



Chichester City Council

AGENDA ITEM 6

From Councillor Maureen Corfield:

Traffic Group Update

In response to requests for 'quick wins' projects to be put forward for the Business Plan, a Traffic Plan was submitted.

No formal response has been forthcoming, but after an email exchange with the Town Clerk, it has become clear that the substance of the Traffic Plan submitted has not been accepted as a project in its own right, but has been used to cherry pick from, to fit a Business Plan structure not yet agreed by Council.

It is also now clear that the officer time expected to take the Traffic Plan forward, as itemized in the proposed plan and copied below, will not be forthcoming.

Since this cannot now be classed as a coherent Working Group plan or a quick win, it seems sensible to withdraw the plan from the Business Planning Process. Once the Traffic Working Group can reconvene, we will discuss the future of the group itself.

Maureen Corfield
Oct 23

Draft Traffic Group Project Plan (Maureen Corfield, Sept 2023)

Introduction/Background

Previous Administrations have recognised that ultimate decision-making power for any meaningful improvements to Chichester's road network lies with WSCC Highways. However, we also know that CCC effort can be a catalyst for change and that we have a duty to our residents to highlight, actively seek, and attempt to influence the improvements they ask for. Until recently, CCC's approach to ideas for improving the City's traffic or Road Network has been piecemeal, ward focussed, and reactive to new developments. The Traffic Group reasons that a City-Wide, co-ordinated approach would have more impact.

Project Description

The Traffic Working Group will consider what improvements are needed to improve:

- Road Safety for all road users
- The Quality of Life measures and lived experience of those who reside, work, or study in Chichester and for those who visit the City.
- Active travel confidence for all age and ability groups
- Environmental impacts from polluting vehicles

Topics to consider would initially include

- Numbers, types, and placement of new pedestrian crossings
- o Mapped, costed, community engagement
- 20mph City Wide speed limit
- o Either celebrate success in January, or replan for second submission in July 2024
- Speed Indicator Devices
- o Mapped, costed, mounting
- Automatic Numberplate Recognition Cameras
- o Mapped, costed, scheduled
- Goodwood Gridlock

- o Liaise with CDC, agree approach with partners, roll out, engage the public with the plan.
- Potholes
- o Plan volunteer action in each ward for reporting and monitoring

Business Plan Objective

The Vision/Mission/Objectives of the new Business Plan are as yet unfinished. which means currently there is no single, agreed location for this project. We could, though, see it sit as an improving item under almost any priority heading. It may well be listed as an improving factor in several of our priority themes, Well-being the most obvious

Resources

Equipment: Enough simple SIDs and ANPR cameras so we don't have to use staff time to rotate, or continuously data collect. Mounting posts. Air Quality Monitors. Whatever is needed for a second submission for 20mph roads.

Staff time: for initial mounting of equipment, to liaise with Highways, Goodwood, Other Partners, to write and manage residents' surveys, to create community engagement material

Success Factors

Quantitative improvements - collisions and casualties, traffic-speed, air-quality, active travelling numbers.

Some timescales dependent on Highways improvements schedules.

Others (impacts from SIDs for example) dependent on CCC-defined schedules

Qualitative improvements – surveys (before, after, and after new norms are embedded)

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