

Name of meeting and date: CABINET 16 JUNE 2009

Title of report: B 6106 DUNFORD ROAD, HOLMFIRTH

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
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Yes February 09
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Cabinet member portfolio:	REGNERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Electoral wards affected and ward councillors consulted:

Holme Valley South

Clirs Donald Firth, Kenneth Sims, Nigel Patrick

Public or private: PUBLIC

1. Purpose of report

This is a key decision to seek Cabinet views on a scheme to reconstruct 640m of the B 6106 Dunford Road, Holmfirth between Town Gate and Well Hill Road.

2. Key points

- 2.1 Major road and pavement reconstruction works are proposed for B 6106 Dunford Road, Holmfirth between Town Gate and Well Hill Road as part of the Non Principal Road surfacing Programme
- 2.2 The approved 10 year strategy to remove the backlog of improvements required on all classified non-principal roads by 2010 shows that 36km of roads require treatment. These works contribute 0.42 km towards that figure.
- 2.3 The works include:
 - Re-kerbing and resurfacing of pavements (Sections only)
 - Bus stop improvements to current standards with raised kerb heights and bus stop clearways, as agreed with METRO.
 - Street Lighting Improvements

- Ongoing drainage repairs
- Improved accessibility with kerbs dropped to ease pedestrian access
- Road surfacing.
- 2.4 The scheme is estimated to cost £250,000. Funding is from the Non Principal Road programme 4B within the approved Highways Capital Plan.
- 2.5 Drainage works are in progress to allow the road to be resurfaced by mid summer 2009. The majority of these drainage works have been undertaken under temporary traffic signals. The signals operate in the vehicle actuated mode so as not to cause excessive traffic queues.
- 2.6 The retaining wall supporting South Lane, has been found to be in poor condition and further investigation is required to determine the full extent of reconstruction works and to allow a cost effective design to be prepared. This will take several months to achieve, and a likely start date for the walling works is spring 2010. As a consequence the resurfacing of Dunford Road will be undertaken in 2 phases.
- 2.7 The first phase of works, which starts approx 100 metres above Towngate is expected to start late July 2009 and be completed within 2 weeks. This section is in the worst condition, so it is considered appropriate to surface it this summer rather than allow another winters deterioration.
 - The second phase, which comprises the first 100 metres from Towngate is expected to be completed summer 2010 in conjunction with the reconstruction of the retaining wall which supports South Lane.
- 2.8 Traffic management measures will cause significant difficulties for residents and local businesses. Road widths are such that closures are needed to allow operations to be undertaken safely. It is expected that the resurfacing can be undertaken by making Dunford Road 'One Way' (towards Holmfirth) Although this element of the works will require an extensive diversion route. For Phase 2, South Lane will also need to be closed at it's junction with Dunford Road. Temporary traffic lights will also be required from time to time.

Closures will be implemented in conjunction with local consultation, particularly with Ward Members, businesses, METRO and the emergency services.

There is a significant amount of on-street parking arrangements on this length of road, particularly during the working week. The works will be timed to coincide with the peak summer holiday period.

Early contractor involvement on the resurfacing aspect of the works should help to mitigate some of the problems which the works will cause.

2.9 At present, none of the public utilities have works to undertake within the extent of the scheme.

3. Implications for the Council

The scheme contributes to B Road condition by halting the deterioration and reducing the maintenance backlog as identified in National Performance Indicator NI169

4. Consultees and their opinions

A questionnaire has gone out to frontage properties and Ward councillors have been consulted.

Councillors are happy with the recommendations.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

That Cabinet approves the scheme for the reconstruction of B 6106 Dunford Road, Holmfirth. The scheme reduces the maintenance backlog and improves a local strategic route.

6. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

I support the officer recommendation.

7. Next steps

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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