

Amendment submitted by Councillor Hargreaves

Member Motion: Highways Funding , as proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Sell - Full Council, 7 December 2021

To insert and remove wording as follows (bold italics denotes additional wording – wording to be removed has been struck through):

Amended Motion (with ‘tracked changes’):

~~“This Council affirms its commitment to contributing~~ ***notes that the Medium Term Financial Strategy published in February 2021 includes*** £200,000 to the Uttlesford Local Highways Panel (LHP) for 2022-2023 and ~~£200,000~~ ***£100,000*** for the 2023-2024 municipal years. ~~and will make this sum available by 10th April 2022 and 10th April 2023. This funding is not subject to any match funding by Essex County Council and the allocation of the available funds will be the responsibility of Uttlesford Local Highways panel. The decision to allocate this money is needed now in order that the Local Highways Panel when it meets in January can plan schemes up to the level of funding available. The Panel can only plan its work with a known budget as to do otherwise would be contrary to Local Government procurement rules”.~~ ***It requests that the amount for 2022-23 be considered in the preparation of the council budget, to be voted on by full Council. It further notes that the allocation of any granted funds will be the responsibility of the LHP to recommend (not Uttlesford District Council) and the spending decision lies with the ECC Cabinet member for Infrastructure.***

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Amended motion (no ‘tracked changes’):

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