

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 1 April 2021

Report of the Head of Service - Policy Information and Commissioning (Age Well)

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Highways Capital Programme - Proposed Additional Schemes (Appendices 'A' to 'I' refer)

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Executive Summary

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This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order C19 have been complied with.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Approve the proposed scheme lists set out at Appendices 'C' to 'I'.
- (ii) Approve that the Local Deterioration Fund be top sliced to create a £0.619 million contingency to allow flexibility to deal with any justifiable emerging issues identified with the proposed programme or at other locations.
- (iii) Authorise the Director of Highways and Transport to approve and publish the proposed schemes/changes in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Background and Advice

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With regard to the Localised Deterioration Fund (£3 million), this has been approved to fund small schemes determined on a countywide prioritisation based on condition, the number of defects, repeat visits to defects, claims and complaints received, along with the route strategic significance. It is proposed that the allocation is top sliced to create a £0.619 million contingency to allow flexibility to deal with any justifiable emerging issues identified with the proposed programme or at other locations. It is also proposed that the Director of Highways and Transport be authorised to approve and publish the proposed schemes/changes in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members for Highways and Transport.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The delivery of the proposed programmes/projects is dependent on the 2020/21 highway maintenance programme outturn position which will not be known until spring 2021. The programmes may be subject to change after this date.

There is a risk that some of the detailed highway programmes/projects may not be delivered or could be delayed due to changes to estimated costs, other priorities emerging within year as a result of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is being managed but may result in delays to delivery.

Financial

Highways Maintenance

The programmes will be funded from the 2021/22 highway maintenance grant funding from the Department for Transport and the additional £10 million of funding approved by Full Council for highways on 11 February 2021. Should the level of funding in the Determination of Grant letter be different to the publicised allocations then the implications will be reported to Cabinet.

Legal

The Authority has a duty to maintain publicly maintainable highways – both vehicular and those which are in the Public Rights of Way network.

Maintenance includes drainage and includes maintaining various structures such as some bridges, culverts etc.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A