

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 25 July 2013

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Subject:

Local Highway Maintenance – Additional Funding & Devolution Update.

Summary statement:

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1. SUMMARY

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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 £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 treat 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 per district).

- 2.6 The South Area allocation procured by Major Maintenance is show in Appendix 3.
- 2.7 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
- 2.8 A list of proposed carriageway resurfacing works, as identified and compiled by officers is included in Appendix 1.
- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 Area teams also have a revenue budget (£55,000) at their disposal to cover a number of maintenance issues as follows: -
- Replacement or new street nameplates and other street furniture
 - Gully repairs, drainage surveys, root cutter equipment hire
 - Repairs/replacement of anti-motorcycle barriers and hand-rails
 - Works on footways and carriageways formerly maintained by In Communities (Gulliksen Agreement)
 - Signing and lining maintenance
 - Other miscellaneous highway repairs and works covered under Highways Act

Given the relatively insignificant figures that arise once this budget has been apportioned between the works areas listed above, it is recommended that this be prioritised by officers to meet the varying levels of demand.

- 2.11 As part of the commitment to the devolution process initial figures for Cat 1 and 2 repairs for the 2012/13 financial year and the current 2013/14 year to date have been included in Appendix 2. A more detailed report on the financial position of the devolved budget will be bought to this Area Committee in September 2013

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 There are no other considerations with regard to this matter.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 That the Bradford South 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 request 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

5.2 The £55,000 revenue budget is available in the 2013/14 financial year but may be subject to change in future.

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 Due regard is given to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when formulating a programme of Highway Maintenance repairs.

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 matter.

8.6 TRADE UNION

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

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

8.7.1 Improvements in carriageway conditions benefit 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 South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1 None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford South Area Committee approves the proposed programme of works for 2012/13 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.

10.3 That South Area Committee approves the proposal that officers prioritise the various Highway Maintenance works covered by the £55,000 revenue budget as detailed in paragraph 2.11.

10.4 That the reported Cat 1 & Cat 2 information is noted with a view to a more detailed report on Local Highway Maintenance being presented to this Area Committee in September 2013

10.5 That the additional strategic works to be carried out by the Major Maintenance Section are noted and approved.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – 2013/14 Local Highway Maintenance – proposed schedule of works

11.2 Appendix 2 – Local Highway Maintenance Cat 1 & Cat 2 Information

11.3 Appendix 3 – Additional Major Maintenance (Strategic) Works – South Area

APPENDIX 1**Proposed Prioritised Spend Allocation 2013/14 – Local Highway Maintenance Sites**

Ward	Location	Works Description	Est. Cost
Tong	Ashfield, Tong Street	Carriageway and footway surfacing	£25,000
Wibsey	Kenley Mount, Wibsey	Carriageway surfacing	£12,000
Wibsey	Mount Road, Wibsey	Carriageway surfacing	£10,000
Gt Horton	Haycliffe Drive, Great Horton	Carriageway surfacing	£10,000
Wibsey	Raymond Drive, Bankfoot	Carriageway surfacing	£11,000
Gt Horton	Frensham Grove, Horton Bank Top	Carriageway surfacing	£14,000
Queensbury	Ridgeway, Queensbury	Carriageway surfacing	£12,000
Royds	Egremont Crescent, Woodside	Footway from No. 4 to 2 Edgebank Avenue	£ 6,500
Total value of works to cut off point			£100,500
Wyke	Ashley Road	Footway Surfacing	£ 21,500
Royds	Jer Grove	Footway Surfacing	£ 10,000
Royds	Whernside Mount	Footway Surfacing	£ 10,000

Notes

- Officers suggested/prioritised schemes are highlighted in grey
- The committee may choose to swap out schemes from the extended list to a value of approximately £100,000

APPENDIX 2

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE DEVOLUTION

Category 1 Defects

Number of Highways Cat 1's Ordered between 01/04/2012 and 31/03/2013

<i>BRAD SOUTH</i>	<u>Defect Description</u>	<u>Qty Received</u>
	C/W NOTIFIABLE CAT 1 & 2	1
	EMERGENCIES	52
	GM C/WAY	34
	GM F/WAY	17
	OTHER	29
	RECHARGE	2
	STOLEN FLAGS	1
	Area Total:	136
	93.53% Completed within 24 Hrs	

Number of Highways Cat 1's Ordered between 01/04/2013 and 19/06/2013

<i>BRAD SOUTH</i>	<u>Defect Description</u>	<u>Qty Received</u>
	EMERGENCIES	12
	GM C/WAY	4
	GM F/WAY	1
	OTHER	2
	RECHARGE	2
	Area Total:	21

Notes

- Category 1 Defects are those that require immediate attention in order to ensure public safety.
- C/W Notifiable Cat 1 & 2 works are those requiring further investigation/breaking open the carriageway.
- GM C/Way and GM F/Way are defects picked up by highway inspection.
- Emergency Works covers missing/broken covers.
- Other works include referral to third parties (eg Statutory Undertakers) for action.

APPENDIX 2

Category 2 Defects

Number of Highways Cat 2's Ordered between 01/04/2012 and 31/03/2013

<i>BRAD SOUTH</i>	<u>Defect Description</u>	<u>Qty Received</u>
	C/W NOTIFIABLE CAT 1 & 2	25
	DETERIORATION OF SURFACE	1
	F/W NOTIFIABLE CAT 1 & 2	211
	GM C/WAY	670
	GM F/WAY	419
	OTHER	30
	OTHER DEFECTS	1
	RECHARGE	3
	STOLEN FLAGS	1
	Area Total:	1361

83.07% Completed within 5 working days

Number of Highways Cat 2's Ordered between 01/04/2013 and 19/06/2013

<i>BRAD SOUTH</i>	<u>Defect Description</u>	<u>Qty Received</u>
	C/W NOTIFIABLE CAT 1 & 2	8
	EMERGENCIES	1
	F/W NOTIFIABLE CAT 1 & 2	73
	GAPS IN PAVEMENT	1
	GM C/WAY	186
	GM F/WAY	110
	OTHER	12
	RECHARGE	1
	Area Total:	392

Notes

- Category 2 Defects are those that require attention within five working days.
- Defects not completed within five working days required further investigations.
- C/W Notifiable Cat 1 & 2 works are those requiring further investigation/breaking open the carriageway.
- GM C/Way and GM F/Way are defects picked up by highway inspection.
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APPENDIX 3

Additional Major Maintenance (Strategic) Works 2013/14 – South Area

Road Name	From	To	Length	Estimate
Windy Bank Lane, Queensbury	Full Length		740	£48,000
Harlow Road, Lidget Green	Full Length		300	£26,000
Cumberland Road, Lidget Green	Full Length		300	£26,000
Total Value of Works				£100,000