

**Officer Decision**  
**Taken under the Scheme of Delegation**

This decision has been taken in accordance with the county council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as set out in section 9 of the [Constitution](#).

<b>Decision taken on behalf of the:</b>	Director of Highways and Transport
<b>Officer taking the decision:</b>	John Davies Head of Highways Network Management, john.davies2@lancashire.gov.uk
<b>Service Area:</b>	Highways and Transport

**Key Details**

<b>Local Deterioration Fund 2023/24</b>	
<b>Decision Date:</b>	24/04/2024
<b>Part I or Part II:</b>	Part I
<b>Reason for Part II: (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Divisions Affected:</b>	(All Divisions);

**The Decision**

**Background**

In 2023/24 a total value of £3.2m was apportioned for Local Deterioration Funding. These schemes are prioritised by calculating the number of repeated visits to fix defects at the same location. The scheme size is generally under 2000m<sup>2</sup> which equates to an operational team conducting either one or two days resurfacing depending of the construction depth. This is to maximise efficiency of the workforce. The funding apportionment is divided into 3 programme tranches throughout the year, typically April, August, and November. Before each tranche is released, new up to date data is used in the analysis to ensure roads that have deteriorated within year and over the winter period are considered.

Tranches 1 and 2 from the 2023/24 apportionment have already been approved for delivery by the cabinet member and they have either already been delivered or have been programmed in for delivery.

On 4 October 2023, the government announced £8.3 billion of additional highways maintenance funding over the period 2023 to 2033 for highway maintenance funding (Network North additional highway maintenance allocations). For the financial year 2023/24 a further £3.661m has been allocated for Lancashire in addition to the funds already approved for the Highway Block of the Capital Programme.

An urgent report detailing the apportionments of the Network North additional highway maintenance allocations funding was submitted and was approved by the



leader of the County Council on the 23rd December 2023 to approve £836,208 for an additional programme of Local Deterioration schemes to be produced and delivered.

	Yes	No
<b>Is this a decision made under a specific delegation from Full Council, Cabinet or another committee?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If so, does this discharge the delegation in full?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Did the delegation require you to consult with a Cabinet Member(s) or specific officer(s) prior to taking the decision?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If so, specify the names of the Cabinet Member(s)/officer(s) you have consulted with:</b>		
Rupert Swarbrick, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport		
<b>The Decision</b>		
<p>In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and the Director of Highways and Transport, John Davies, Head of Highways Network Management, took the decision approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remaining funds of £ 591,814.63 from the 2023/24 Local Deterioration Fund apportionment to be allocated to the schemes detailed in Appendix A.</li> <li>A value of £ 836,208.00 approved by to be allocated to schemes detailed in Appendix B to supplement the Local Deterioration Fund 2023/24 from the additional funds received from the DfT.</li> </ul>		
<b>Were any other options considered and, if so, what were they and why were they discounted?</b>		
None.		
<b>Background Papers</b>		
Appendix A		

### **Declaration**

	Yes	N/A
In taking this decision, I confirm that I have taken into consideration and kept a record of all relevant advice from the following services:		
Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Where appropriate, consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) has been completed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where appropriate and where the decision impacts on a particular locality, the relevant councillor(s) for the electoral division(s) have been consulted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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