

Local Highways Improvement Scheme – updated process. Received 17 July 2017

I write to inform you of changes that were approved to the Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative earlier this week by the County Council's Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee. These changes ensure that the authority is able to recover the cost of delivering the initiative and the projects that are funded through it, whilst providing greater support for applicants in developing and delivering improvements to their local highway.

Key areas of change;

- Applicants will now be contacted by highways officers following the initial application deadline, to carry out further work in developing the feasibility and cost of solutions that meet their objectives. An updated application incorporating the outcome of this work will then be included in the information presented to the LHI assessment panels.
- **This initial deadline is scheduled for 30th September 2017**, followed by further development with officers and local communities throughout October, November and December.
- The budget for projects will now be required to include the cost of the officer resources necessary to deliver them. This will be estimated by officers during the feasibility assessment stage outlined above.
- Multiple applications will now be accepted from Town Councils, limited to the number of County Council divisions in their authority area.
- New webpages will go live in early August, providing information on both the LHI and new Privately Funded Highway Improvement (PFHI) processes. Detailed guidance on the solutions to common highway issues will also be incorporated, providing a resource for applicants to inform their decision to fund minor improvements to their local highway.

We will be in touch again soon to provide you with further support with the changes, if you have any urgent questions in the meantime please don't hesitate contacting us.

Kind regards

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