



Factsheet 6 – Ward Highways Programme

This topic sheet is designed to provide a script for ward councillors to use for engaging residents and partners about the allocation of budgets devolved to wards.

The Council has decided to give wards more control of the money that it currently spends within its communities. Each ward now has a budget made up of three components:

- A general ward fund
- The Community Care Fund
- The Pride in York Fund (annual fund and 'one-off' 2015/16 fund)

In addition to this budget, wards have an allocation within the **Wards Highways Programme** so that they can decide on schemes to be undertaken in their local area.

The **Wards Highways Programme** will cover expenditure in the following areas:

- Resurfacing
- Footpaths / Public Rights of Way
- Cycle way improvements
- Street lighting: ornamental / aesthetic improvements to existing lamp standards

The **Wards Highways Programme** enables us to identify and progress schemes within the ward over and above those already included in the Council's annual Highways Programme.

Each year the Council's highways inspectors look at the streets of York to assess their condition against a range of risk factors. From this they produce a list of schemes to be carried out over the next financial year, ensuring that the most urgent schemes are done first.

Here is what we are being asked to do as a ward:

- The Council will explain to us the schemes that are to be included in the Council's highways programme highlighting those that will be carried out in our ward.



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- We will be invited to use the knowledge of residents to collect information about local highways, footpaths and cycle ways.
- We will use all this information to identify possible schemes that perhaps did not meet the criteria to be included in the Council's main programme, at the point when it was compiled, but where improvements are identified as important to local residents.
- If necessary, the budget can be carried over to the following financial year to enable a bigger scheme to be done.
- We can refer to: a price list for different types of work, and, the list of schemes remaining for the current financial year so that we don't duplicate.
- From this we will agree our scheme(s) to be included in the Ward Highways Programme.