

Individual Executive Decision Notice

Report title Ring Road/Snow Hill Traffic Signals and associated Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade – Pedestrian Countdown Timers.

Decision designation	GREEN
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Steve Evans City Environment
Wards affected	Blakenhall, Ettingshall, St. Peters
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Report to be/has been considered by

Summary

To seek approval for the upgrade of the obsolete equipment at Ring Road/Snow Hill traffic signals and the associated Snow Hill pedestrian crossing to include light emitting diode (LED) signals and pedestrian countdown timers.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Service Director, City Environment,

1. Approves the scheme proposed for the Ring Road/Snow Hill traffic signal junction to incorporate LED signals and improved pedestrian signals.
2. Approves the scheme proposed for the associated Snow Hill pedestrian crossing to incorporate LED signals and improved pedestrian signals.

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 City of Wolverhampton Council receives funding from the Department for Transport to support the Council's annual Transportation Capital Programme. The Capital Programme for 2016/17 was approved at Cabinet on 20 April 2016.
- 1.2 The proposed scheme is a named scheme within the programme for future years. The programme is managed within the available resources each financial year and in accordance with developing priorities and as a consequence there is an opportunity to bring the scheme forward to the 2016/17 programme.

2.0 Ring Road/Snow Hill - Traffic signal junction and associated Snow Hill pedestrian crossing upgrade scheme.

- 2.1 This scheme was included in the Capital Programme report approved at Cabinet on 20 April 2016. The work is scheduled to start in March 2017 and last for three weeks. It will involve the permanent traffic signals at the junction being replaced with temporary traffic signals for a period of approximately five days. The temporary signals will be manually operated during peak periods.
- 2.2 The scheme will be to replace the obsolete equipment including the traffic signal and pedestrian crossing controllers, signal heads, aspects and push button units with new LED signals, push buttons, pedestrian countdown timers (junction only) and re-cabling. The traffic signal poles which are galvanised and plastic coated will be reused unless damaged.
- 2.3 Given that the junction is one of the busiest in Wolverhampton the scheme will incorporate pedestrian countdown timers which were successfully introduced in 2013 at the Ring Road/Stafford Street junction which have contributed to improving pedestrian awareness and safety.
- 2.4 The impact of the works taking place at the junction has been taken into account in planning of the scheme.
- 2.5 A comprehensive communications plan will be developed to communicate the works.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The works proposed for the Ring Road/Snow Hill traffic signals are estimated to cost in the region of £100,000. These costs can be accommodated from within the existing Transportation capital programme and wholly funded by grant.
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4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report. [Legal Code: TS/03022016/P]

5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report as the subject matter is not believed to impact significantly against the protected characteristics.

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 This highway maintenance scheme should generate some localised environmental improvements.

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

8.0 Corporate landlord implications

8.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 Cabinet (20/04/16) - Transportation Capital Programme – 2016/17 and future years.