

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

14 June 2016

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUNDING 2016-17 (HIGHWAYS,
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE)**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet approval to accept Government grants for highway maintenance and to add programmes of schemes funded by these to the capital programme.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At its meeting on 5 April 2016, Cabinet considered a report setting out capital programmes under the Economy, Transport and (then) Environment Department's Service Plan (Minute No.117/16 refers). These included a £17.4 million programme of highways and transport maintenance funded by Government grant and also the 2016-17 element of the Accelerated Highway Maintenance programme, approved by Cabinet at its meeting of 5 August 2014 (Minute No. 283/14 refers). Shortly after Cabinet approved the Service Plan programme, notification was received of two further grant offers from Government which can be used to supplement the approved programme:

Pothole Action Fund

In his speech to the Road Surface Treatment Association Annual Conference on 7 April 2016 the Parliamentary Under Secretary for State, Andrew Jones MP, announced details of the 2016-17 funding allocations for the Pothole Action Fund. The fund forms part of a Government commitment made in December 2014 to provide £6 billion for local highway maintenance over the period 2015-16 to 2020-21. Under this element, the County Council is invited to draw down grant of £1.106m. This offer is conditional in that the local highway authority must commit to target these funds on permanently fixing potholes on its roads or by stopping them forming in the first place. This funding must complement (rather than displace) planned highway maintenance expenditure for 2016-17.

To promote greater transparency, Government also expects each authority to publish an annual report on its website by the end of March 2017 illustrating the amount spent on pothole repairs, including a quantifiable report of the specific activities that have been undertaken, including the location. Activities could include permanent pothole repairs or patching/resurfacing to help

prevent potholes from forming. This requirement for an allocation to named projects and the monitoring of outturn costs is entirely consistent with the Economy, Transport and Communities Department's own procedures for setting and monitoring its Service Plan programme. Notification of the offer was received on 8 April 2016 with a requirement that by 22 April 2016, the Council's Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) must confirm its acceptance and agree to comply with the conditions as set out above. This has, therefore, already been accepted and the payment from Government has been received. It is now recommended that the grant is allocated to the specific projects set out (in Service Plan format) in Appendix 1 to this report and added to the capital programme.

Maintenance Grant Incentive Element

Also received from Government's £6 billion commitment to local highway maintenance is incentive funding, designed to encourage local authorities to adopt best practice in asset management and maintenance. Cabinet received a report into this at its meeting of 1 September 2015 (Minute Number 307/15 refers). Government has introduced a scheme under which local highway authorities carry out a self-assessment of their compliance with asset management principles, the outcome of which places them in one of three bands (Band 3 being the highest). The Council's self-assessment, placing Derbyshire in Band 2, can be found on the website:

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/transport_asset_management/dft_incentive_fund/default.asp

Cabinet will have taken note from the previous report that there are strong financial incentives to maintain the highest assessment band. For 2016-17, Government has accepted the Council's self-assessment and offered an un-ring fenced grant of £1.063m. This represents the full amount of funding available this year and is not ring-fenced. From 2017-18 onwards, authorities that have not achieved Band 3 status lose a proportion of their nominal allocation and there will be both financial and reputational consequences should the Authority allocate grant provided for highway maintenance purposes to any other activities. It is therefore recommended that the grant funding is accepted, and allocated to the specific schemes set out in Appendix 2. These represent the highest priorities based upon assessment of asset management condition that fell outside the (£17.4m) Service Plan budget, and that can still be delivered in the 2016-17 programme year.

In agreeing to accept the grant offers set out in this report, Cabinet is asked to note that these are gross sums, which need to accommodate design and preparation costs, as well as works. Appendices 1 and 2 set out the allowances made for these.

(3) **Financial Considerations** As set out in the body of the report, a Section 31 Grant of £1.106m from the Pothole Action Fund has been accepted by the Director of Finance. The offer of £1.063m from the

Maintenance Grant Incentive Element, if accepted, would fall within the Authority's single capital pot.

(4) **Social Value Considerations** Better maintained highway network will improve connectivity and support economic well-being across the County.

(5) **Property Considerations** All work to be carried out within the proposed maintenance programmes will be within the public highway.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health and transport considerations.

(6) **Key Decision** Yes.

(7) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(8) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details - Jim Seymour, extension 38557.

(9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet:

9.1 Agrees the allocation of £1.106m Section 31 grant from the Pothole Action Fund to the schemes set out in Appendix 1 to this report and their addition to the capital programme.

9.2 Agrees to accept a grant offer of £1.063m from the Maintenance Grant Incentive Element, its allocation to the schemes set out in Appendix 2 and their addition to the capital programme.

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Appendix 1

2016/17 Pothole Action Fund Programme

Scheme Number			Parish	Location (list of streets or names of assets affected. Wider area schemes use a broad location)	Intervention description (linked to project/ programme objectives)	Electoral Division	2016/17 Works cost estimate
		01	Sheepbridge	Sheepbridge Lane	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	St Mary's	£60,000
		02	Swadlincote	Nursery Close	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Swadlincote North	£31,000
		03	Hadfield	Station Road	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Etherow/ Glossop & Charlesworth	£63,000
		04	Brampton	School Board Lane	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Boythorpe & Brampton South	£36,000
		05	Swadlincote	Westfield Lane	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Swadlincote Central	£51,000
		06	Buxton	Spencer Road	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Buxton West	£29,000
		07	Pinxton	Brookhill Road (Phase 1)	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	South Normanton & Pinxton	£86,000
		08	Ockbrook	The Ridings	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Sandiacre	£38,000
		09	Buxton	Temple Road	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Buxton West	£68,000
		10	Bolsover	Houfton Road	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Bolsover North	£45,000
		11	Ripley	Laurel Avenue	Carriageway resurfacing to prevent potholes	Ripley West & Heage	£41,000
		12	Countywide	Countywide	Design and fees for pothole hole action fund resurfacing schemes	Countywide	£50,000
		13	Countywide	Various locations	Traditional and innovative patching for permanent pothole repairs	Various	£508,000
Pothole Action Fund Programme Total							£1,106,000

2016/17 Maintenance Grant Incentive Element Programme

Summary

Carriageway maintenance – non principal roads	£305,000
Footway maintenance	£398,000
Drainage and flood management	£110,000
Bridges, structures, retaining walls and highway boundary structures	£75,000
Other greenway maintenance	£75,000
Design, fees and contingency	£100,000
Maintenance Grant Incentive Element Total	£1,063,000

Appendix 2

Carriageway Maintenance – Non Principal Roads							
Scheme Number			Parish	Location (list of streets or names of assets affected. Wider area schemes use a broad location)	Intervention description (linked to project/ programme objectives)	Electoral Division	2016/17 Works cost estimate
01	02	20	Clowne	B6418 Low Road (Stanfree to Nursery)	Carriageway resurfacing	Barlborough & Clowne	£75,000
01	02	21	Ripley	B6179 Nottingham Road (Chapel Street to Nottingham Road one-way)	Carriageway resurfacing	Ripley East & Codnor	£25,000
01	02	22	Ripley	C74 Hammersmith (Lowes Hill to Butterley Lane)	Carriageway resurfacing	Ripley East & Codnor	£25,000
01	02	23	Ripley	B6179 Church Street (Cromford Road to Chapel Street one-way)	Carriageway resurfacing	Ripley East & Codnor	£35,000
01	02	24	Ilkeston	B6007 Manners Road (Bristol Road to A6007 roundabout)	Carriageway resurfacing	Ilkeston West	£60,000
01	02	25	Long Eaton	C342 Station Road (Main Street to Bonsall Street)	Carriageway resurfacing	Long Eaton	£55,000
01	02	26	Crich	B5035 Roes Lane (Crich Cross to speed limit)	Carriageway resurfacing	Alport & Derwent	£30,000
Carriageway Maintenance – Non Principal Roads Total							£305,000

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Footway Maintenance							
Scheme Number			Parish	Location (list of streets or names of assets affected. Wider area schemes use a broad location)	Intervention description (linked to project/ programme objectives)	Electoral Division	2016/17 Works cost estimate
01	03	34	Pleasley	A617 Pleasley By-pass (Footbridge to County boundary)	Footway resurfacing	Shirebrook & Pleasley	£10,000
01	03	35	Wirskworth	Church Walk	Relay stone slabs and improve drainage	Wirksworth	£65,000
01	03	36	Long Eaton	Curzon Street (Phase 3)	Footway resurfacing	Petersham	£30,000
01	03	37	Eckington	Chesterfield Road (crossroads to Bolehill Lane) – south side only	Footway resurfacing	Eckington & Killamarsh	£15,000
01	03	38	Hasland	Talbot Street	Footway resurfacing	Birdholme	£22,000
01	03	39	Wingerworth	Meadowside Close	Footway resurfacing	Wingerworth & Shirland	£20,000
01	03	40	Countywide	Various locations	Patching, resurfacing and slurry sealing of the most heavily used footways according to the footway hierarchy e.g. town centres.	Various	£236,000
Footway Maintenance Total							£398,000

Drainage and Flood Management							
Scheme Number			Parish	Location (list of streets or names of assets affected. Wider area schemes use a broad location)	Intervention description (linked to project/ programme objectives)	Electoral Division	2016/17 Works cost estimate
01	04	15	Wirksworth	West End	Drainage improvements	Wirksworth	£35,000
01	04	16	Shipley	A6007 Hardy Barn/ Hassocky Lane North	Drainage improvements	Greater Heanor	£75,000
Drainage and Flood Management Total							£110,000

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Bridges, Structures, Retaining Walls and Highway Boundary Structures							
Scheme Number			Parish	Location (list of streets or names of assets affected. Wider area schemes use a broad location)	Intervention description (linked to project/ programme objectives)	Electoral Division	2016/17 Works cost estimate
01	05	21	Kniveton	Kniveton Lane (C25030)	Repairs/ strengthening	Wirksworth	£75,000
Bridges, Structures, Retaining Walls and Highway Boundary Structures Total							£75,000

Other Greenway Maintenance							
Scheme Number			Parish	Location (list of streets or names of assets affected. Wider area schemes use a broad location)	Intervention description (linked to project/ programme objectives)	Electoral Division	2016/17 Works cost estimate
01	11	03	New Mills/ Hayfield	Sett Valley Trail	Additional funding to 2016/17 scheme to rectify sinkhole by infilling sinkhole, new culvert and resurfacing of trail, including section damaged by flood water.	New Mills	£50,000
01	11	04	Chelmorton	Pennine Bridleway National Trail – Highstool Lane	Resurfacing using locally sourced limestone, install drainage and re-profile track. Route is part of the promoted Eroica cycle ride.	Dovedale	£25,000
Other Greenway Maintenance Total							£75,000

Design, fees and contingency							
Scheme Number			Parish	Location (list of streets or names of assets affected. Wider area schemes use a broad location)	Intervention description (linked to project/ programme objectives)	Electoral Division	2016/17 Works cost estimate
-	-	-	Countywide	Countywide	Design and fees contribution from Incentive Fund allocation.	Countywide	£100,000
Design, Fees and Contingency Total							£100,000