

Key Decision Required	No	In the Forward Plan	No
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CABINET

5 AUGUST 2016

**REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

A.2 REVIEW OF HIGHWAY ISSUES

(Report prepared by Janey Nice)

BACKGROUND

The Committee received a presentation from Mr Alan Lindsay (Essex County Council's Transport Strategy and Engagement Manager Transportation, Planning and Development) on Highway issues that the Committee had requested on the A120 roundabout, A133 update (particularly considering recent fatal accidents) and the Manningtree Railway Bridge Bottleneck.

Mr Lindsay explained to the Committee how Essex County Council (ECC) engaged with Tendring District Council (TDC) in relation to the Local Plan and other issues as they arose. He gave details of the size of the highways network and infrastructure and explained that Highways England were responsible for the trunk roads such as the A120 and A12 with other A roads and minor roads being the responsibility of ECC. He talked to the Committee about the funding of schemes and mentioned that it was a case of having to do far more with a lot less budget and how ECC were looking at funding opportunities through development with S.78 or S.106 and securing funding bids.

Mr Lindsay then gave an update on the specific issues requested by the Committee on the A133, A120 and A12. He provided information on a proposed new roundabout on the A120, explained that a route based strategy of the A133 was underway and described the modelling being undertaken in the area of the Manningtree railway bridge. Mr Lindsay said that, in respect of the latter, short term action in the form of installing traffic lights costing around £150,000 from S.106 monies was being looked at whilst longer term solutions were also being explored but that many millions would be required to fund these. Members asked questions relating to the A133, A120 and A12 and further questions were also asked about dangerous potholes, flooding and problems with other roads and their maintenance in the region.

After further discussion, recommendations to Cabinet were **AGREED**.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET

The Committee **AGREED COMMENTS TO CABINET** as follows:

- (a) That a letter be sent to Essex County Council urging them to forward**

fund £150,000 to enable the traffic lights at Manningtree to be installed as soon as possible with the funding to be recovered from S.106 agreements as developments proceeded;

- (b) that all Members, through engagement with their County Councillor, be encouraged to submit schemes to the Local Highways Panel and to attend the regular meetings; and**
- (c) that the availability of funding to assist householders with flooding be investigated and promoted with home owners in affected areas as appropriate.**

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

It is recommended that:-

- a) A letter regarding forward funding of the traffic lights at Manningtree be sent from the Leader and that, at the same time, the opportunity be taken to remind Essex County Council of their obligations in relation to highways maintenance particularly in rural areas.
- b) the comments from the Committee in relation to the Local Highways Panel and funding assistance regarding flooding be agreed.