

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: COUNCILLOR PAT HACKETT

KEY DECISION YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: COMMUNITY SERVICES

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT: HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2020/21

1.0 RECOMMENDATION:

1.1 The Leader is requested to:-

- (1) Approve the acceptance of £2,149,000 of Highway Maintenance funding for 2020/21 awarded by the Liverpool City Region Mayoral Combined Authority;
- (2) Approve the proposed allocation of the Highway Maintenance funding between Roads/Footways, Bridges and Street Lighting as set out in the report;
- (3) Approve the detailed Highway Structural Maintenance Programme for 2020/21 for Classified Roads totalling £949,000 as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, and;
- (4) Authorise the Director of Delivery in consultation with relevant Members to make necessary adjustments to the programme should the need arise due to financial, asset conditions or other factors.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 Allocations for capital highway maintenance funding are now made from the transport fund element of the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Mayoral Combined Authority's Single Investment Fund (SIF).
- 2.2 The investment in the maintenance of the highway network will enable the Council to comply with its statutory duty to maintain the highway. The establishment of a prioritised programme allows both transparency that the Council is addressing those highway elements in greatest need of maintenance and proper management of the allocated finances, and to permit co-ordination of roadworks with the utilities' programmes of work.
- 2.3 Due to the age of the assets along with winter salting and freeze / thaw action which has a detrimental effect on the condition of highway surfaces, allowing

further degradation due to the ingress of water, asset condition priorities may change as a consequence of the current winter's weather.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

 Signed: Executive Member: Leader of the Council Date: 24 March, 2020 Also present:	Signed: Chief Officer: Interim Director - Highways and Streetscene  Date: 24 March, 2020
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

Contact Officer: Mark Smith, Interim Director of Highways and Streetscene
Date:

Date of Publication:
Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: