

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
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Decision Notice

**STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING - URGENCY ACTION , MONDAY,
23RD MARCH, 2020**

Please see below approval of decision as follows:

1. **Combined Highways and Neighbourhood Works Programme
2020/2021 - Urgency Action 2NH (Pages 3 - 12)**

To seek approval of highway and neighbourhood works to be undertaken in the financial year 2020/21.

That approval be granted:

That the Works Programme expenditure for 2020/2021, as detailed in Appendix A of the circulated report, be approved.

For Immediate Implementation

Yours sincerely

p.p Chief Executive

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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board 20 March 2020

Joint report of the Head of Streetcare – M. Roberts and Head of Engineering and Transport - D. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

Combined Highways and Neighbourhood Works Programme 2020/2021

Purpose of Report

To seek approval of highway and neighbourhood works to be undertaken in the financial year 2020/21.

Background

The Members Surgeries first held in October 2002 and subsequent annual meetings with individual Members have been enormously helpful in identifying local concerns. This Works Programme has taken account of concerns raised in the latest round of Member meetings and balanced them with inspection reports from Technical Officers and other technical surveys and results.

The Works Programme, which is summarised in Appendix A, totals £2,598,000 and is made up of £1,845,000 capital/Revenue Highway Maintenance and £753,000 Local Government Public Highways Refurbishment Grant. Once the allocation of funding to the different work elements as set out in the appendix is approved, the Network and Programme Manager can write to all Ward Members confirming the

detail of works in their ward.

Financial Impact

Each element of the Works Programme is funded specifically by allocated Capital and Revenue expenditure. Ongoing revenue costs will be a call on the Highways Maintenance budget.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below. The plan is classified to help ensure funding is invested to best effect and where it is most needed, thereby maximising community benefit.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impact

There will be no workforce impacts.

Legal Impact

There will be no legal impacts.

Risk Management

To address health and safety risks, schemes contained within the works programme are subject to risk assessments, method statements, pre-construction phase plans as well as being covered by CDM regulations as required

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with Local Ward Members as part of developing the programme.

Recommendation(s)

That the Works Programme expenditure as set out in Appendix A be approved for 2020/2021.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

To maintain assets for which the Council is responsible and address community concerns in relation to same.

Implementation of Decision

For immediate implementation.

Appendices

Appendix A - Works Programme Summary
Appendix B – First Stage Assessment

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix A

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION DIRECTORATE WORKS PROGRAMME 2020/21

| | £ | £ |
|--|---------|-------------------------|
| <u>Minor Works/Traffic schemes/Disabled Crossings</u> | | |
| Individual Disabled Parking / Residents Parking | 20,000 | |
| Minor Works / Traffic schemes (various) | 270,500 | |
| | | <u>290,500</u> |
| <u>Drainage</u> | | |
| Various | 305,000 | |
| | | <u>305,000</u> |
| <u>Landslips</u> | | |
| Landslips (emergency provision) | 20,000 | |
| | | <u>20,000</u> |
| <u>Bridges and Structures</u> | | |
| Various | 324,000 | |
| | | <u>324,000</u> |
| <u>Miscellaneous</u> | | |
| Cattle Grid Replacement | 20,000 | |
| Crash Barrier Remedial Works | 20,000 | |
| Signalised Crossings | 20,000 | |
| Monitoring Fees | 27,000 | |
| Replacement Bus Blockers | 40,000 | |
| Bin storage Neath town centre | 10,000 | |
| Carriageway Resurfacing (various) | 548,500 | |
| | | <u>685,500</u> |
| <u>Total Highways Rolling Programme</u> | | <u><u>1,625,000</u></u> |
| <u>Neighbourhood Management Maintenance Work</u> | | |
| Footway Resurfacing (various) | 222,000 | |
| | | <u>222,000</u> |
| <u>W.G. Road Refurbishment Grant</u> | | |
| Carriageway Resurfacing (various) | 753,000 | |
| | | <u>753,000</u> |
| <u>Grand Total</u> | | <u><u>2,600,000</u></u> |

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1. Details of the initiative

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| Initiative description and summary: Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council – Combined Highways and Neighbourhood Works Programme 2020/21 |
| Service Area: Streetcare |
| Directorate: Environment & Regeneration |

2. Does the initiative affect:

| | Yes | No |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Service users | Y | |
| Staff | Y | |
| Wider community | Y | |
| Internal administrative process only | | N |

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

| | Yes | No | None/ Negligible | Don't Know | Impact H/M/L | Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact? |
|----------------------------|-----|----|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Age | | N | | | | The Works Programme will have no negative impact on anyone with protected characteristics. The installation of any dropped crossings for example may have a positive impact on those who are mobility impaired. |
| Disability | Y | | | | | |
| Gender Reassignment | | N | | | | |
| Marriage/Civil Partnership | | N | | | | |
| Pregnancy/Maternity | | N | | | | |
| Race | | N | | | | |
| Religion/Belief | | N | | | | |
| Sex | | N | | | | |
| Sexual orientation | | N | | | | |

4. Does the initiative impact on:

| | Yes | No | None/ Negligible | Don't know | Impact H/M/L | Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact? |
|---|-----|----|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| People's opportunities to use the Welsh language | Y | | | | | The Works Programme will have no negative impact on people's opportunities to communicate in Welsh. All new road signs etc will be bilingual. |
| Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English | | N | | | | The Works Programme does not impact on provision to ensure staff can use their first language of choice. |

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

| | Yes | No | None/ Negligible | Don't know | Impact H/M/L | Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact? |
|--|-----|----|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| To maintain and enhance biodiversity | | N | | | L | The Works Programme will not affect biodiversity |
| To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc. | | N | | | L | The Works Programme will not affect resilience of ecosystems. |

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

| | Yes | No | Details |
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| Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people | Y | | The planned works included in the Works Programme will improve well-being, increase efficiency and improve the highway in line with the council's ongoing asset management strategy. The road network provides opportunities for people to access their place of work, as well as their leisure & social activities, and is a vital component to the health of a community. Essentially, it is vital in facilitating the safe and effective movement of goods and people. |
| Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives | Y | | The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Equality Act 2010 encourages a more joined up approach to road maintenance and travel. The provision of a well maintained road network plays an important role in supporting the local economy and the overall health and wellbeing of communities. |
| Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative | Y | | People have not been directly involved in developing the Works Programme. The production of the Works Programme has brought together practitioners responsible for the different asset groups within the Council including consultations with elected representatives as part of the annual Members' surgery process and follows the principles established nationally in Wales through the County Surveyors Society. |
| Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions | Y | | The Works Programme is the result of collaboration between internal sections of the Council. Without such collaborative working, it would not be possible to reach a solution where the well-being of the community is improved to the extent that the initiative will realise. |
| Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse | Y | | The planned works included in the Works Programme follows the Council's objectives, policies and strategy for managing its highway infrastructure assets. It recognises the importance of its highway infrastructure in supporting corporate, national, regional and local objectives and |

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| | | | recognises new legislation, such as the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011. |
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7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

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| A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Reasons for this conclusion

After completing the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require a full Impact Assessment (second stage). The Works Programme will have a positive impact on service users, has no adverse impact on people who share protected characteristics or on people's ability to use the Welsh language.

The Works Programme embraces the sustainable development principle, by contributing to the Council's three well-being objectives. It does so by improving the wellbeing of both children and adults within the community by efficiently maintaining the highway network and providing safe passage for highway users

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| A full impact assessment (second stage) is required | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Reasons for this conclusion

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| | Name | Position | Signature | Date |
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| Completed by | Ian Carter | Network and Programme Manager |  | 24 th February 2020 |
| Signed off by | | Head of Service/Director |  | 19 th March 2020 |