

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the new system for prioritising Local Neighbourhood Improvements works in the capital programme.

In the past there has been very little prioritisation, at a technical level, for Neighbourhood Improvements Works seeking a place on the 5 year Capital Programme. Generally two works for each Board area were programmed each year. The priority of each was usually set by Residents Associations upon completion of Local Area Traffic Management Scheme.

With extreme limitations on funding it is critical that the Council spends money in the most cost-effective manner in the locations where the greatest benefits can be obtained. For this reason the need to introduce a technical prioritisation process across the City has arisen.

The process involves assessing both existing and new projects against eight factors giving a score out of 100. The factors have been weighted to more accurately reflect the severity of the situation ie: traffic speed and volume account for 45% of the final score. A copy of the assessment factors and associated value is attached.

At present I am compiling a list of projects and /or proposals of all the work that I am aware of on Local Roads within the Hagley/Ferrymead Wards. They will all be assessed and prioritised using the new criteria. It is important that I am made aware of any requests for work on Local Roads so they can be assessed and plugged into the programme. It should be noted that proposals scoring less than “50” will not be programmed as such but will reassessed after 5 years.

The list of Neighbourhood Improvement Works in the recently released 5year programme will alter for the years 2000/2001 onwards as a consequence of this “city wide” ranking system. You will note that there is currently only one project within the Hagley/Ferrymead Wards for the 2000/2001year. It is likely that projects scoring higher than “70” will move into that year at the expense of lesser ranked projects.

The prioritised list should be used as a guide to indicate the severity of a particular problem and consequently as an indication as to when the project is likely to be funded by the Council. If the Board considers any particular project to be of a higher priority than that assigned using this system then consideration should be given to funding that project through the Board’s project funds.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson’s

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