

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

13 June 2011

Report of the Director of Kent Highway Services

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 FIND & FIX – POTHOLE REPAIRS – PROGRESS REPORT - 2011

Summary

The report provides the Board with a position statement on the progress of the Find & Fix pothole repair works in Tonbridge and Malling.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 For the second year running, Kent experienced extreme winter weather conditions for most of December 2010 and this caused high levels of damage to Kent's roads. Following the successful contracts that were procured in April 2010 for the repair of roads, KCC undertook £600k of interim repairs during February and March 2011 to continue to maintain safe passage for road users. However, potholes and broken road surfaces are still in evidence and further high quality, responsive repairs need to be undertaken.

1.2 How the works will be undertaken

1.2.1 The contractors will work on a "find and fix" basis using up to 5 gangs in each district, according to the size of the district. The contractors will be able to work up to 7 days a week. Kent Highway Services officers will deploy the contractors, giving instructions to ensure the highest priority areas are targeted.

1.2.2 The focus will be on repairs to minor roads (including rural and estate roads) which make up 71% of the total network (6,100km), and a higher proportion in terms of need. Work will continue in parallel, as appropriate, through our term maintenance contractor, Ringway Highway Services.

1.2.3 The contract requires the repairs to be permanent, and there is a 3 month defects correction period written into the contract. The contractor will saw cut a regular edge to the repair, coat the opening with tack coat, and compact the new asphalt using the correct item of plant.

1.2.4 Whilst undertaking the works, gangs will be visited on a regular basis by KHS staff. They will be monitoring progress of the crews and ensuring that they

undertake the works to the correct quality and are making the correct decisions about the repairs being undertaken.

1.2.5 Each day the contractor will return details of the repairs that they have undertaken. These records will be used to monitor expenditure on a daily basis, and will be reviewed by KHS staff. The contractors will be take photographs before and after the repairs and provide a schedule of the works undertaken. Work will include repairs to potholes and also minor patching work where it is required.

1.2.6 Tenders for each District / Borough were submitted by approved companies. In Tonbridge & Malling the contract was awarded to Ringway Highway Services

1.3 Timescales

1.3.1 The find and fix work in Tonbridge and Malling began on 19 April 2011. The completion date will depend on the rate of repair and ongoing assessment of need.

1.4 Public and Member Input

1.4.1 It is important that members, parish/town councils and members of the public continue to highlight roads that are in need of repair. In order to make this successful and give an understanding of where the high priority areas are, KHS is using internal and external publicity to encourage people to report faults online at www.kent.gov.uk/KHSFaults.

The schedule of our planned find and fix works is available to view at:

www.kent.gov.uk/roads_and_transport/highway_maintenance/road_and_pavement_maintenance/potholes.aspx

1.5 Legal Implications

1.5.1 Not applicable.

1.6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.6.1 As contained in the report

1.7 Risk Assessment

1.7.1 Not applicable.

Background papers:

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Nil

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