

<b>RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE EXTREME WEATHER REPAIRS FUNDING FOR 2019/20 – 2023/24</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR PETER HILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>MAY 2019</b>
<b>Deadline date: MAY 2019</b>

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development
Responsible Director:	Dave Anderson, Interim Development Director
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/27MAY19/03
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	The project will be registered on Verto

### R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1) Authorise the issue of the following work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract;

£750k p.a. from 2019/20 – 2023/24 (£3.75m total) Extreme Weather Funding for the repair of roads damaged by extreme weather e.g. drought, ice, snow, flood.

## 1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development for the Extreme Weather Funding for the repair of the highway damaged by extreme weather. This includes flooding damage and winter freeze / thaw

damage. It also includes drought damage as is prevalent on the fen roads to the east of Peterborough where the dry and wet weather causes ground movement.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (b).

## 3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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## 4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 In the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy a £750k per year Extreme Weather fund was included for a period of 5 years from 2019/20 – 2023/24 (£3.75m total). Permission is now sought to authorise the issue of this work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract.

## 5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation was undertaken as part of the budget setting process.

## 6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Approval is given for the provision of extreme weather fund works for the period of 5 years. This will ensure that we are able to make repairs to the roads that are regularly subject to extreme weather damage.

## 7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 This will enable Peterborough to maintain the roads affected by cracking, subsidence and ground movement. Historically we have relied upon obtaining grants from the Department for Transport when the fen roads have deteriorated substantially. This money will enable us to prevent serious deterioration through regular improvements.

## 8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Not to deliver a programme of works: This would put us at risk of severe deterioration of our fen roads which would have a reputational issue for the Council and could harm the local economy. In addition, there is a risk of increased insurance claims and accidents.

## 9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Highways Act 1980 provides that the highway authority is under a duty to maintain the highway at public expense. This requires that the highway has to be maintained so that it is reasonably passable by the ordinary traffic of the area. Failure to perform proactive maintenance will result in a deterioration of the highway asset. This may lead to an increase in insurance claims and accidents.
- 9.2 In addition, the legal implications of not approving the package of work outlined in this document may mean that the Council cannot meet its strategic transport and highway priorities for Peterborough.

9.3 The legal and financial implications of approving the Extreme Weather funding is that the highway network can be maintained thereby meeting the statutory duty to maintain the highway as well as meeting the Council's transport objectives.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The recommended programme will ensure that the planned expenditure is consistent with the capital programme of works via the performance measurement and efficiency mechanisms built into the Highway Services Agreement.

## **11. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no procurement implications.

## **12. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and there are no detrimental effects associated with the schemes.

## **13. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

13.1 None

## **14. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

- Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy  
<http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/highwayassetmanagement>
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

## **15. APPENDICES**

15.1 None