

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 24TH MARCH, 2026

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 12TH MARCH, 2026

**“C229 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE 3 YEAR PLAN: 2026 – 2029 (NBS)
(SCRUTINY – PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The Cabinet Member presented the report to advise Cabinet of the Highway Maintenance Three Year Resurfacing Plan and sought to agree the priority locations for resurfacing works, as detailed within the report and attached appendices. Councillor Wilson thanked the Officers concerned with putting together the report, with the relevant detail contained in the associated Appendices concerning the different treatments utilised road and footway resurfacing.

There would be double the amount of spending on footway spending next year which would improve people's accessibility, and Councillor Wilson encouraged people to report any footways not on the list that should possibly be assessed.

Appendix A1 to the report referred to the various aspects taken into consideration for carriageway resurfacing, including road classification, scanner survey data, traffic volume, visual and engineers assessments, third party claims, active travel routes and school/public transport routes. The Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring Matrix was attached to the report at Appendix B and roads prioritised according to their maximum score, however the public and Members could ask for roads to be re-examined.

Table 1 on Page 8 of the Report detailed the capital spend resources available for works over the next three years but were indicative figures and subject to change. The Council had been allocated £4.5M from Welsh Government over the next two years to enhance and improve road surfacing. So far in the current year the Council had spent £1.9M revenue expenditure, largely on pothole maintenance.

Councillor John said the report contained a great deal of information but reminded the public that completion of resurfacing works was weather dependent but would be completed whenever possible. Councillor Wilson said that following a successful pilot, Ultithin trials would continue and Micro Asphalt would no longer be used as a preventive treatment.

The Leader said the report and supporting Appendices would be referred to Place Scrutiny Committee for consideration and looked forward to the discussion at the meeting, also encouraging any members of the public with an interest in the matter to register to speak to the Committee.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the revised Highway Maintenance Three Year Resurfacing Plan 2026 – 2029, as attached at Appendix A – 1, 2, 3 and 4 be noted, and the proposed locations for works agreed, in principle.
- (2) T H A T the Director of Environment and Housing be granted delegated authority to amend the plan, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Building Services, if urgent highway resurfacing priorities were identified.
- (3) T H A T the methodology be agreed in principle that where a location was listed on the plan, only partial areas may be completed, to ensure the best use and allocation of budget.
- (4) T H A T the report and supporting Appendices be referred to Place Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
- (5) T H A T subject to no recommendations that would affect The Plan as proposed being received from the Scrutiny Committee, the Highway Maintenance Three Year Plan 2026 - 2029 be agreed.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) So that highway carriageway works could be scheduled as soon as practically possible.
- (2) To deal efficiently with changes to the Plan should other highway routes deteriorate more rapidly than expected or constraints dictate that a change in priority was required to ensure the most cost-effective use of the budget allocation.
- (3) To ensure that the Highway Resurfacing budget (2026/27), was utilised as efficiently as possible.
- (4) To ensure that the relevant Scrutiny Committee could consider the details of the Highway Maintenance Three Year Plan 2026 – 2029, prior to it being formally agreed.
- (5) To enable the final Plan to be approved following its consideration by the Place Scrutiny Committee should no recommendations that affect the Plan as proposed, be received”.