

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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Report of the Director of Kent Highway Services

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 PLANNED MAINTENANCE WORKS – WINTER DAMAGED ROADS

Summary

This report is to inform the Board of programmed works targeting roads which have been damaged through the severe weather conditions over the last winter period.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The severe weather conditions experienced over last winter led to a significant deterioration in the condition of many roads across the country. The impact of this deterioration has been recognised by the national government who have allocated an addition £200m of targeted funding to local authorities with the intent of addressing this deterioration. The criterion for allocating this across local authorities is fundamentally based on the length of roads within each authority and accordingly Kent has been allocated £6.5m of this total.

1.1.2 A key condition for this funding is that it must only be used to address the winter damaged roads and must not be used to fund works that would otherwise have been delivered using existing budgets. Local authorities also must publish how this money is being used to meet this objective by September 2011.

1.2 Proposals

1.2.1 Whilst there is a pressing need to undertake patching repairs to roads in order to ensure safety and attend to localised deterioration it is also important that a targeted planned maintenance programme be delivered that will prevent further deterioration over the coming years. Of the £6.5m allocated to Kent £2.5m has been assigned to patching and minor works and £4m to planned maintenance.

1.2.2 A schedule of potential sites, identified by Kent Highways Operational, teams is currently being assessed following which a prioritised programme for planned maintenance schemes will be produced.

- 1.2.3 The programme will include predominantly surface treatment schemes, designed to seal the existing road surface, including previous patching repairs, which will prevent further deterioration over the coming years. However it is anticipated that a number of resurfacing schemes will be necessary where the road condition requires this more expensive treatment.
- 1.2.4 The delivery of surface treatment schemes is planned to commence following the completion of this years normal programme for this type of works and will therefore start during June and be completed prior to the end of August. The programme for resurfacing schemes has yet to be determined but all works must be delivered during in the current financial year.

1.3 Legal Implications

- 1.3.1 Not applicable

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 As set out in the paper.

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 The approach to prioritising the funding will be fundamentally a risk based one.

Background papers:

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Nil

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