

	LOCAL HIGHWAY PANELS	
	Brief Summary	
	<p>Local Highways Panels (LHPs) have been set up in all 12 Districts across Essex and are represented by County, Borough, District and Parish Councillors.</p> <p>These panels are responsible for making recommendations and setting priorities for Highways schemes in their areas. All recommendations are referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation for approval and sign off.</p> <p>Panel Members meet predominantly on a quarterly basis, some meet more frequently, to discuss and mutually consider Highways expenditure within their local district or borough boundaries.</p> <p>Any scheme request should have demonstrable evidence of local community backing and must have the support of the local Councillor whether that is a County, Borough, District or Parish Councillor. Once sufficient support has been gathered, Councillors will complete a scheme request form and forward onto the Highways Liaison Officer (HLO) via email: local.highwaypanels@essex.gov.uk who will arrange for this to be taken through the required validation process and if a deliverable scheme, this is then added to the schemes list for consideration of the panel members.</p> <p>The scope of works that can be prioritised by the Local Highways Panels is broad and includes the following service areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Management improvements • Tackling congestion • Safer Roads (including casualty reduction) • Public Rights of Way improvements • Cycling schemes • Passenger Transport improvements • Minor improvement schemes 	