

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL LOCALISED RESURFACING FUND FOR 2021/22 – 2023/24
COUNCILLOR PETER HILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Deadline date: 15th September 2021

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Cllr Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Investments and Commercial Strategy Steve Cox, Executive Director Place and Economy
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/19JUL21/02
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?	N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet Member is recommended to authorise the issue of an additional works package relating to localised resurfacing to Milestone Infrastructure Limited under the Council's existing highway services contract at a cost of £150k per annum for 3 years.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report is for Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Investments and Commercial Strategy 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).

2. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 In the 2019/20 MTFS a decision was approved for a Localised Resurfacing Budget of £700k over a 5 year period to be used in lieu of a revenue budget reduction year on year. In the budget for 2021/22 a further revenue budget reduction of £150k has been made and replaced with a provision of a further £150k capital funding for localised resurfacing.

This decision therefore requests approval of this additional £150k of funding for a 3 year period in line with the end date of the original decision. Following this decision the total budget to be spent on Localised Resurfacing will be £850k approved until 2023/24. This will be used for localised resurfacing schemes to produce a more permanent improvement and improve the general condition of the highway.

4. CONSULTATION

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

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 5.1 Approval is given for the provision of the additional Localised Resurfacing works in lieu of a revenue budget reduction for a period of 3 years. This will improve the lifecycle of the highway assets.

6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

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

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 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.

8. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 8.1 £150k p.a. already allocated in MTFS and added to budget.

Legal Implications

- 8.2 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.

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.

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.

The Peterborough Highway Services Contract was procured under the Competitive Dialogue Procedure (under regulation 18 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006) and permits the Council to call-off further works which are within the scope of the Contract.

Equalities Implications

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

Carbon Impact Assessment

- 8.4 CIA signed off. The only tangible carbon impact is reduced journeys as resurfacing larger areas at smaller numbers of sites than revenue maintenance which would have involved visiting many more sites to repair individual defects

DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- 8.5 None.

9. 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.

- 9.1
- Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy
<http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/highwayassetmanagement>
 - Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 None.