

Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 25 September 2014

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Subject:

Local Highway Maintenance Funding

Summary statement:

This report considers additional funding available to the Bradford South Area Committee for Highway Maintenance in the 2014/15 financial year.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment & Waste Management



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers additional funding available to the Bradford South Area Committee for Local Highway Maintenance in the 2014/15 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 a £540k capital allocation from the Department for Transport for the 2014/15 financial year for local highway maintenance.
- 2.3 Following a successful bid to the DfT for pothole funding, a further capital allocation of £949k has been received, made up of £600k from capital sources and £349k from revenue sources.
- 2.4 The DfT has also allocated additional flood funding totalling £575k from capital and revenue sources.
- 2.5 £200k is also available as a result of an under-spend on winter maintenance in 2013/14.
- 2.6 Approval has been given by the Portfolio Holder that the 2014/15 funding is allocated in the following way: -

Streetscene (DLO) – Spend £500k (£300k pot hole funding + £200k under-spend) 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 £615k 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. Priority sites include a section of Halifax Road, Odsal and Millersdale Close, Euroway.

Area Teams – Total available is £1.149m (£500k + £649k) giving each of the 5 Area Constituencies a budget of £230k (£100k + £130k) to spend on their locally derived priorities including areas of proactive patching, carriageway repairs etc.

- 2.6.1 Each local area team will have different pressures for spend, and allocation of works. Works may cover the various aspects of highway maintenance, including potholes, strategic patching, road resurfacing 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 South Area Committee adopts the recommended schemes / works outlined in Appendix 1 – this is the preferred option as works have already been identified by officers.

4.2 That members choose alternative schemes for implementation from the reserve list.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 The committee may only choose works up to the limit of the available budget of £230,000.

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 this 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 South Area Committee Action Plan.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1 None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford South Area Committee approves the proposed priority programme of works for 2014/15 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 £230,000 limit.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed Programme of Works 2014/15.

APPENDIX 1**Proposed Programme of Works 2014/15**

Road No	Street	District	From	To	<u>Estimate</u>
Area Priority List: -					
A644	Brighthouse and Denholme Road	Queensbury	Mountain	Fleet Lane	£55,000
A650	Tong Street	Tong	Sections		£30,000
B6379	Huddersfield Road	Wyke	Storr Hill	Elizabeth Avenue	£23,000
	Commondale Way	Euroway	Full Length		£70,000
	Soaper Lane	Buttershaw	Cooper Lane	Boundary	£28,000
	White Lane	Odsal	Full Length		£24,000
					£230,000
Reserve List: -					
	Carden Road	Tyersal	Full Length		£20,000
	Common Road	Low Moor	Sections		£30,000
	Craiglea Drive	Wyke	Full Length		£10,000
	Moore Avenue	Wibsey	Various Sections		£30,000
	Old Guy Road	Queensbury	Full Length		£60,000
	Sutton Road	Tyersal	Full Length		£20,000