

Decision Maker: **Environment Portfolio Holder**

For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Environment PDS Committee on:

Date: **23rd September 2014**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: **ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

This report recommends additional highways maintenance works for completion during the current financial year, following the provision of an additional £1m of revenue funding by the Council for the impact of winter damage and £715k capital funding from TfL.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Environment Portfolio Holder:

- 2.1 **Approves the inclusion of the £1.515m works detailed in Table 2 of the report within the Council's programme of planned highway maintenance for 2014/15; and**
- 2.2 **Agrees to allocate the remaining £200k of additional resources to the budget for emergency and reactive highway repairs.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £1.515m for planned highway maintenance, £200k for emergency and reactive highway maintenance
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-Recurring Cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Highways and earmarked reserve
 4. Total current budget for this head: £715k and £1m
 5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budget 2014/15 and earmarked reserve for impact of winter damage (repairs to potholes & highways)
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 4
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 4 fte
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Borough Wide
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

General

- 3.1 In January 2014 the Environment Portfolio Holder agreed the programme of schemes to be included within the 2014/15 planned highway maintenance programme. In February 2014 additional funding of £1m was made available by the Executive for highway maintenance to manage the impact of winter damage. An additional £715k was also made available through the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) process from TfL for highway repairs due to winter damage
- 3.2 The annual report on highway maintenance will be presented to the Environment PDS committee in November 2014, when the planned highway maintenance programmes for 2015/16 and beyond will be considered.

Additional TfL LIP Funds £715k

- 3.3 When the additional £715k funding was allocated by TfL it was agreed that priority would be given to bus route resurfacing, and there was a requirement that works should be completed by the end of August 2014. To meet these objectives the following schemes were selected from the 2014/15 approved planned highway maintenance programme to be funded from these extra LIP resources:

Barfield Road	Bickley	Gosshill Road to Golf Road
Copers Cope Road	Copers Cope	Grangewood Lane to Park Road
Cumberland Road	Shortlands	South Hill Road to St Mary's Avenue
Melody Road	Biggin Hill	Whitby Close to Spring Gardens
Rangefield Road	Plaistow and Sundridge	Complete Length
South Eden Park Road	Kelsy & Eden Park	Sth Eden Park Road r/about to Cresswell Drive
Sundridge Avenue	Bickley/Plaistow and Sundridge	Logs Hill to Orchard Road
Village Way	Kelsy & Eden Park	Uplands to Stone Park Avenue
Windsor Drive	Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom	Glentrammon Road to number 113
Worsley Bridge Road	Copers Cope	Montana Gardens to Jctn with the tennis courts

Proposals

- 3.4 In order to maintain the highway network in a safe condition, it is proposed to use £200k of the £1m made available by the Executive to supplement the budget for emergency and reactive repairs. This will address the damage caused by the winter weather. It is also proposed that the remaining £800k of supplementary funding be utilised to improve the condition of the highway network, by undertaking additional road resurfacing schemes as part of the planned highway maintenance programme.
- 3.5 The latest condition surveys have been assessed and a priority list of additional schemes prepared for completion this financial year, funded from £800k of the additional revenue resources earmarked for the impact of the winter damage and as replacement schemes for those approved schemes completed using the extra TfL funding (£715k). These are detailed in Table 2 below:

Balmoral Avenue	Kelsey & Eden Park	All
Birchwood Road	Petts Wood & Knoll	Chislehurst Road to number 41
Chipperfield Road	Cray Valley West	St Peters Lane to Midfield Way
Churchfield Road	Clock House	All
Edward Road	Plaistow & Sundridge	All
Elysian Avenue	Cray Valley West	All
Felstead Road	Orpington	1 - 55
Garden Road	Plaistow & Sundridge	All
Gates Green Road	Hayes & Coney Hall	Croydon Road to Kingsway
Glanville Road	Bromley Town	All
Green Lane	Chislehurst	Barham Road to bb
Hayes Lane	Shortlands	Scotts Lane to South Eden Park Road
Kelsey Park Road	Kelsey & Eden Park	All
Kings Road	Biggin Hill	Oaklands Road to Rose Hill Road
Leamington Avenue	Plaistow & Sundridge	All
Links Road / Hayes Lane	West Wickham	Station Road to Rose View
Lovelace Avenue	Bromley Common & Keston	All
Pickhurst Lane	West Wickham	Hayes Street to The Knole
Spur Road	Orpington	slip road
St John's Road	Petts Wood & Knoll	Crofton Lane to Berger Close
Station Approach	Hayes & Coney Hall	All
Sutherland Avenue	Petts Wood & Knoll	All
Towncourt Crescent	Petts Wood & Knoll	All
Walden Road	Chislehurst	All
Yester Road	Chislehurst	Lubbock Road to Yester Park

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Environment Portfolio Plan 2013/16 includes the key Aim “Invest in the quality of our roads, pavements and street lighting”, and notes that “Satisfaction with the condition of roads and pavements has a significant impact on residents’ confidence in the Council”. Maintaining the highway asset in an appropriate condition contributes to the Council’s vision of providing a place where people choose to live and do business, and links well with the Building a Better Bromley priorities of a quality environment, vibrant thriving town centres and safer communities.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 TfL had previously approved additional LIP funding of £715k for bus route resurfacing. Table 1 above (paragraph 3.3) lists those schemes selected from the existing approved planned highway maintenance programme which were funded from these new resources. Consequently, £715k of the 2014/15 planned highway maintenance revenue budget has been freed up to be used for new schemes.
- 5.2 On 24th February 2014, full Council agreed to set aside earmarked reserves totalling £1.475m, funded from underspends in 2013/14, for one-off Member initiatives. £1m of this was for the repairs to potholes and highways as a result of the impact of winter damage.
- 5.3 This report is requesting approval for £1.515k of additional planned highway maintenance schemes, as listed in Table 2 above. These schemes will be funded using: £800k of the £1m made available by the Executive; and the £715k released from the revenue budget for planned highway maintenance as a direct result of the action taken to utilise the TfL monies.

5.4 The report is also seeking approval to use £200k of the reserve for emergency and reactive highway repairs.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Under the Highways Act 1980 the Council, as the Highway Authority, has duties to ensure the safe passage of highway users and to maintain the highway.

7 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Additional agency staff will be employed to manage the additional budgets.

Non-Applicable Sections:	None
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	ES14009 – Planned Highway Maintenance 2014 FSD14014 – 2014/15 Council Tax