Report to Norwich highways agency committee Item

26 July 2012

Report of Head of city development services

**Subject** Major roadworks monitoring report

### **Purpose**

This report advises and updates members of current and planned future roadworks in Norwich.

#### Recommendation

To note the report.

### **Corporate and service priorities**

The report helps to achieve the corporate priorities of a strong and prosperous city and the service plan priority to coordinate programmes to achieve best value.

## **Financial implications**

There are no direct financial consequences from this report

Ward/s: All wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Bremner – Environment and development

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### **Background documents**

None

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## Report

### **Background**

- 1. Roadworks are a source of frustration and inconvenience to road users but they are an essential operation and need to be managed carefully to minimise their impact on the travelling public.
- 2. There are 2 main originators of roadworks; The Highway Authority and public utility companies. Norfolk County Council has a responsibility to improve and maintain the highway, while the public utility companies have a responsibility to provide and maintain their infrastructure, the vast majority of which is located under the highway. From time to time developers are also required to work in the highway, carrying out improvements to facilitate access to their developments.
- 3. The table attached as appendix 1 sets out the current works that are have been completed since your last meeting, are currently in progress or are planned for the future on the A, B and C class roads within the city. More detailed roadworks information is provided online via the electronic local government information network at <a href="http://norfolk.elgin.gov.uk">http://norfolk.elgin.gov.uk</a>
- 4. The more significant works are highlighted below.

### **Finklegate**

- 5. At the end of December 2010 Finklegate was closed to vehicular traffic when the road and some adjoining properties showed signs of subsidence. At the beginning of December 2011, following completion of all the necessary investigation works the road was re-opened in a one-way direction from Ber Street to Queens Road.
- 6. The building most affected by the subsidence has now been demolished. Engineers are now able to properly assess what work is needed to be done to repair the carriageway. It is hoped that the full re-opening of the road will happen within by the end of the summer.

#### **Fifers Lane**

7. National Grid Gas are in the process of replacing a major gas main on Fifers Lane between Holt Road and Hurricane Way. These works are essential, but will cause delays in an area which experienced considerable disruption when Vulcan Road South was closed at its' junction with Mile Cross Lane. The city council has worked closely with National Grid Gas to minimise the impact of these works.

# Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Expected completion	Remarks
Finklegate	City	Ground subsidence	One way outbound restriction with a 7.5 tonne weight limit.	TBC	All demolition works are now complete. The extent of the subsidence is being confirmed and a permanent re-instatement scheme will be prepared.
Fifers Lane	National Grid Gas	Gas main replacement	Temporary traffic lights	Late September 2012	

## Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
St Crispins / Duke Street Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Evening working & evening/night-time closure of St Crispins flyover	23 <sup>rd</sup> July – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Dereham Road / Wendene Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Overnight working and night-time closure of the Wendene arm of the roundabout	20 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2012	
Barrack Street / Whitefriars Rbt and Bull Close Road & Charlton Road	City	Resurfacing	Lane closures and off peak working	5 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	
Clarence Road	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	September	