



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

Date - 14th July 2023

**Report of
Head of Streetcare – M. Roberts**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title: Streetscene Capital Funding 2023/24

Purpose of the Report:

To determine the allocation of 'Environment Street Scene Improvements' monies included in the capital budget for 2023/23.

Executive Summary:

£500K is included in the Council's approved capital budget for the current year in respect of 'Environment Street Scene Improvements'. This report set out the proposed allocation of the funding for which approval is sought.

Background:

Since 2021/22, an annual allocation of £500K has been included in the Council's capital programme in respect of 'Environment Street Scene Improvements'. In the first year the monies were allocated via a separate report to then Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board in July 2021. However, in 2022/23, the allocation of the funding was incorporated into the Highways and Engineering Works Programme Report. In the current year however, further to personnel changes the monies were not incorporated into the annual works programme report and so separate consideration is again necessary.

Proposed Allocation of spend

It is proposed to allocate spend as follows:

£260,000 Additional funding needed to support the already approved Highways & Engineering Works Programme due to cost increases (See note 1).

£120,000 Surface re-texturing of yorkstone slabs in Neath.
(See note 2)

£80,000 Renewal of more high friction grip and coloured warning surfacing around the County Borough (See note 3)

£20,000 Additional funding to complete repainting of black ironwork in Neath Town Centre (See note 4)

£20,000 Paving Repairs, Angel Square, Neath(See note 5)

£500,000

Notes

1. It has been found that a number of resurfacing schemes in the agreed Highways and Engineering Works Programme are

- subject to the presence of Coal Tar in the current surface material which is significantly increasing costs.
2. Essential works needed to address safety concerns.
 3. A lot high friction grip and coloured warning surfacing has been put down around the county borough over the years as part of traffic calming and road safety schemes, and there is not enough revenue money to keep up with ongoing wear and tear.
 4. Repainting of street ironwork in Neath was previously approved as part of resilience/recovery monies. However the repainting of the black lighting columns was regrettably not included in the cost estimate. The columns, such as on Windsor Road for example, are looking shabby and it would be sensible to complete the work alongside the other ironwork as already approved.
 5. Works are needed in Angel Square which was overlooked in the highways works programme because it is Estates' land as opposed to adopted highway.

Overall, these proposals are targeted at delivering the agreed Highways and Engineering works programme, about which commitments have already been made, along with essential safety and visual improvement work.

Financial Impacts:

None, proposals relate to an approved funding allocation in the capital programme.

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, attached at Appendix A, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary the proposed spend only relates to improvement works.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

The budget will allow schemes now needing additional funding to continue. There will also be some safety and visual impacts relating to renewal of coloured and high friction grip surfacing.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications

Legal Impacts:

No implications

Risk Management Impacts:

The proposed safety related work is necessary to fulfil the Council's obligations as Highway Authority and a landowner of public realm.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, it is recommended that the proposed funding allocations set out in the report be approved.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To determine spending proposals with respect to 'Environment Street Scene Improvement' monies included in the capital budget for 2023-24.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A - First stage Integrated Impact Assessment

List of Background Papers:

Streetscene Capital Monies report to S & E Cabinet Board 2nd July 2021

Works Programme Report to S & E Cabinet report 18th March 2022.

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