

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 9 November 2017

Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

Additional Highway Maintenance Funding - Proposed Highway Projects and Resources (Planned Works) Programme

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Executive Summary

This report requests approval of a proposed programme of work to be funded from the Highways Projects and Resources (Planned Works) allocation of £3million approved by Cabinet on 20 July 2017.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the proposed process, as outlined in the report, for developing a programme of works to be funded from the Highways Projects and Resources (Planned Works) allocation of £3million approved by Cabinet on 20 July 2017.

Background and Advice

On 20 July 2017, Cabinet approved revisions to the 2017/18 Budget including an additional £5million of capital funding for highway maintenance. Of this, £3million was allocated to fund planned capital works in line with the county council's approved Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP).

The TAMP identifies the key strategic priorities of the county council as the local highway authority and sets out how the county council will manage its transport assets up to 2029/30. Recent analysis suggests that this investment strategy will result in:

- Condition targets for the classified (A, B & C) network achieved earlier than envisaged.
- Less investment in the rural unclassified road network being required than in the urban unclassified network (residential streets) to prevent

deterioration and ensure improvements to both networks are advanced at the same rate.

In light of this analysis, on 10 August 2017 Cabinet considered the proposed criteria to allocate this funding and approved that this allocation be used to reduce the rate of deterioration to the urban unclassified network. A programme of work was subsequently developed based on a technical assessment and presented to Cabinet in September 2017. Cabinet agreed to defer a decision in the light of feedback that county councillors would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the process.

It is therefore proposed that briefing sessions be arranged, on a district basis, for county councillors to discuss the urban unclassified (residential streets) locations that are considered priorities for investment from a highway technical assessment. It is proposed that a programme of work then be presented to Cabinet in February 2018 to allow the programme of works to be delivered in the financial year 2018/19.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Recent analysis has identified that investment should be directed to the urban unclassified network to reduce the rate of deterioration to this asset in view of:

- condition targets for the classified (A,B&C) network anticipated to be achieved earlier than envisaged and
- less investment in the rural unclassified road network being required than in the urban unclassified network (residential streets) to prevent deterioration and ensure improvements to both networks are advanced at the same rate.

Financial

The proposed programme will be funded from the additional £3 million allocated to the Highways Projects and Resources (Planned Works) which was approved as part of the recent budget amendment.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
The Environment Directorate's Draft Transport Asset Management Plan 2015-2030	10 June 2014	Dave Gorman/(01772) 534261
Revisions to the 2017/18 Budget	20 th July 2017	
Additional Highway Maintenance Funding - Proposed Apportionment Criteria	10 th August 2017	
Additional Highway Maintenance Funding - Proposed Highway Projects and Resources (Planned Works) Programme	14 th September 2017	
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		