

Cabinet Member (Public Services)

19 June 2014

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Public Services) – Councillor Lancaster

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Executive Director, Place

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title:

Verge Scheme Programme 2014/15

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

On 4 March 2014 Cabinet approved the 2014/15 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme. The basic principle of the programme was to carry out packages of complementary schemes, linking where possible works such as safety and traffic management schemes with maintenance schemes to maximise savings and efficiency.

The approval included an allocation of £125,000 for verge parking/protection schemes for which the list of schemes to be undertaken was to be subject to a separate report to the Cabinet Member (Public Services).

This report sets out the proposed programme and approval is sought from the Cabinet Member (Public Services) for its implementation in 2014/15.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve:-

- i. The schemes to be undertaken in the 2014/15 Verge Programme as detailed in Appendix A.
- ii. That should there be slippage in the 2014/15 Verge Programme, or additional funding be provided by Cabinet during this financial year, that the schemes listed in Appendix B be brought forward and implemented in the priority order set out.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A - Proposed 2014/15 Verge Programme
Appendix B - Reserve verge schemes for 2014/15

- Appendix C - Update on 2013/14 Verge Programme
Appendix D - Remaining locations, not yet programmed, with requests for verge parking/protection

Other useful background papers:

Cabinet Report

Date: 4 March 2014. Title: 2014/15 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme -

<http://moderngov.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s15456/201415%20Transportation%20and%20Maintenance%20Capital%20Programme.pdf>

Cabinet Member (City Services) Report

Date: 12 July 2011. Title: Revisions to Verge Parking Policy -

[http://moderngov.coventry.gov.uk/Data/Cabinet%20Member%20\(City%20Services\)/201107121000/Agenda/04%20-%20Revisions%20to%20Verge%20Parking%20Policy.pdf](http://moderngov.coventry.gov.uk/Data/Cabinet%20Member%20(City%20Services)/201107121000/Agenda/04%20-%20Revisions%20to%20Verge%20Parking%20Policy.pdf)

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title:

Verge Scheme Programme 2014/15

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 At the Cabinet meeting on 4 March 2014 approval was granted for the 2014/15 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme. Within the programme was an allocation of £125,000 for verge parking/protection schemes for which the list of schemes to be undertaken was to be subject to a separate report to the Cabinet Member (Public Services).

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 At the Cabinet Member (City Services) meeting of 12 July 2011 the revisions to the Verge Parking Policy were approved. The revisions to the policy assist to overcome competing demands on whether to enable parking on the verge or to protect the verge, and determines the action to be undertaken, either enhanced parking facilities or legal/ physical enforcement.
- 2.2 There are a number of verges on which measures have been requested, originating either from highways inspectors/maintenance issues, individual members of the public or petitions. The proposed 2014/15 Verge Programme, detailed in Appendix A, will utilise the approved budget of £125,000 and includes an allocation of £10,000 for 'general' action for works at various small sites to assist in reducing on-going maintenance demands.
- 2.3 An initial estimate is provided for each potential verge scheme (Appendix A). However, these are budget estimates only. The final cost may change as detailed designs are completed and items such as the location of utility services and whether they will be required to be diverted is confirmed.
- 2.4 In order to allow for any slippage in the programme due to problems with buried statutory undertakers' services, or localised objections or the final costs being lower than the estimate etc. an element of over programming has been included in the programme to accommodate this. Any schemes which are not completed will be carried forward for prioritisation in the next financial year.
- 2.5 Appendix B indicates a list of reserve verge schemes. These are included to allow further flexibility in the programme should there be slippage in the approved schemes or additional funding becomes available during the 2014-15 financial year for verge schemes. The schemes are listed in the priority order that it is suggested they be brought forward during this financial year, should funding permit their implementation
- 2.6 Appendix C provides an update of the 2013/14 verge programme.
- 2.7 Appendix D provides a list of locations, not yet programmed, with requests for verge parking/protection. These will be reviewed annually and future programmes determined based on the funding available.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Consultation with residents will be undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 If approved schemes, utilising the available budget, will be implemented by end of March 2015.

5. Comments from Executive Director, Resources

5.1 Financial implications

The implementation of verge parking/protection schemes are funded from the LTP (Local Transport Plan) allocation agreed by Cabinet.

5.2 Legal implications

The City Council will use its Highway Authority powers to implement schemes in accordance with Department for Transport guidelines.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

The introduction of verge parking or protection schemes contributes to the City Council's Vision of being 'proud to be a city that works for 'better streets and pavements' and 'to protect our most vulnerable residents'.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

None

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out. However, the proposed verge schemes will assist to support pedestrians and assist vulnerable road users by improving verges by either providing a hard surface or preventing parking through physical or legal means.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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Appendix A – Proposed 2013/14 Verge Programme

Location	Identified by	Proposed Action	Approx. Cost
General	Various	Repair and protection	£10,000
Daventry Road (Queen Isabel's Avenue to Baron's Field Road)*	Petition Approved scheme in 2013/14 programme	Scheme to facilitate parking partially on verge.	£12,000
Sewall Highway (Blackberry Lane to Torcross Avenue)*	Councillor Approved scheme in 2012/13 programme	Phase 2 – Between 365-387 Sewall Highway & between 244 to Armscott Road. Continuation of scheme to facilitate parking on verge/ verge protection using bollards.	£40,000
Torrington Avenue (worst sections 300 - 350)	Councillor Approved scheme in 2013/14 programme	Combined footway, verge and vehicle access scheme. Divided into three phases due to scale of work needed. Phase 1 - From 358 Torrington Ave towards Gravel Hill (west of Gravel Hill junction)	£50,000
Beake Avenue	Residents	407- 425 Beake Avenue removal of grass and replace with tarmac.	£20,000
Quinton Road (western side – Franciscan Road to Daventry Road)	Councillor	Wooden bollards to protect grass (similar to eastern side of road) and small area of tarmac	£5,000
<i>(NB this has been over programmed – please see 2.4)</i>			Total £137,000

* Extent to be confirmed to address worst sections

Appendix B - Reserve verge schemes for 2014/15

Priority	Location	Identified by	Proposed Action	Approx. Cost
1	Proffitt Avenue (89 to Gayer Street)	Residents	Phase 3 – removal of grass verge and tarmac area to be created for parking.	£15,000
2	Old Church Road (85-111)	Resident	School gate parking issues causing damage to verge, school time waiting restriction installed previously. Install grasscrete.	£10,000
3	Torrington Avenue (worst sections 300 - 350)	Councillor	Phase 2 -From 300 Torrington Ave to Gravel Hill (east of Gravel Hill junction)	£50,000
4		Approved scheme in 2013/14 programme	Phase 3 – remaining areas of damaged verge between 358 to Gravel Hill (eastbound) and west of Gravel Hill	£10,000
	Total			£85,000

Appendix C - Update of 2013/14 verge programme

Location	
Proffitt Ave (32-88)	Completion of scheme started in 2012/13 to facilitate parking on verge
Nunt's Lane (1-35)	Completion of verge protection using bollards and recycled materials on verge adjacent to road
Beake Avenue (Burnaby Road to Dunlop)*	Completed section outside 316 -326 (evens) and 315 -329 (odds) Beake Avenue. The grass verge has been removed and a 'tarmac' area created for parking.
Sewall Highway (Blackberry Lane to Torcross Avenue)*	Phase 1 completed – outside 244 - 338 (evens) Sewall Highway. The damaged area of grass verge adjacent to the road (approximately 2 metres), has been replaced with grasscrete, the existing trees left in place.
Holyhead Road	Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit parking on the verge between Grayswood Avenue and Pickford Way. Order advertised, objections heard, to be implemented
Windmill Road (Barston Road to Cubbington Road)*	Completed – verge outside 128 - 142 (evens) protected by bollards
Torrington Avenue (worst sections 300 - 350)	Deferred to 2014/15 to enable combined footway, verge and vehicle access scheme.
Daventry Road (Queen Isabel's Avenue to Baron's Field Road)*	Deferred due to over programming of works.
Penny Park Lane (outside Holy Family School)*	Completed – installation of bollards for verge protection and school time no waiting traffic regulation order
Alderman's Green Road (Canberra Close to M6 overbridge)*	Completed - verge outside 357 - 379 (odds) Alderman's Green Road protected with bollards and recycled materials used on verge adjacent to road to create an area which can be parked on.

* Extents implemented to address worst sections

Appendix D - Remaining locations, not yet programmed, with requests for verge parking/protection

Location	
Beake Ave	Additional areas to proposed schemes
Bennetts Rd South	Between Penny Park Road and Sandpits Lane
Halford Lane	
Deerdale Way	In vicinity of bend
Ellacombe Road	
Haytor rise	
Lynford Close	
Macaulay Road	between Macdonald Rd & Hipswell Highway
Monkswood Crescent	
Orelescote Road	
Park Ave	
Princethorpe Way	
St Ives	
Skipworth Road	
Starcross Close	
Tavistock Walk	