

Third-Party Funded Schemes in the Public Highway**Policy Principles**

“The County Council is prepared to accept offers of funding by a third-party promoter (organisation or individual) towards the full cost (cradle to grave costs) of highways and transportation proposals (including physical works, promotional material, training schemes etc.) on the following basis:

- i. The scheme or initiative (proposal) should reflect the transportation strategic goals and outcomes that the Council is seeking to deliver through its LTP3 and emerging LTP4 principles.
- ii. There is evidence to suggest that the proposal will provide genuine benefits for the surrounding area/target community.
- iii. The proposal offers value for money and is something that the Council would have otherwise considered providing if it had the necessary funds.
- iv. The Council must be fully satisfied that any physical measures proposed are appropriate for the site in question and that they do not adversely impact on the existing highway network, associated infrastructure and the surrounding area/community.
- v. The County Council’s engagement with the development of third-party proposals, is limited to the provision of advice on the possible options together with an estimate of the likely costs at most. These activities however must be fully funded by the relevant third party (including all Council officer time). The third-party promoter would then be required to meet the subsequent costs of developing and implementing the proposal, for example, in addition to construction costs, this would include the costs of detailed design, technical approval, legal agreements, consultation, and site supervision.
- vi. Where funds are offered to enable a proposal in the Council’s priority list of proposals awaiting funding to be brought forward, the Council’s contribution to the proposal will be as detailed in point (v) above.
- vii. The Council will be prepared to consider bringing forward such a proposal into its programme with the proviso that it can be carried out without adversely affecting the priority of the other highways and transportation projects in the capital programme or the ability of the Council to implement its schemes and initiatives in the programme.
- viii. Where a proposal features in the Council’s published programme, the third-party promoter will be permitted to contribute additional funds to fully cover the costs to enhance the quality of that project.
- ix. Dependent on the size and nature of any physical measures proposed, the third-party promoter may be required to provide a commuted sum towards the future maintenance costs of that proposal, the value of which would be at the discretion of the County Council as Highway Authority.

Notwithstanding the Policy Statement outlined above, externally funded schemes will only be proceeded with if the County Council has/can secure sufficient staff resources to carry out the necessary work.

It should be noted that a proposal will not automatically proceed simply due to third-party funding availability”.

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