

Name of meeting: Date:	Cabinet 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Title of report:	A629 Wakefield Road, Aspley/Moldgreen, Road Resurfacing
Purpose of Report:	Cabinet will be asked to approve a scheme in line with Kirklees Asset Management Strategy to resurface A629 Wakefield Road between Aspley Basin and Green Mount, Huddersfield

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 and affects three electoral wards
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's</u> <u>Forward Plan</u> (key decisions and private reports?	Yes
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by <u>Scrutiny</u> ?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Paul Kemp - Assistant Director - Place - 27.03.2017
Is it also signed off by the assistant Director for Financial Management, IT, Risk and Performance?	Debbie Hogg - 23.03.2017
Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance and Monitoring)?	Julie Muscroft - 27.03.2017
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Musarrat Khan - Highways & Neighbourhoods

Electoral wards affected: Almondbury, Dalton, Newsome

Ward councillors consulted: Cllrs Karen Alison, Judith Hughes, Linda Wilkinson, Musarrat Khan, Naheed Mather, Peter McBride, Andrew Cooper, Bernard McGuin, Julie Stewart - Turner

Public or private: PUBLIC

# 1. Summary

Major road resurfacing works are proposed for the A629 Wakefield Road between Aspley Place and St Pauls Methodist Church at Moldgreen as part of the Principal Road Programme 1A. See attached plan number HM25/64087/CAB for the extent of the works.

# 2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 The current backlog of A road repairs is around 9km. Timely intervention as condition deteriorates minimises repair costs. The scheme will repair sections within the backlog and halt the deterioration of lengths that would otherwise soon add to the backlog.
- 2.2 The works comprise drainage/pavement repairs and road resurfacing. The scheme is estimated to cost £1.3 million with funding from the Principal Roads programme 1A within the approved Highways Capital Plan. The funding source is a grant through the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Maintenance grant allocation. The scheme is included in the detailed Highways Capital Plan 2017/18 which is also presented on the Cabinet Agenda for today - 4 April 2017.
- 2.3 Subject to Cabinet Approval, works are programmed to start May 2017.
- 2.4 The A629 Wakefield Road is a primary route into Huddersfield Town Centre from Sheffield and Wakefield, as well as providing an important link to local communities.
- 2.5 We are aware that this scheme may cause significant difficulties for local businesses, residents and 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.

Proposed actions have been identified so far including:

- 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.
- The temporary closure of the inbound bus lane and a contra flow traffic management system put in place to allow the programme to be expedited therefore reducing disruption to a minimum
- Some sections of the work will require junctions onto the A629 to be closed to allow work to be carried out safely. The timings of these closures will be considered in order to minimise disruption to local residents and through traffic.
- Works will be phased, and access to the maximum amount of businesses/properties will be maintained as much as is possible. Residents and businesses within the affected area will be updated regularly.
- The method of work will be split between daytime off peak working and twilight shifts between the hours of 7pm and 11pm.

- Sections of the A629 will need to be resurfaced under contra flow as the running lane widths are not adequate to provide safe working zones for the Contractor.
- Temporary traffic lights will also be required.
- 2.6 The scheme will be discussed during Utility Liaison Meetings by the Streetscene Streetworks Co-ordinator and any necessary utility works will be carried out prior to the resurfacing. Northern Gas Networks recently completed their works in February 2017. A Section 58 Protection has been issued for the extents of the length of proposed surfacing which will provide a 5 year protection from utility excavations unless in an emergency situation.

### 3. Implications for the Council

Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP) - There will be no impact

Economic Resilience (ER) - A well maintained road network supports the development of local businesses and helps develop Kirklees as a quality place where people want to live, work and visit.

Improving Outcomes for Children - There will be no impact

Reducing demand for Services - The scheme contributes to providing real help for communities by halting the deterioration and reducing the need for reactive maintenance.

### 4. Consultees and their opinions

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

#### 5. Next steps

Officers will progress the design and construction of the works.

Joanne Bartholomew - Assistant Director - Place, is the officer responsible for this report.

#### 6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That Cabinet approves the scheme for the reconstruction of A629 Wakefield Road.

Reasons:

The scheme improves a local strategic route and reduces the maintenance backlog in accordance with Kirklees Asset Management Strategy

# 7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendation

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Cllr Musarrat Khan, supports the officer recommendations and for the report to proceed to Cabinet to gain approval for the reconstruction of A629 Wakefield Road.

# 8. Contact officer

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### 9. Background papers and History of Decisions

Papers: Appendix 1 - HM25/64087/CAB - Location Plan

### 9. Assistant Director responsible

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