

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 May 2020

### Report of the Head of Service - Asset Management

#### Part I

Electoral Division affected:  
Ribble Velley North East,  
Longridge with Bowland,  
Chorley Rural East, Wyre Rural  
East, Burnley Rural, South  
Ribble East

### Severe Weather Funding for Damage following Storms Ciara and Dennis

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### Executive Summary

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- urgent (work required to prevent further deterioration that could cause road closures or community severance),
- priority (Works to be programmed in the next 6-12 months),
- work required (Remedial works to be programmed in the next 12-24 months)

The total estimated cost of repairs required due to the above storms is estimated at £4,709,385 (including £4,461,857 capital and £247,528 revenue costs).

Funding is required to undertake the urgent work that is required in the next 6 months with a value of £1,636,808.

#### Recommendation

The Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport are asked to approve that £1,636,808 be allocated to the urgent works, as detailed at Appendix 'A', from the £5m additional capital funding approved by Full Council, as part of the county council's budget, for highway maintenance in February 2020.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing

Order C29 as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities. The reason for this is that the decision has been designated as business critical by the relevant Executive Director, and any delay in its implementation would have an adverse effect on the operations of the county council.

## **Background and Advice**

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Capital Board has considered the damages and it is proposed that the non-urgent works be considered as first call in the preparation for the 21/22 capital programme and where possible will be advanced to 20/21 if underspends are identified within the works already approved in this year's capital programme.

Funding is required to undertake the urgent work that is required in the next 6 months with a value of £1,636,808, as detailed at Appendix 'A', to prevent further deterioration, road closures and community severance.

It is recommended that: £1,636,808 be allocated to the urgent works, as detailed at Appendix 'A', from the £5m additional capital approved by Full Council in February 2020 for highway maintenance. A further report will be presented to Cabinet in due course proposing the apportionment of the remaining additional funding of £3,363,192.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

Failure to approve funding for the schemes detailed at Appendix 'A' may result in further deterioration, road closures or community severance.

## **Financial**

In February 2020 Full Council approved an additional £5m for highways capital schemes for 2020/21, as yet this funding has not been allocated to specific schemes. The urgent works will be the first call on this money, with the non-urgent works being considered along with other projects for the remainder of this money, then prioritised for inclusion in the 2021/22 programme using Transport Asset Management Plan principles. The Highways Capital Programme for 2020/21 was approved by Full Council as part of the county council's budget in February 2020 and prioritised work according to TAMP principles at that time.

## **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		