc to Stagshaw Roundabout	Surface Dressing	£140,000
B1337	Ulgham to Longhirst	Surface Dressing	£170,000
C117	Widdrington Station to The Brocks	Surface Dressing	£390,000

A192	Horton to Plessey Checks Eastbound	Surface Dressing	£250,000
A192	Horton to Plessey Checks Westbound	Surface Dressing	£210,000
A192	Seaton Delaval to Laverock Hall Roundabout	Surface Dressing	£200,000
Major Road and Resilient Network Sub Total			£2,745,000
Surface Dressing – Other Local Roads – North Northumberland			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
B6345	Acklington to Togston Junction	Surface Dressing	£65,000
C92	Old Rugley to Lemmington Crossroads	Surface Dressing	£240,000
C93	Longdyke Steading	Surface Dressing	£105,000
C108	Togston Barns to A1068	Surface Dressing	£100,000
C188	Rothbury Road, Longframlington	Surface Dressing	£95,000
North Northumberland Sub Total			£605,000
Surface Dressing – Other Local Roads – Tynedale			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
C195	Knowesgate to District Boundary	Surface Dressing	£100,000
C234	Boatside Inn to A69	Surface Dressing	£60,000
Tynedale Sub Total			£167,000
Surface Dressing – Other Local Roads – Castle Morpeth			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
B6342	Harwood Gate to Herterton House	Surface Dressing	£60,000
C107	Chevington Moor to Acklington	Surface Dressing	£390,000
C342	Matfen to B6318	Surface Dressing	£190,000
B6528	Horsley Village	Surface Dressing	£160,000
Castle Morpeth Sub Total			£800,000
Surface Dressing Total			£4,300,000

Micro Surfacing Programme			
Micro Surfacing – Other Local Roads – North Northumberland			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U3134	Straffen Court, Amble	Micro Surfacing	£25,000
North Northumberland Sub Total			£25,000
Micro Surfacing – Other Local Roads - Tynedale			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U8292	Bishopton Way, Hexham	Micro Surfacing	£35,000
Tynedale Sub Total			£35,000
Micro Surfacing – Other Local Roads – Castle Morpeth			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U9129	Ladywell Way, Ponteland	Micro Surfacing	£65,000
Castle Morpeth Sub Total			£65,000
Micro Surfacing – Other Local Roads – Ashington and Blyth			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U9510	Matfen/Elsdon/Ryal/Bothal Close, Blyth	Micro Surfacing	£45,000
U9517	Chester Grove, Blyth	Micro Surfacing	£40,000
Ashington and Blyth Sub Total			£85,000
Micro Surfacing – Other Local Roads – Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U9558	Delamare Crescent, Cramlington	Micro Surfacing	£30,000
U9539	Hazelmere Dene, Seghill	Micro Surfacing	£25,000
U9540	Barrowburn Place, Seghill	Micro Surfacing	£50,000
U6546	Hotspur Avenue/Acorn Avenue, Bedlington	Micro Surfacing	£80,000
Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Sub Total			£185,000
Micro Surfacing Programme Total			£395,000
General Refurbishment Countywide			
Description			Budget Estimate
General Carriageway Refurbishment (A countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)			£2,250,000
Surface Dressing and Micro Surfacing Pre Patching (Preparation of sites included within the programme)			£350,000
General Structures Refurbishment (A countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)			£700,000
General Drainage Refurbishment			£800,000

(A countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)	
General Car Park Refurbishment (A countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)	£100,000
Traffic Signal Refurbishment (A countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)	£100,000
Street Lighting Column Replacement (A countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)	£100,000
Concrete Road Refurbishment (A countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)	£100,000
Highway Maintenance Assessment and Advance Design	£500,000
Carriageway Retexturing and Lining Refurbishment (a countywide programme of sites selected on a priority basis)	£100,624
General Refurbishment Countywide Total	£5,100,624
Roads Total	£17,545,624

Appendix D			
Local Transport Plan Programme 2025-26			
Bridges, Structures and Landslips			£4,193,000
Bridges and Structures Schemes			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
	Various	Stage 2 Assessments	£120,000
	Various	Principal Inspections	£163,000
	Various	Interim Measures	£38,000
	Various	Advanced Preparation	£300,000
C424	Ebchester	Bridge Strengthening	£500,000
B6353	Ford Bridge	Bridge Strengthening	£600,000
U8177	Garden House	Bridge Strengthening	£220,000
C150	Spindlestone	Bridge Strengthening	£380,000
C179	Glovers Place	Bridge Strengthening	£250,000
U9037	Malakoff Bridge	Training Wall Repairs	£150,000
U9702	River Low Design Phase	Infilling Works	£500,000
Bridges and Structures Total			£3,221,000
Landslip Management			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
	Various	Advanced Preparation	£80,000
B6295	County Border to Allenheads	New movement and washout reported	£80,000
B6320	Houxy Block Stones	Damage to existing blockstones	£100,000
B6295	The Riding, Allendale	Retaining wall and footpath failure, caused by water ingress	£82,000
C322	Whitfield Verge Erosion	Reconstruction of the verge	£200,000
A68	West Woodburn	Clay Material Slipped on rock interface	£200,000
U4058	Holystone to Kidland	Oversteepened slope due to watercourse eroding bank.	£80,000
U7014	Slaggyford to Ayle Road	Verge collapse affecting the edge of the road	£150,000
	Various	Advanced Preparation	£80,000
Landslip Management Total			£972,000
Bridges, Structures and Landslip Total			£4,193,000

Appendix E			
Local Transport Plan Programme 2025-26			
MTFP Pothole Fund			£2,500,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance – North Northumberland			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U4060	Simonside / Cragside, Rothbury	Carriageway Repairs	£140,000
U3080	Lee Avenue, Shilbottle	Carriageway Repairs	£140,000
U10	Tofts Lane, Horncliffe	Carriageway Repairs	£135,000
Various	Minor Roads Maintenance Schemes – Area Wide	Carriageway Repairs	£130,000
North Northumberland Sub-Total			£545,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance – Tynedale			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U8267	Tyne Gardens, Ovingham	Carriageway Repairs	£100,000
U8287	Chareway, Hexham	Carriageway Repairs	£75,000
U8239	Greenwich Gardens, Haydon Bridge	Carriageway Repairs	£50,000
U8209	Bluebell Close, Wylam	Carriageway Repairs	£80,000
U8176	Codlaw Dene	Carriageway Repairs	£75,000
Various	Minor Roads Maintenance Schemes – Area Wide	Carriageway Repairs	£130,000
Tynedale Sub Total			£510,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance – Castle Morpeth			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U6091	West View, Pegswood	Carriageway Repairs	£110,000
U6106	Morrison Road / Oswald Road, Morpeth	Carriageway Repairs	£100,000
U6109	Castle Close, Morpeth	Carriageway Repairs	£100,000
Various	Minor Roads Maintenance Schemes – Area Wide	Carriageway Repairs	£130,000
Castle Morpeth Sub Total			£440,000
Other Local Roads Maintenance – Ashington and Blyth			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate
U9511	Bondicar Terrace, Blyth	Carriageway Repairs	£90,000
U9701	Briardene, Ashington	Carriageway Repairs	£140,000
U9503	Blyth Home Zone, Phase 1	Carriageway Repairs	£60,000
U6719	Blackthorn Way, Ashington	Carriageway Repairs	£170,000
Various	Minor Roads Maintenance Schemes – Area Wide	Carriageway Repairs	£130,000
Ashington & Blyth Sub Total			£590,000
Other Local Roads – Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley			
Road No	Location	Description	Budget Estimate

U9532	Hollinghill Road / Hedley Road, Holywell	Carriageway Repairs	£65,000
U9544	Crookham Way, Cramlington	Carriageway Repairs	£80,000
U6543	Meadowdale Crescent, Bedlington	Carriageway Repairs	£65,000
U9706	Double Row, New Hartley	Carriageway Repairs	£80,000
Various	Minor Roads Maintenance Schemes – Area Wide	Carriageway Repairs	£125,000
Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Sub Total			£415,000
MTFP Pothole Fund Total			£2,500,000

Summary		
Local Transport Plan Programme 2025-26		
Appendix A	Sustainable Transport	£2,245,000
	Improvements for Sustainable Transport	£480,000
	Maintenance of Footpaths, Footways and Cycleways	£1,765,000
Appendix B	Safety	£2,210,000
	Safety Improvement Schemes for All Users	£1,860,000
	Maintenance of Signs and Lines	£350,000
Appendix C	Roads	£17,545,624
	Major Road & Resilient Network Maintenance Schemes	£2,920,000
	Other Local Roads Maintenance Schemes	£4,830,000
	Surface Dressing Programme	£4,300,000
	Micro Surfacing Programme	£395,000
	General/Structural Refurbishment Work	£5,100,624
Appendix D	Bridges, Structures and Landslips	£4,193,000
	Bridges and Structures	£3,221,000
	Landslips	£972,000
Appendix E	MTFP Pothole Repair Fund	£2,500,000
	Other Local Roads - Pothole Fund	£2,500,000
LTP Programme Total		£28,693,624
Funding Source		
	<i>NECA CRSTS – Maintenance Block</i>	<i>£21,780,000</i>
	<i>NECA CRSTS – Integrated Transport Block</i>	<i>£1,645,624</i>
	<i>NECA Cabinet – Additional Maintenance Funding</i>	<i>£2,768,000</i>
	<i>NCC – MTFP Pothole Fund</i>	<i>£2,500,000</i>
	Total Funding	£28,693,624
Balance to Allocate to Schemes		£0

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