

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**  
**Report submitted by: Director Policy Information and Commissioning (Live Well)**  
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**Part I**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All

**Local Priority Response Fund**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

As result of efficiencies in delivering the Highways Block of the Corporate Capital Programme up to and including 2014/15, it is proposed to release £2.5 million from this Block to invest in improvements to urban unclassified carriageways and footways through the introduction of a Local Priority Response Fund in 2016/17.

It is proposed that the allocation be apportioned across the twelve districts on the basis of 50% population and 50% on a highway needs assessment in each district and that county councillors be invited to recommend improvements to urban unclassified carriageways and footways for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 have been complied with.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to:

- (i) Approve the creation of a £2.5 million Local Priority Response Fund in 2016/17 from the projected underspend on 2014/15 and Prior Year Starts programmes of the Highways Block of the Corporate Capital Programme.
- (ii) Agree that the allocation be used to invest in improvements to urban unclassified carriageways and footways.

(iii) Agree that the allocation be apportioned across the twelve districts on the basis of 50% population and 50% on a highway needs assessment in each district, as set out at Appendix 'A'.

(iv) Agree that County Councillors be invited to recommend improvements to urban unclassified carriageways and footways for consideration for funding from the allocation by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

## **Background and Advice**

The Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP), approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport in June 2014 sets out the county council's proposed 15 year strategy to maintain and improve the transport asset network in Lancashire between 2015/16 and 2029/30.

The TAMP prioritises the improvement of the strategic road network in Phase 1 (2015/16 – 19/20) to help boost the economy of Lancashire as well as improvements to the footway network to try and reduce the occurrence of trips and falls. The unclassified network is prioritised in Phase 2 (20/21 – 24/25).

However, as result of efficiencies in delivering the 2014/15 and Prior Starts programmes of the Highways Block of the Corporate Capital Programme it is proposed to release £2.5 million to invest in improvements to urban unclassified carriageways and footways through the introduction of a Local Priority Response Fund in 2016/17.

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## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

Investment in the unclassified network is planned to be prioritised in Phase 2 (2020/21 – 24/25) of the TAMP investment strategy period. This proposed additional investment of £2.5 million in 2016/17 in urban unclassified carriageways and footways will help to slow down the rate of deterioration of these highway assets.

## Financial

It is proposed that the 2016/17 Local Priority Response Fund of £2.5 million be funded from the projected underspend on the 2014/15 and Prior Year Starts programmes of the Highways Block of the Corporate Capital Programme. The allocation will be apportioned across the twelve districts on the basis of 50% population and 50% on a highway needs assessment in each district.

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Transport Asset Management Plan	June 2014	Sharon Montgomerie/Legal and Democratic Services/ (01772) 530544

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A