



RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE LOCALISED RESURFACING AND NEW STREET FURNITURE FUND FOR 2019/20 – 2023/24
COUNCILLOR PETER HILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Deadline date: MAY 2019

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/27MAY19/01
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;

£3.5m (£700k p.a. from 2019/20 – 2023/24) Localised Resurfacing budget in lieu of a revenue budget reduction

£150k (£30k p.a. from 2019/20 – 2023/24) New Street Furniture budget in lieu of a revenue budget reduction

Total work package value is £3,650,000

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development to issue a work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited for Localised Resurfacing and New Street Furniture capital funding in lieu of a revenue budget reduction following confirmation of the budget in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

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?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 In the 2019/20 MTFS an ongoing £520k revenue budget reduction for Highway works was offset by a provision of £500k capital budget. In 2018/19 an ongoing £120k revenue budget reduction for patching works was offset by a provision of £130k capital budget. In 2016/17 an ongoing £100k revenue budget reduction for patching works was offset by provision of £100k capital budget. For this financial year that amounts to an ongoing capital budget of £730k in lieu of a £740k revenue budget reduction year on year.

£700k of this will be used (per year from 2019/20 – 2023/24) for localised resurfacing schemes to produce a more permanent improvement and improve the general condition of the highway. £30k will be used (per year from 2019/20 – 2023/24) to install new street furniture such as street nameplates and bollards. This is shown in the MTFS for 2019/20 – 2023/24.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation was undertaken as part of the budget setting process. Appropriate consultation will be undertaken on individual schemes in the programme as required.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Approval is given for the provision of Localised Resurfacing and New Street Furniture works in lieu of a revenue budget reduction for a period of 5 years. This will improve the lifecycle of the highway assets.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 This will enable proactive improvements to highway assets as opposed to using revenue money on reactive maintenance.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Not to deliver a programme of works: In conjunction with the revenue budget reduction this would cause a reduction in the condition of the highway asset in Peterborough.

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 replace the reduced budget and 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 finance and spend outlined in this document may mean that the Council cannot meet its strategic transport and highway priorities for Peterborough following a substantial period of consultation with stakeholders and partners.
- 9.3 The legal and financial implications of approving the Enhanced Patching funding is that the highway network can be maintained thereby meeting the statutory duty to maintain the highway, thereby 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