



## CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 22 March 2016
Report Subject	Review of Strategic Highway Improvement Schemes
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment
Report Author	Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)
Type of Report	Strategic

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LTP.

now necessary to address the problem of properties along the route of the original improvements being blighted through the Local Land Charge procedure for schemes that no longer form part of the Strategic Highway Improvement list and for the reasons outlined in this report will never be delivered.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Cabinet approves the removal of the Highway Improvement schemes listed in this report, which no longer form part of the Councils Transport priorities as defined within the LTP.
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## REPORT DETAILS

### 1.00 EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND TO PREVIOUS STRATEGIC AND NON-STRATEGIC HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

1.01 The refreshed LTP has been jointly produced by the six North Wales

- 1.08 The scheme was developed and approved in 1988 and has a “Preferred Route” status but the planning permission for the scheme has now lapsed.
- 1.09 The Welsh Government stated in the National Transport Finance Plan published in July 2015 that it will develop a scheme to improve the A55/A494/A548 corridor and has appointed AECOM to complete a study for the Deeside Corridor improvement. The two proposals under consideration are the Blue and Red Routes:

Blue Route: Would improve existing transport infrastructure and capacity enhancements along the existing A55/A494 corridor.

Red Route: Would increase capacity along the existing A548 and provide a new road between the A55 and A548.

- 1.10 The B5129 route through Deeside is identified as a Strategic Routes for Transport improvements within the LTP and has been the subject of significant investment with schemes such as the Signal Synchronisation Scheme and the proposed Queensferry Roundabout improvements - both increasing the capacity and journey times along the route.
- 1.11 From a Highways Strategy perspective it would be prudent to keep the Plough Lane Link Road in the current Strategic Highway Improvement Programme, in order for it to be considered in the wider study that AECOM are undertaking as part of the Deeside Corridor

	support of the scheme during the consultation process on the refreshed LTP.
1.14	There are no proposed candidate sites for the LDP that affect this proposal and therefore there is no impact on development proposal considerations at this stage.
	Pen y Maes Road, Holywell and Pinfold Lane, Buckley (Removed)
1.15	<p>This is a footway/visibility improvement inherited from Clwyd County Council. Due to the timescale of the original proposal and in order for this scheme to now progress it would require re-evaluation and a new feasibility study. The cost of the scheme would now be prohibitive to initiate and it is now recommended that the scheme is removed from the list of Strategic Highway Improvement Schemes.</p> <p>There is one proposed candidate site for the LDP which has a small frontage affecting the scheme. Removal of this scheme would not prejudice consideration of the candidate site, as any improvement to the highway frontage could be considered as part of detailed development, if the site is approved.</p>
	A548 Greenfield to Ffynnongroew Improvement. (Retained)
1.16	<p>The scheme was developed following a public consultation exercise in 1989 and has "Preferred Route" status for Stage 1 of the scheme which extends the dual carriageway at Greenfield to immediately East of Abakan Mill.</p> <p>The National Transport Finance Plan 2015 has identified a proposal to potentially Trunk the A548 Connahs Quay (A548/A550 Junction) to Mostyn (Flintshire) and in addition the route is listed as a Strategic Routes for Transport improvements as it forms part of a major A548 highway strategic link which runs from the Cheshire Border to the Denbighshire border and links coastal attractions along the North Wales coastline.</p>
1.17	Because the route is identified as a Strategic Routes for Transport improvements within the LTP it is therefore recommended that the scheme remains on the list of Strategic Highway Improvement Schemes List until a final decision on the Trunking of the A548 has been made.
	A5104 Penyffordd Station to Padeswood Junction (Retained)
1.18	The A550 road improvement were completed in the 1980's and the outstanding scheme is an improved road alignment and footway on the A5104 from the A550 Penyffordd By – Pass to Padeswood Road.
1.19	The proposal would meet the criteria for Active Travel and Safer Routes in the Community as it is within an Active Travel settlement area and provides sustainable access to Penyffordd Railway Station, it is intended to include this scheme on the Integrated Map for Active Travel.
1.20	It is recommended therefore that the scheme is retained on the protected list of Strategic Highway Improvement Schemes List.



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CONSENT

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With the Cabinet Member.