

Name of meeting: CABINET
Date: 19th March 2019
Title of report: 2019/20 Road Surfacing Programme (Large schemes)

Purpose of report: This is a key decision to seek approval for a programme of road resurfacing schemes for 2019/20. These are schemes that each requires spend of more than £250,000 on the road network.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes -Greater than £250k -Affects more than 1 ward
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Yes
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	Karl Battersby - 7.03.2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Eamonn Croston - 11.03.2019
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft - 11.03.2019
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Naheed Mather – Communities and Environment

Electoral wards affected: Ashbrow, Dalton, Newsome.

Ward councillors consulted:

Public or private: PUBLIC

GDPR - The report contains no personal data and is GDPR compliant.

1. Summary

Road resurfacing works are proposed within the Highways Capital Plan for the following roads. The extent of works is shown on the attached plans.

Scheme	From	To	Ward	Scheme Estimate	Programme	Plan
A62 Leeds Road, Huddersfield/Deighton	Old Fieldhouse Lane	Brooklands	Ashbrow Dalton	£750,000	Principal Roads	DS/49/99999/CAB
B6432 Firth Street, Huddersfield	B6432 Colne Road	A629 Wakefield Road	Dalton Newsome	£300,000	Principal Roads	DS/25/64091/CAB

TABLE 1

2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 Annual surveys of road condition identify the backlog of road repairs. The current backlog by road classification is shown in Table 2. These schemes will repair roads and improve the backlog of repair.

Road type	backlog	Year on year performance
A Roads	6km (3%)	steady
B & C Roads	10km (4%)	steady
Other roads (U)	250km (21%)	declining

TABLE 2

- 2.2 The funding source is a grant through the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Grant allocation. Road surfacing schemes consider the needs of all road users hence elements of road safety e.g improved skid resistance, network management, drainage etc are included in the schemes.
- 2.3 The schemes will be discussed during Utility Liaison Meetings by the Highways - Streetworks Co-ordinator and any necessary utility works will be carried out prior to the resurfacing. A Section 58 Protection has been issued for the extents of the proposed surfacing, which will provide a 5 year protection from utility excavations unless in an emergency situation.
- 2.4 We are aware that these schemes may cause significant difficulties for through traffic. Officers will be in discussions with local councillors about the proposed improvements, and how delay and disruption can be minimised where possible. Early contractor involvement on the resurfacing works should help to mitigate some of the problems which the works will cause.

2.5 A62 Leeds Road, Huddersfield/Deighton

- 2.5.1 The works comprise road resurfacing with minor footway repairs and drainage repairs.
- 2.5.2 Subject to Cabinet Approval, works are programmed to start June 2019.
- 2.5.3 Proposed actions to minimise disruption:
- Advanced vehicle messaging signs will be erected informing drivers about the intended works and to expect delays.

- Working at off-peak times to minimise the impact of the work to through traffic.
- Local and digital media will be used to inform road users of local road closures, the progress and potential for delay and disruption.
- The method of work will involve a mixture of weekend work, weekday work through the off peak period and night shifts between the hours of 7pm and 7am.
- Side roads will be closed as necessary.

2.6 B6432 Firth Street, Huddersfield

2.6.1 The works comprise road resurfacing, footway repairs, drainage repairs and reconstruction of the existing traffic calming features.

2.6.2 Subject to Cabinet Approval, works are programmed to start July 2019.

2.6.3 Proposed actions to minimise disruption:

- Advanced vehicle messaging signs will be erected informing drivers about the intended works and to expect delays.
- Working at off-peak times to minimise the impact of the work to through traffic.
- Working outside of University term dates to minimise the impact on the University.
- Local and digital media will be used to inform road users of local road closures, the progress and potential for delay and disruption.
- A road closure will be put in place to allow the works to be carried out safely. The timings of this closure will be considered in order to minimise the impact on local businesses as much as reasonably practicable.
- The method of work will involve a mixture of weekend work, weekday work through the off peak period and night shifts between the hours of 7pm and 7am.
- Side roads will be closed as necessary.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

These schemes will be developed in conjunction with communication, consultation and feedback from the community and their representatives.

3.2 Working with Partners

Maintenance and improvements to the transport network are vital for the development of local businesses and helps develop Kirklees as a quality place where people want to live, work and visit.

3.3 Place Based Working

These works are part of a programme of road resurfacing that is shaped to follow good asset management practice.

3.4 Improving outcomes for children

There will be no impact

3.5 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

These works are part of a detailed capital plan that will be managed and monitored by the service in accordance with 3.10 of the Council's Financial

4. Consultees and their opinions

Consultation will be undertaken with local businesses/residents and the local ward Councillors. A further information letter will go out to all frontage properties/businesses in advance of each scheme starting, detailing the programme for the works.

5. Next steps and timelines

Officers will progress the design and construction of the works.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That Cabinet approves the large scheme road surfacing programme.

Reasons:

The schemes improve important local routes and reduce the maintenance backlog.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

Councillor Peter McBride on behalf of Councillor Naheed Mather

The Capital Plan is currently a modest program, partly funded from the centre and partly from local borrowing. In recent years we have become more dependent on West Yorkshire, for income for strategic schemes or for responding to government bidding processes. Mostly what we see here, is proposed expenditure on maintenance which is hardly sufficient to meet demands of major and strategic routes, which leaves the backlog on the rest, ie the majority of roads widening still further.

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Papers: Appendix 1 - Location Plans

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