



Name of meeting: CABINET
Date: 22nd January 2019

Title of Report Additional Local Highways Maintenance Funding 2018/2019

Purpose of Report This is a key decision to seek approval for an enhanced programme of highway maintenance on Local Community Roads.

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 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 <u>Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director - Finance (S151 Officer)? Is it also signed off by the Service Director - Legal, Governance and Commissioning?	Karl Battersby - 10.01.2019 Eamonn Croston - 10.01.2019 Julie Muscroft - 10.01.2019
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Naheed Mather - Communities and Environment

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All

Ward councillors consulted:

Public or private: PUBLIC

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

1. Summary

In the Budget 2018 the Chancellor announced £420 million additional capital funding in 2018/19 for Highway Authorities to tackle potholes, repair damaged roads, and invest in keeping bridges open and safe.

The funding has been allocated to individual authorities using the same model used to distribute the Maintenance Needs Grant. This considers inventory data provided by each authority regarding the assets for which they are responsible.

The Kirklees allocation is £2,711,000. It is a condition of the funding that it is used by the end of March 2019. Other grant Conditions are shown in Appendix A.

The proposal is to allocate this funding where condition surveys show the greatest need and that is to our Local Community Roads (the unclassified road network).

2. Information required to take a decision

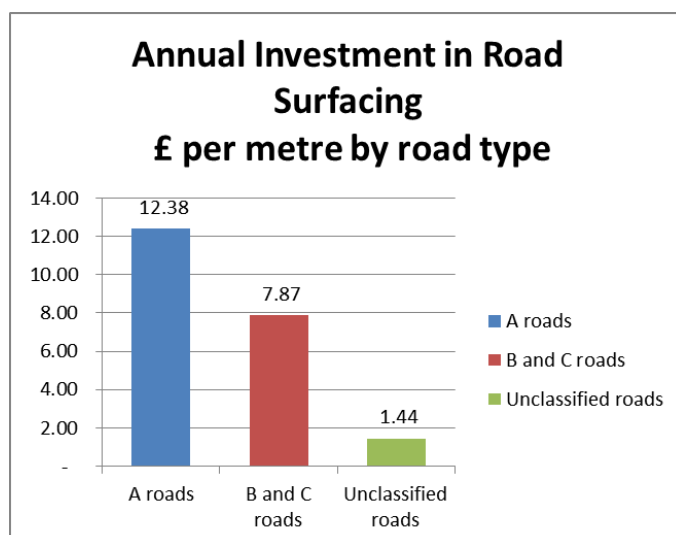
2.1 The Highway asset - The Roads we maintain:

Principal Roads (A roads)	210km
Roads Connecting Communities (B and C Roads)	239km
Local Community Roads (U Roads – Where most people live)	1462km
Total	1911km

We invest around £6.6m per year (£5.1m LTP grant, £1.5m Kirklees capital) to improve road condition. This does not include cyclic and reactive repairs.

The current strategy is to direct funds at the Classified ABC network to maintain current condition on our busiest roads. This is also a requirement of the Central Government funding structure and the allocation of grants, which provides only £0.6m for unclassified roads whilst Kirklees allocates £1.5m from its own capital.

As a consequence our unclassified road network is underfunded as shown in the following table:



The strategy has maintained good condition on the Classified road network but the decline in local road condition is such that around one in three need resurfacing.

2.2 The Highways Capital Plan

The current approved Highways Capital Plan is £19,515,012 and the Asset Management budget within that figure is £12,531,206. An increase of £2,711,000 at this stage of the financial year has significant resource implications both for the design / procurement process and contractors' availability to deliver the work. We anticipate increased works on the ground over the next 6 months and some element of re-profiling grant expenditure to ensure this new grant is spent by the end of March.

2.3 Proposed Works

It is proposed to allocate budget to works on our local roads in accordance with good asset management practise.

Grant is to be allocated to the following schemes:

An enhanced programme of road surfacing in residential areas and well used access routes. Roads identified as a priority for repair through condition and survey inspections.

Replacing flags with bituminous construction and footway surfacing in residential areas. Footways identified as a priority for repair through condition and survey inspections and providing a local amenity for medical, educational, public transport, retail facilities etc.

Pothole and patch repairs increasing the reactive response to customer service requests and internal safety inspections. On 4th January 2019 there was an outstanding list of 329 reported potholes requiring repair.

Town centre masons to tackle the backlog of repairs in the two town centres, particularly pavements and pedestrian areas.

Bridge strengthening on two structures.

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Road surfacing	1,031,000
Footway surfacing	500,000
Reactive repairs	930,000
Town centre masons	70,000
Bridge strengthening	180,000
Total	2,711,000

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

The proposals improve residential areas and will take account of condition, hierarchy, service requests received and third party claims.

3.2 Working with Partners

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.

3.3 Place Based Working

Sites will be identified where community access need is greatest e.g. schools, shops, community facilities.

3.4 Improving Outcomes for Children

There will be no impact.

4. Consultees and their opinions

This report has been prepared in consultation with Strategic Directors, Service Directors, Heads of Service, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Environment, through discussion at Senior Leadership Team, Portfolio Briefing, and the Executive Team.

5. Next steps

Highways will identify, design and procure works in accordance with paragraph 2.3 of this report. The programme will be managed within the Highways Capital Plan.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Note the Council's grant allocation dated 13th November 2018 from the Department of Transport of £2,711,000 as a result of the Chancellor's 2018 Budget for local highways maintenance which will form part of the council's Highways capital plan to be used before 31st March 2019.

Authorise the allocation of the grant funding in para 6.1 where condition surveys show the greatest need, namely, Local Community Roads (the unclassified road network).

That the Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder - Communities and Environment be authorised to agree a programme of highway surfacing works to implement paragraph 6.2

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendation

Cllr Naheed Mather welcomes the additional budget and is happy with the proposed budget allocation with a priority for footway surfacing in main urban centres and footways leading to community/faith centres etc. Cllr Mather has asked for further information on the choice of road surfacing sites and consultation in developing the programme. Cllr Mather was in agreement, that this report, should proceed to Cabinet.

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9. Background papers and History of Decisions

Papers: Appendix A - Grant Conditions

10. Service Director responsible

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