

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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Report of the Director of Kent Highways and Transportation

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 WINTER DAMAGE REPAIRS – FIND & FIX AND SURFACING SCHEMES.

Summary

Following the winter of 2010/11 and the subsequent damage to the highway network across the country, the Government allocated additional funding to local authorities to carry out repairs. Kent County Council was allocated £6.5 million. This was divided up for each district and this report sets out how this money is being spent in Tonbridge.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 As a result of the severe winter of 2010/11 the Government provided Kent County Council with a settlement of £6.5 million. £2 million has been allocated to a 'find and fix' programme for carriageway pothole repairs and £4.5 million for surface treatments across the county.

1.2 Find and Fix

1.2.1 Approximately £200,000 was spent in Tonbridge as part of this programme which commenced in April 2011 following the award of contract to Ringway Contractors. The operation is similar to last year whereby external contractors are employed to permanently repair potholes and carry out patching works in nominated roads on the minor network.

1.2.2 With the programme this year we have given greater responsibility to the local teams for identification and prioritising works. This has enabled the teams to target specific areas and drive productivity. Auditing of these works has been undertaken on a regular basis by KHS staff.

1.2.3 During the period from April to July, 69 roads were identified for repairs with 5336 m² of patching completed. The completed locations are listed in **Annex 1** for the Board's information. (Please note: These are just the roads completed using this contractor. In addition a large number of other roads were repaired by the existing Term Maintenance Contractor – Ringway).

1.3 Surface Treatments

- 1.3.1 Roads have been identified where there was a need to seal the surface following patching works, previous find & fix or local knowledge of specific areas in need of attention.
- 1.3.2 Having identified the locations, each road was looked at in terms of whether it would be possible to achieve the works in the time scales for the relevant surface treatments and by the end of the current contract. For the Board's information, the roads listed in Annex 1 are the roads which made the programme for Surface Dressing and have been completed.

1.4 Legal Implications

- 1.4.1 Not applicable

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.5.1 As described in the report.

1.6 Risk Assessment

- 1.6.1 Not applicable

Background papers:

Nil

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