



12th November 2015

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE ACTING SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS

5 YEAR ROAD MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMMES

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the provisional 5 year road maintenance capital programme (2017/18 – 2020/21) that covers the 4 years following the 2016/17 works programme already approved by T&H Committee.

Background

2. Spring 2015 saw the culmination of over five years development work by the Department for Transport to create a new set of funding models for highways maintenance across the country. The new funding models for local authority highway maintenance consist of three key elements: A revised 'Needs-Based' Funding Formula, the Incentive Fund, and the Challenge Fund.
3. The purpose of the incentive funding is to promote the adoption of good highway maintenance practice across all local authorities to ensure value for money. Time is being given to allow highway authorities to adopt efficiency measures, to gain support from senior leaders and to make the necessary transformational changes to the full adoption of Asset Management principles. Local authorities have until end November 2015 to develop this practice such that it forms the basis of all future assessments.
4. Forming a multi-year programme and advanced planning based on Life-cycle principles is a requirement identified in meeting one of the elements of the Incentive Fund and will help the Authority retain its full funding allocation as illustrated in the following table:

Year (£'000)		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Block Allocation*		£14,921	£13,679	£13,265	£12,006	£12,006	£12,006
Band 1*		N/A	£745	£745	£750	£250	£0
Band 2*		N/A	£828	£1,118	£1,750	£1,250	£750
Band 3*		N/A	£828	£1,242	£2,501	£2,501	£2,501
Difference in allocation based on 2015/16	Band 2 Result	N/A	-£414	-£538	-£1,165	-£1,665	-£2,165
	Band 3 Result			-£414	-£414	-£414	-£414

(* Allocation values from DfT's initial consultation)

5. The road maintenance programme contained in **Appendix 1** lists candidate sites from across the county that have been identified using Horizons Pavement Management software and asset management principles. Creation of the programme involved the analysis of technical condition survey data in context of the proposed funding set out in the Department for Transport (DfT) allocation model, including the full Incentive Fund allocation. As reported to T&H Committee in October 2015 the software produces a ranked list of schemes which offers a programme orientated to value rather than worst first approach.
6. Approval at this time supports early consultation and advanced design which allows for cost saving opportunities to be identified as early as possible, including whole street approach to be considered where appropriate. This programme of candidate sites will be used to formulate the detailed 2017/18 highway maintenance programme next year and subsequent years.
7. The intention is to create an indicative rolling 5 year capital maintenance programme of 'candidate sites', from which Year 1 will be developed and presented to Transport and Highways Committee for approval on an annual basis (as was done on 10th September, 2015). Years 2 to 5 of this rolling programme will remain a live entity and will evolve dependent upon factors such as utility works, other departmental highway works, funding changes and varying deterioration rates. Sites that appear in years 2 to 5 may therefore move forwards, backwards, in or out of this indicative list as circumstances dictate, however, it is anticipated such movement will not be significant

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. That Committee approve the approach set out in this report and approve the indicative maintenance works programme.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 02/11/2015)

9. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Highways Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the planning, management and maintenance of highways has been delegated.

Financial Comments (GB – 02/11/2015)

10. Future year block allocations are indicative only. The Transport and Highways capital programme, and associated works, will be varied when allocations are confirmed.

Background Papers and Published Document

11. None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

12. All