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CABINET MEMBER REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

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Portfolio includes:

- Highways Agency;
- Engineering;
- Conservation of the built environment;
- Car Parking;
- Transportation policy;
- Bus station and public transport;
- Planning Policy;
- Development Control and Enforcement;
- Building Control;
- Local Land and Property Gazetteer; and
- Local Land Charges.

1. Transport and Engineering

1.1 Traffic Management Schemes: Haverhill

- (a) As part of the investigation into parking issues on a number of residential roads in Haverhill, street parking surveys were carried out in April 2010 and the findings of these have been analysed alongside responses from residents to consultation about parking. The next stage will be to carry out further consultation with the local community, including a 'drop in' style meeting, about the parking issues that have been highlighted.

1.2 Traffic Management Schemes: Bury St Edmunds

- (a) Following the reporting of the results of the investigation into parking issues in the Queen's Road/York Road area to the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party, a further parking survey was undertaken. The results of this, as well as the previous investigation results, have been discussed with Ward Councillors with the outcome that part of the area will be included in the existing neighbouring permit parking scheme, Zone H. Residents have been informed of this decision and that the extended scheme will be implemented on 1 September 2010, and reviewed 12 months later.
- (b) The local community in the Zone H (Victoria Street area) neighbourhood parking permit scheme area were consulted in early June 2010 about possible changes to the scheme as part of its review. Residents in part of Kings Road have also been consulted. The outcome of this consultation will be reported to the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party.

- (c) The changes to the Zone G (Mustow Street/Broadway) Neighbourhood Parking Scheme came into effect on 1 May.
- (d) Following a parking review in Bury St Edmunds, a traffic regulation order is being prepared for the introduction of various waiting restrictions. This will come into effect on 12 July 2010 and includes changes to:-

Angel Hill
 Cornhill
 Cotton Lane
 Grove Road
 Hospital Road
 Mill Road (North)
 Sextons Meadow
 Short Brackland
 Springfield Road
 Skyliner Way

- (e) Temporary road closures in Bury St Edmunds have taken place as follows:-

Wednesday 14 April for 8 days : Kings Road from its junction with Parkway to east of its junction with Mill Road/Chalk Road for installation of new gas connection; and

Sunday 18 April for 1 day : High Baxter Street to lift apparatus onto the roof of Marks & Spencer. One way in Hatter Street is suspended to allow High Baxter Street residents access to their properties.

- (f) The following temporary road closures in Bury St Edmunds are planned:-

Overnight closures for carriageway resurfacing

Monday 28 June for 3 nights : St Andrews Street North/Tayfen Road roundabout junction;

Thursday 1 July for 2 nights: Compiegne Way/Hollow Road roundabout junction; and

Monday 5 July for 2 nights: Parkway/Cullum Road, Butts corner roundabout junction.

1.3 Capital Works: Bury St Edmunds

- (a) The installation of a zebra crossing in Westley Road near the junction with Flemyng Road has been completed.
- (b) The construction of a zebra crossing in West Road near the junction with Queen's Road is also complete.
- (c) The scheme to improve provision for pedestrians in Westgate Street between St Mary's Square and Crown Street is complete apart from some lining work and a build-out near to the Theatre Royal.
- (d) The new gates to Nelson Road have been installed and the adjacent area of carriageway resurfaced.
- (e) Alterations to the splitter islands at the Symonds Road/Bedingfeld Way roundabout and Mount Road/Orttewell Road roundabout to assist pedestrians and cyclists are complete.

- (f) A consultation meeting with the local community in the Risbygate Street/St Andrews Street North area has been held to determine what issues they have with the highway arrangements in this area, this was well attended. This confirmed a number of concerns they had previously raised, in particular the difficulties pedestrians have at the junction of St Andrews Street/Risbygate Street/Brentgovel Street. The outcome was reported to the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party and a way forward agreed.
- (g) The civil engineering works to the new toucan crossing of Cullum Road are complete and the crossing should be commissioned during the first week of July 2010.
- (h) The second phase of the improvement works at St Olaves Shopping Centre are on site and should be substantially complete by the end of June 2010.
- (i) The construction of additional parking bays off Chalk Road (South) has been completed. They have been incorporated into the adjacent Zone H neighbourhood parking scheme.

1.4 **Highways Maintenance Works: Bury St Edmunds**

- (a) Patching work in preparation for surface dressing has been undertaken in the following roads :-

Hospital Road
 Eastgate Street
 Out Westgate

It is anticipated that surface dressing will commence in Bury St Edmunds on 28 June 2010, but this operation is highly weather dependent.

- (b) The following roads are scheduled for resurfacing. This work will take place during the evening/night:-

St Andrews Street North (28 - 30 June)
 Hollow Road (1 - 2 July)
 Parkway/Cullum Road/Westgate Street/Out Westgate junction (5 – 6 July)

2. **Planning: Local Development Framework**

- 2.1 As previously reported to Council, the Local Development Framework Core Strategy has been the subject of an examination by a Government appointed Planning Inspector. The public hearings took place between 27 April and 13 May 2010. Since the close of the Hearing, the Planning Inspector has asked the Council to consult on the implications of him changing Wickhambrook from a Key Service Centre to a Local Service Centre and, in a separate consultation, on the implications for the Core Strategy of a letter sent to all local authority leaders on 27 May 2010 by the new Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The letter stated that the Government intends to rapidly abolish regional spatial strategies and return decision making powers on housing and planning to local councils. All consultation responses on these consultations will be directed to the Planning Inspector, who will have regard to them in his final and binding report to the Council.
- 2.2 Consultation on two further Local Development Framework documents, the Development Management document and Rural Site Allocations document, closed on 10 June 2010 and further progress on these is now being assessed in the light of the potential changes to the planning system proposed by the Government.