

# Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 23 July 2013

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## Subject:

**Local Highway Maintenance Funding**

## Summary statement:

This report considers additional funding available to the Bradford East Area Committee for Local Highway Maintenance in the 2013/14 financial year.

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### Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment & Waste Management

**Wards:** 4, 5, 6, 10, 13, 18



## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers additional funding available to the Bradford East Area Committee for Local Highway Maintenance matters in the 2013/14 financial year and makes recommendations for the allocation of this funding.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Highway Maintenance budget was developed to be used to deal with highway maintenance issues on local roads in order to aid further progression in the reduction of the insurance premium by targeting, where possible, the worst areas on the local network, complementing other strategic and statutory maintenance work undertaken by the authority utilising separate budget heads.

- 2.2 Bradford District has received an additional £1.04 million capital allocation from the Department for Transport for the 2013/14 financial year. Additionally £500k has been set aside to supplement the highway maintenance budget from revenue funding making a total additional of £1.54 million.

- 2.3 The £1.04 million capital funding is subject to local highway authorities agreeing to publish transparency statements at the end of each financial year (there is also likely to be additional funding for the 2014/15 financial year of £0.54million).

- 2.4 Following top slicing of that budget for strategic maintenance purposes (specialist district-wide works carried out on roads of strategic importance), an allocation of £100,000 has been made available in the current financial year to each Area Committee for Local Highway Maintenance works within the constituency area - replacing the previously allocated £40,000 discretionary Area Committee budget for such works.

- 2.5 It is proposed that this additional £1.54m is allocated in the following way: -

Streetscene – Spend £500k on targeted major and minor patching work to improve the overall condition of the network in areas that regularly cause problems and repeat visits.

Major Maintenance – Spend £540k on centrally procured strategic overall district priorities. The aim is to target sites that are showing signs of failure and treating with full resurfacing / micro asphalt/ surface dressing as appropriate.

Area Teams – Spend £500k on their locally derived priorities including areas of proactive patching, carriageway repairs and footway maintenance within the 5 Area Constituencies (£100k each).

- 2.6 Each local area team will have different pressures for spend, and allocation of works. Works may cover any aspect of highway maintenance, including footway, kerbing, highway drainage, potholes, strategic patching and other proprietary treatments to extend the life span of the network.

2.7 A list of proposed carriageway resurfacing works, as identified and compiled by officers, is included in Appendix 1.

2.8 In order that works can be programmed ordered and the appropriate legal/statutory notices may be served before the end of the financial year it is imperative that the committee approves a work programme as soon as possible.

### **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 There are no other considerations at this time.

### **4. OPTIONS**

4.1 That the Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommended schemes/works outlined in Appendix 1 – this is the preferred option as works have been identified by officers across the previous financial year.

4.2 That members choose alternative schemes for implementation.

### **5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

5.1 The committee may only choose works up to the limit of the available budget of £100,000.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

6.1 Failure to prioritise highway maintenance schemes based upon condition and safety survey data will result in an increased requirement for reactive maintenance and lead to a reduction in road safety conditions and an associated increase in successful insurance claims against the Council.

### **7. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

7.1 There are no specific legal issues arising from this report.

7.2 All works undertaken will be carried out within the requirements of the Highways Act 1980.

### **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

#### **8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

8.1.1 In writing this report, due regard has been given of the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance quality of opportunity between different groups and to foster good relations between different groups under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

## **8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

8.2.1 Proactive repairs, such as surface dressing, serve to extend carriageway life.

## **8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

8.3.1 There are no greenhouse gas implications arising from this report

## **8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

8.4.1 Maintenance of the local highway network is essential to ensure the safe passage of all road users.

## **8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

8.5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

## **8.6 TRADE UNION**

8.6.1 There are no trade union implications arising from this report.

## **8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

8.7.1 The decrease in funding degrades the ability to carry out works in all wards.

## **8.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

8.8.1 The development and implementation of schemes included in this report support priorities within the Bradford East Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

## **9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

9.1 None

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the Bradford East Area Committee approves the proposed programme of works for 2013/14 as shown in Appendix 1, with any amendments as deemed necessary.

10.2 That officers be permitted to vary the allocated spend as necessary to ensure best value for the particular type and scope of works required, up to the £100,000 limit.

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed Programme of Works 2013/14.

**APPENDIX 1**

**Proposed Programme of Works 2013/14**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Road Name</b>		<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
6	Sandford Road	M	Barkerend Rd to Folkestone Rd	£7,000.00
6	Curzon Road	M	Barkerend Rd to Folkestone Rd	£6,500.00
6	Fitzroy Road	M	Barkerend Rd to Folkestone Rd	£7,000.00
10	Leaffield Terrace	M	Full Length	£2,500.00
4	Idle Road	C	J/O Bolton Rd	£5,000.00
10	Norbury Road	M	Damon Ave to Roundwood Ave	£4,500.00
18	Basil Street	M	Full Length	£4,000.00
10	Barham Terrace	M	Full Length	£2,000.00
10	Roundwood Glen	M	Cul-de-sac section only	£1,500.00
10	Roundwood View	M	Full Length	£1,500.00
18	Plover Street	M	Full Length	£1,000.00
18	Finch Street	M	Full Length	£1,500.00
10	Northwood Crescent	M	Full Length	£9,000.00
10	Ridge View Gardens	M	Full Length	£3,000.00
5	Birnam Grove	M	Full Length	£1,000.00
18	Canterbury Avenue	F	Full Length	£16,000.00
5	New Otley Road	F	Barkerend Rd to Welham Walk	£10,000.00
13	Harrogate Road	F	Moorside Rd to Pullen Ave	£5,000.00
13	Highfield Road	F	Doctor Hill to High Street	£4,000.00
13	Westfield Lane	F	Highfield Road to Church	£1,000.00
18	St Stephens Road	F	Full Length	£5,000.00
5	Back Byron Street	M	Full Length	£2,000.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£100,000.00</b>

M	=	Micro Asphalt
C	=	Carriageway Resurfacing
F	=	Footway Refurbishment

<b>Reserve List</b>				
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Road Name</b>		<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
5	Wakefield Road	F	Foundry Lane to Neville Road	£15,000.00
5	Laurel Street	C	Full Length	£10,000.00
	Barnard Road	C	Full Length	£20,000.00
5	Buck Street	C	Full Length	£15,000.00
5	Banner Street	C	Full Length	£10,000.00
5	Beech Grove	M	Access road Beech Grove/Crescent	£1,000.00
6	Back Amberley Street	M	Barkerend Rd to Folkestone Rd	£4,500.00
10	Leafield Avenue	M	Full Length	£17,000.00
10	Romanby Shaw	M	Full Length	£5,500.00
10	Ravenscliffe Avenue	C	Damon Ave to Winslow Rd	£20,000.00
13	Evesham Grove	M	Full Length	£3,000.00
18	Back Hastings Terr	M	Full Length	£2,000.00
18	Gower Street	M	Full Length	£5,000.00
18	Clarges Street	C	Full Length	£15,000.00
18	Arum Street	M	Full Length	£4,000.00
18	Tamar Street	M	Full Length	£4,500.00
18	Nene Street	M	Full Length	£4,000.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£155,500.00</b>

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