

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 25 July, 2016

Report of the Cabinet Member for Building Services, Highways and Transportation

Highway Resurfacing 3 Year Plan 2016 to 2019

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise Cabinet of the Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan and to agree the priority locations for resurfacing works as detailed in the plan.

Recommendation

1. That Cabinet note the contents of the Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan attached at [Appendix A](#) and agree the priority locations for resurfacing works as identified.

Reason for the Recommendation

1. To improve the condition of the Council's local highway infrastructure on a prioritised basis and in accordance with the Funding available.

Background

2. The local highway network within the Vale of Glamorgan is a valuable asset to the community for which the Vale Council is responsible. The way it is managed and maintained has a direct impact on residents, businesses and visitors who use it on a daily basis.
3. All users depend on a reliable service from the local highway network in order to sustain the Vale of Glamorgan's economic and transportation needs and it is therefore essential that the network is maintained in as good a condition as possible.
4. The carriageway resurfacing locations proposed in the Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan represent the outcome of technical scanner survey data and physical on-site condition assessments of the local highway network by experienced highway maintenance staff. The locations have been assessed and recorded in a prioritised manner to ensure the most appropriate and effective use of the available resources in order to best maintain the Vale of Glamorgan's local highway network.

Relevant Issues and Options

5. The Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan attached at [Appendix A](#), identifies carriageways requiring treatment to prevent further surface and structural deterioration. The carriageways listed within the plan for resurfacing have been assessed in accordance with a strict 'Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring System' which is attached at [Appendix B](#).
6. The 'Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring System' identifies several criteria and data factors which enable a score to be derived and the prioritised 3 year plan for resurfacing to be established.
7. Delivery of the plan is dependent on receiving appropriate funding. Roads that will receive works this financial year will be selected from the prioritised list from top to bottom. Those roads on the list which do not receive works this year due to budget constraints will automatically follow through into next year's plan. The Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan is reviewed annually.
8. The Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan provides the foundation for delivering a well-maintained and managed highway infrastructure. It ensures levels of service are optimised and that the highway infrastructure asset is managed wherever practicable, in the most efficient manner to meet the expectations of all highway users.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

9. There is currently no road maintenance grant funding available from the Welsh Government.
10. The funding therefore available to deliver this year's programme of resurfacing works will be from within the Council's Capital budgets. This currently amounts to a total £1.444M for this financial year, which includes slippage from previous financial year, and £300k for the each of the two subsequent financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19.
11. Currently budget arrangements therefore provide a total spend of £2.044M compared with total cost to complete all resurfacing works of £2,979,240, surface dressing works of £344k and micro-asphalt works of £261k.
12. The resurfacing programme will be managed and supervised by existing staff resources within the Visible Services and Transport Section.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

13. Sustainability and climate change are considered during the contract preparation to minimise waste and maximise the use of recycled materials wherever practicable.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

14. The Council has a duty to maintain the Highway pursuant to the Highways Act 1980.

Crime and Disorder Implications

15. There are no crime and disorder implications in respect of this report.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

16. There are no equal opportunity implications to this report.

Corporate/Service Objectives

17. A well maintained highway contributes to corporate Well-being Outcome 4: An Active and Healthy Vale and Objective 7 to Encouraging and promoting active and healthy lifestyles.
18. The Visible Services and Transport Service Plan (2016 - 2020) action FVT1 (p.38) States:
"Implement a programme of resurfacing in accordance with the Council's 3 year road surfacing programme".

Policy Framework and Budget

19. This matter is within the policy framework and budget.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

20. There has been no individual Ward Member consultation on this matter as it is a Vale wide issue.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

21. Economy and Regeneration.

Background Papers

None

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