

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration & Street Scene Cabinet Board 22rd March 2024

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

Highway Works Programme 2024/2025

Purpose of Report

- 1 To seek approval for highway and engineering works to be undertaken in the financial year 2024/25.

Background

- 2 Each year around March, officers bring forward expenditure proposals for the annual works programme in the forthcoming financial year.
- 3 In producing the draft works programme, officers have taken account of a range of available information including inspection reports from technical officers and other surveys. Members Surgeries, that is meetings between the Cabinet Members for Street Scene and the members for each ward, have also been undertaken further to the process agreed by Cabinet on 15th December 2021 in the Chief Finance Officer's Capital Programme Governance Report.
4. Once the allocation of funding to the different work elements is approved, the Network and Programme Manager can write to all Ward Members confirming the detail of works in their ward.

Financial Impact

- 5 An overview of the proposed programme of works for 2024/25 valued at £4.057M, along with the associated funding, is given in

Appendix A. Any ongoing revenue costs will be a call on the Highways Revenue Maintenance budget as usual.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

- 6 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 assessment is included as Appendix B
- 7 The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. In summary, the programme is designed to help ensure funding is invested to best effect and where it is most needed, thereby maximising community benefit.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

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

Workforce Impact

- 9 There will be no workforce impacts, other than parts of the programme will help to sustain the in-house capital works gangs.

Legal Impact

- 10 There will be no legal impacts.

Risk Management

- 11 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

- 12 Internal consultations between sections and Members Surgeries have taken place with local Ward Members as part of preparing the programme.

Recommendation(s)

- 13 Having had due regard to the First Stage Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that Members approve the programme of works as set out in Appendices A & C for 2024/2025.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

- 14 To maintain assets for which the Council is responsible as Highway Authority, and address community concerns in relation to same.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

- 16 Appendix A – Programme Overview & Funding
Appendix B – First Stage Integrated Impact Assessment
Appendix C – Detailed works programme

List of Background Papers

- 17 None

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