

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)

Date: 18 July 2017

Subject : 2017/18 DfT Pothole Fund and National Productivity Investment Fund (drainage)

Capital scheme numbers : 32675 & 32770

Are specific electoral wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The 2015 Autumn Statement announced the establishment of the Pothole Action Fund of £250million which will provide funding over the following five years. This grant is targeted at improving local roads and delivering better journeys. It will contribute to the Councils Best
2. Leeds City Council's allocation from the Pothole Action Fund for 2017/18 is £711,000.
3. The Council has already set aside a budget for dealing with potholes that have formed, been reported and require attention quickly. It is intended that this additional funding will be used to deal with those locations that have the potential to develop in to potholes or that have suffered repeated pothole formation and require localised repair
4. The 2016 Autumn Statement announced the creation of the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF). One element of this fund is intended to tackle congestion and ensure the UK's transport networks are fit for the future. £185million has been set aside in 2017/18 for this of which West Yorkshire Combined Authority's allocation is £6,925,000. Leeds has been granted £1,194,000 with £312,000 of this to be used to improve the drainage at strategic locations on the network.
5. This drainage work will improve the resilience of the network reducing the frequency of flooding at strategic locations.

Recommendations

6. The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

- i) Give authority to incur expenditure of £711,000 on pothole repair and prevention work, funded from Government Grant;
- ii) Inject £312,000 into the Capital Programme from the National Productivity Investment Fund; and
- iii) Give authority to incur expenditure of £312,000 on Highway Resilience Programme Drainage Schemes listed in Appendix A.

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 To seek approval to incur the expenditure of £711,000 Pothole capital grant 2017/18 from the DfT

1.2 To briefly set out the principles of the process of identifying the locations for repair

1.3 To inject and give approval to spend the £312,000 from the National Productivity Investment Fund set aside for the Highway Resilience Programme – drainage schemes

2 Background information

2.1 The 2015 Autumn Statement announced the establishment of the Pothole Action Fund of £250million which will provide funding over the next five years. The DfT have calculated that this fund will repair approximately one million potholes each year

2.2 The allocation for Leeds for 2017/18 is £711,000 which is estimated to be able to repair 13,415 potholes although emphasis has been put on preventing the potholes from forming.

2.3 The council has agreed to providing details of how many potholes have been permanently repaired or the length of resurfacing that has taken place to stop the formation of potholes, as well as including what this authority had originally budgeted to spend this financial year and how this additional funding has complemented the wider maintenance expenditure by the authority

2.4 The Autumn Statement 2016 announced the creation of the National Productivity investment Fund which set out four objectives

- accelerate new housing supply
- tackle congestion on the roads and ensure the UK's transport networks are fit for the future
- support the market to roll out full-fibre connections and future 5G communications, delivering a step change in broadband speed, security, and reliability
- enhance the UK's position as a world leader in science and innovation

The second objective is relevant here: WYCA has been allocated £6.925m from this year's allocation to distribute throughout the five districts. Leeds' allocation is £1.194m

with £312,000 set aside for highway resilience drainage improvement schemes set out in Appendix A

3 Main issues

3.1 Design proposals and full scheme description.

3.1.1 Pothole Fund (32675)

3.1.1.1 The council has already set aside a budget for dealing with potholes reported to the council and that require quick attention. This additional grant will be used to carry out supplementary work at locations that are likely to form potholes or where repairs will remove previous localised maintenance for a more permanent solution

- Patching is being identified from a combination of the following:
 - Locations with a high number of repeat pothole team visits.
 - Locations where the pothole teams have suggested further work required.
 - Locations subject to repeat liability claims.
 - Local knowledge of areas that are already poor surface and/or liable to pothole.

3.1.1.2 £300,000 of this grant will targeted at repairs on the main roads where the traffic is heaviest, the potholes more likely to occur and the affects to be more immediate in the terms of damage to vehicles. The remaining £411,000 will be spent more locally on residential roads. The size of work required to tackle these areas are expected to be in the range of £2,000 to £12,000. An average cost of £7,000 per street will result in 67 locations for patching work (or approximately 2 per Ward).

3.1.2 National Productivity Investment Fund (32770)

3.1.2.1 The detailed designs for each site will be finalised following approval to spend the estimates for each site are given in Appendix A,

3.2 Programme – The requirements of the both grants include that this funding be spent within the financial year 2017/18.

4 Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 Ward members have been consulted as to any locations they have concerns for that could benefit from work to prevent pot holes.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 The pothole repair and prevention work will be targeted on the roads and will supplement the existing annual programme of work as approved by the Cost and Design Report for Planned Highway Asset Maintenance Programmes 2017-18 for which a screening document was produced

4.2.2 The Drainage work will improve the availability of the network in the time of adverse weather.

4.2.3 All this work should have a positive impact on all users of the highway.

4.2.4 A screening document has been prepared and an independent impact assessment is not required for the approvals requested. The screening document is shown in Appendix B

4.3 Council policies and the best council plan

4.3.1 This additional funding is targeted at improving local road condition and delivery better journeys this meets some of the objectives of the Best Council Plan 2015-20 by reducing the likelihood of accidents.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 Full scheme estimate.

4.4.2 The pothole repair and prevention work will be delivered with existing resources. There is clearly a finite cost to this work of £711,000. No staff fee will be charged against this budget.

4.4.3 The drainage schemes are early estimates. The programme spend will be managed by curtailing the work if necessary.

Capital funding and cash flow.

Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2017 £000's	FORECAST				
			2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0						
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Authority to Spend required for this Approval	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2017 £000's	FORECAST				
			2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	1023.0			1023.0			
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	1023.0	0.0	0.0	1023.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2017 £000's	FORECAST				
			2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020 on £000's
Government Grant	1023.0			1023.0			
Total Funding	1023.0	0.0	0.0	1023.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balance / Shortfall =	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

4.5 Legal implications, access to information and call-in

4.5.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) has been delegated the authority to approve the recommendations contained within this report as identified in the Constitution, Part 3, Section 3E

4.5.2 This report is eligible for call in.

4.6 Risk management

4.7.1 This funding will provide addition work that will help provide long term benefits to residents of Leeds and create the right physical environment for the delivery of vibrant and sustainable communities.

5 Recommendations

5.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

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- iii) Give authority to incur expenditure of £312,000 on Highway Resilience Programme Drainage Schemes listed in Appendix A

6 Background Papers¹

6.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Appendix A: National Productivity Investment Fund: Highway Resilience Programme, Drainage Schemes

Road	Location	Description	Cost Estimate
A659 Pool Road Otley,	Adjacent to Caley Hall Lodge	Flooding in times of heavy rain resulting in road closure with a 6.5km diversion	£25k
Roundhay Park Road	North of Ring Road Moortown	Investigation and repair/improvement of existing highway drain	£30k
Tong Road, Farnely	Troydale Lane to Roker Lane (Bradford boundary)	Water flowing on to highway from adjacent land causing problems in winter with ice and damage to road construction.	£25k
Tong Road, Farnely	Gamble Lane to Butt Lane	Investigation and repair/improvement of existing highway drain	£25k
Howden Clough Road, Morley	Adjacent old Waste Site	Water flowing on to highway from adjacent land causing problems in winter with ice and damage to road construction.	£20k
A639 Barnsdale Road, Methley;	Full Length	Investigation of existing highway drain outlet into River Calder and construction of new headwall.	£50k
Pudsey Road, Farnley	At Farnley Beck	Stabilisation of embankment due to scour	£50k
A647 Stanningley by Pass	Between Swinnow Lane and Swinnow Road	Water flowing on to highway from adjacent land causing problems in winter with ice and damage to road construction. Improvement to cut-off drains.	£50k
Rodley Lane A657, Rodley;	Full length	Investigation and repair/improvement of existing highway drainage	£50k

Appendix B

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: City Development	Service area: Highways & Transportation
Lead person: Andrew Bellamy	Contact number: 87317

1. Title: DfT Pothole Action Fund 2017/18 and NPIF drainage schemes			
Is this a:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strategy / Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Service / Function
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
If other, please specify			

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
This screening focuses on the repair of roads to prevent to formation of pothole using funds allocated for that specific purpose by the Department for Transport. The work is routine maintenance and supplements the work already planned from primary capital and revenue funding. The NPIF drainage schemes are 20o schemes locations across the city where water is gathering in the highway and causing disruption to the network

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration
All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.
When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race,

religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).		
Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		X
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment 2. Advancing equality of opportunity 3. Fostering good relations 		X

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration
If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.
Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration? (think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings (think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions (think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Andrew Molyneux	Highways Asset Manager	3/07/2016

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

Please send a copy to the Equality Team for publishing

Date screening completed	13/06/2017
Date sent to Equality Team	
Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team)	