

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board 26th March 2021

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 2021/2022

Purpose of Report

- 1 To seek approval of highway and neighbourhood works to be undertaken in the financial year 2021/22

Background

- 2 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.
- 3 The Works Programme, which is summarised in Appendix A, totals £2,688,000 and is made up of £1,935,000 Capital/Revenue Highway Maintenance and £753,000 Welsh 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

- 4 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:

- 5 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. The plan is formulated to try and ensure funding is invested where it is most needed and to best effect, thereby maximising community benefit.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

- 6 Communities across the County Borough will benefit from the maintenance and improvement works included in the programme.

Workforce Impact

- 7 There will be no workforce impacts.

Legal Impact

- 8 There will be no legal impacts.

Risk Management

- 9 Safety of the travelling public is considered in the formulation of the programme. Furthermore, to address health and safety construction 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

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

Recommendation(s)

- 11 That the Works Programme expenditure as set out in Appendix A be approved for 2021/2022.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

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

Implementation of Decision

- 13 The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

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

List of Background Papers

- 15 None

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