Implementation of High Risk Mitigation Measures (Environment & Urban Renewal PPB) – Quarter 2 to 30th September 2014

The purpose of this report is to provide an update concerning the implementation of mitigation measures for those areas of high risk which are relevant to the remit of this Policy and Performance Board.

Business Area – Policy, Planning and Transportation

Assessment of current risk – (Transport) ¹				Impact (Severity)	Likelihood (Probability)	Score (I x L)
PR R16	Failure to maintain and make available the Councils highway network could lead to adverse consequences for road users and others. (Strategic Priority: Safer Halton / Halton's Urban Renewal)				4	12
PR R17	A failure to secure the adequate provision of public transport services could have adverse consequences particularly for more vulnerable groups. (Strategic Priority: Safer Halton/ Halton's Urban Renewal)				3	9
Risk control measure(s) Lead Officer Timescale Review		Residual Impact	Residual Likelihood	Residual Score		
R16 a	Delivery of prioritised maintenance programme	Mick Noone	Annually	2	3	6
R16 b	Availability of capital and revenue funding					
R16 c	Timely and effective use of Variable Message Signs (VSM)					
R16d	Coordination of works to minimise impact.					
R17 a	Integration of Local Transport Plan as part of new Combined Authority	Mick Noone	Annually	3	3	9
R17 b	Continued provision of funding for supported bus services and community transport					
R17 c	Continue to seek alternative sources of funding					

¹ NB – Risks associated with the Mersey Gateway Project are monitored through the Corporate Risk Register

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Progress update

R16

The majority of the Carriageway maintenance programme has been completed during this period with Footway schemes ongoing to target. Our Bridge maintenance programme has suffered from technical difficulties which have now been overcome but have delayed starts on site to Quarter 3.

In order to mitigate the effect of capital and revenue funding reductions the Council actively seeks to draw additional investment from grants. As an example the successful bid for £259K to repair potholes is now being committed and a major funding bid to the Liverpool City Region Local Transport Body for £1.1M per year of funding for the period 2016 – 2019 to support steady state SJB maintenance is currently being prepared.

VMS are used when appropriate and when limited resources permit, but there have been some technical issues with setting them recently which are currently being addressed. Roadworks are being co-ordinated to minimise impact on the travelling, but this will become more difficult as the Mersey Gateway works become more extensive and impact upon more routes.

R17

Integration as part of the CA continues. Current projects include the installation of real time passenger information at various bus stops across the borough and rebranding of bus shelters will being once the tender process has been completed.

The funding reductions for the current year have been mitigated by retendering some of the supported bus services.

Discussions around joint bids with our CA partners for alternative funding streams continue, in particular, on the matter of alternatively fuelled fleet vehicles.