

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)

Date: 10 September 2019

Subject : Department for Transport Pothole Action Fund 2019/20

Capital scheme number : 32675

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| Are specific electoral wards affected? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, name(s) of ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Armley, Calverley & Farsley, Chapel Allerton, Beeston & Holbeck, Farnley & Wortley, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth / Weetwood, Hunslet & Riverside, Kippax & Methley, Little London & Woodhouse, Moortown, Pudsey and Rothwell | | |
| Has consultation been carried out? | <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? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: | | |
| Appendix number: | | |

Summary

Main issues

- The 2015 Autumn Statement announced the establishment of the Pothole Action Fund of £250million to provide funding over the following five years. This grant is targeted at improving local roads and delivering better journeys. It will contribute to the Best Council Plan.
- Leeds City Council's allocation from the Pothole Action Fund for 2019/20 is £541,847.
- 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

2 Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- This work will help improve the highway network and contribute to The Best Council Plan 2019/20 to 2020/21 in improving the resilience of the city's infrastructure.

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

3. Resource Implications

- The scheme proposals have no implications in terms of resources. All design and works resources have been identified within the 2019/20 works programme.

Recommendations

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

- a) Inject £541,847 into the Capital Programme from the DfT Pothole Action Fund 2019/20
- b) Give authority to incur expenditure of £541,847 on carriageway maintenance, to repair potholes, and prevent potholes forming. This will be made up of £483,791 works costs and £58,056 fees, funded from Government Grant, as detailed in Appendix A.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To inject £541,847 in to the capital programme and to seek approval to incur the expenditure of £541,847 Pothole capital grant 2019/20 from the DfT
- 1.2 To briefly set out the principles of the process of identifying the locations for repair

2 Background information

- 2.1 The 2015 Autumn Statement announced the establishment of the Pothole Action Fund of £250 million which will provide funding over the following five years. The DfT have calculated that this fund will repair approximately one million potholes each year
- 2.2 The allocation for Leeds for 2019/20 is £541,847 which is estimated to be able to repair 10,207 potholes although emphasis has been put on preventing the potholes from forming, as the council has already set aside a budget for dealing with potholes reported to the council that require quick attention.
- 2.3 The money is ring-fenced to carriageways. The most appropriate area to spend this money is to patch areas of road that;
 - have extensive pothole repairs and if left untreated will lead to further potholes or;
 - are starting to rut, crack and craze and will pothole in the near future or;
 - locations that have suffered extensive damage as a result of the severe weather or;
 - major junctions which cannot be treated with preventative treatments and have therefore suffered greater deterioration.

3 Main issues

3.1 Design proposals and full scheme description.

3.1.1 The additional government grant funding received last financial year (2018/19) was;

- **£1.481m** - pothole allocation
- **£3.857m** - maintenance block funding (October Budget announcement).

The majority of this additional funding (**£4.5m**) was spent on the local road network. It is therefore, planned to target the classified road network with this year's reduced allocation.

3.1.2 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;

3.2 **Programme** – The requirements of the grant include that this funding is to be spent within the financial year 2019/20.

4 Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 Due to the limited size of the funding received this year, it has not been possible to provide works in every ward. Ward members for the affected wards will be informed as to any locations included within this programme of works.

4.1.2 The Executive Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development has been involved in and consulted in respect of this matter.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 The pothole repair and prevention work will be targeted on the classified roads and will supplement the existing annual programme of work as approved in March 2019, by the Cost and Design Report for Highway Infrastructure Maintenance programmes 2019/20 for which a screening document was produced.

4.2.2 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 delivering better journeys. This meets some of the objectives of the Best Council Plan by reducing the likelihood of accidents and improving infrastructure.

Climate Emergency

4.3.2 A key part of the Best Council Plan priority on ‘Sustainable Infrastructure’ is how we tackle the risks of climate change. The council’s declaration of a climate emergency in March 2019 requires how the proposals outlined in this report impacts upon this agenda. The report has no specific effect on climate, however through the repair / prevention of potholes Leeds will reduce the potential for damage to vehicles, and make the roads safer for other road users such as cyclists. This early intervention should also reduce the need to carry out more disruptive and deeper construction/resurfacing works in the future (on the treated roads) which would require more bituminous and aggregate rich materials to be produced, and have an adverse effect on congestion and the environment.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 Full scheme estimate.

4.4.2 The pothole repair and prevention work will be delivered by both internal labour force and contractors with existing term contracts. There is a finite cost to this work of £541,847.

4.4.3 Capital funding and cash flow

| Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme | TOTAL £000's | TO MARCH 2017 £000's | FORECAST | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | 2017/18 £000's | 2018/19 £000's | 2019/20 £000's | 2020/21 £000's | 2021 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 |
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| Authority to Spend required for this Approval | TOTAL £000's | TO MARCH 2017 £000's | FORECAST | | | | |
| | | | 2017/18 £000's | 2018/19 £000's | 2019/20 £000's | 2020/21 £000's | 2021 on £000's |
| LAND (1) | 0.0 | | | | | | |
| CONSTRUCTION (3) | 483.8 | | | | 483.8 | | |
| FURN & EQPT (5) | 0.0 | | | | | | |
| DESIGN FEES (6) | 58.0 | | | | 58.0 | | |
| OTHER COSTS (7) | 0.0 | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 541.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 541.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
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| Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme) | TOTAL £000's | TO MARCH 2017 £000's | FORECAST | | | | |
| | | | 2017/18 £000's | 2018/19 £000's | 2019/20 £000's | 2020/21 £000's | 2021 on £000's |
| Government Grant | 541.8 | | | | 541.8 | | |
| Total Funding | 541.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 541.8 | 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

- 4.6.1 This funding will provide additional 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. If this work is not carried out it may lead to further deterioration, resulting in increased and more costly maintenance in future years.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 These proposals will address some maintenance issues on the classified road network and prevent potholes forming (on the treated roads) in the future.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
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 - b) Give authority to incur expenditure of £541,847 on carriageway maintenance, to repair potholes, and prevent potholes forming. This will be made up of £483,791 works costs and £58,056 fees, funded from Government Grant, as detailed in Appendix A.

7 Background documents

- 7.1 None.

| 2019/20 Department for Transport Pothole Action Fund | | | |
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| Programme Area | | | |
| The schemes detailed below form a programme of maintenance to the adopted road network to repair and prevent potholes from forming – carriageway only | | | |
| Street | Extents | Ward | |
| A63 / Great North Road / Selby Road Roundabout | Roundabout | Kippax & Methley | |
| Oulton Lane, Rothwell | Crossing Outside Rothwell Park, adj Arran Way | Rothwell | |
| A6110 Ring Road Beeston | o/s Stratstone on Approach to Gelderd Road E/B | Beeston & Holbeck | |
| A643 Ingram Distributor | From Armley Gyrotory to Wortley Lane | Beeston & Holbeck | |
| Bradford Road, Stanningley | At Junction of Viaduct Street | Calverley & Farsley | |
| Bagley Lane, Rodley | At Junction of Chiltern Court | Calverley & Farsley | |
| Tong Road | Junction of Silver Royd Hill | Farnley & Wortley | |
| M621 Junct 4 - Hunslet Distributor Link Road | Start of High Friction Surfacing (New Craven Gate) to Hunslet Distributor | Hunslet & Riverside | |
| A61 Scott Hall Road, Sheepscar | Approach to Ped. Xing (opposite Sholebroke Mount junction) | Chapel Allerton | |
| A65 Bradford Road, Guiseley | Two Lanes to Whitecross R/About (O/S Harry Ramsdens) | Guiseley & Rawdon | |
| A61 Harrogate Road, Moortown | Ped. Xing lights near junction with Falkland Mount | Moortown | |
| C509 Station Road, Horsforth | Troy Road to Haigh Wood Road | Horsforth / Weetwood | |
| Stanningley Road | Cockshot Lane to Henconner Lane | Armley | |
| Inner Ring Road | Westbound - Adj Woodhouse Lane off & Adj Clay Pit Lane on | Little London & Woodhouse | |
| A659 Arthington Lane | High Friction Surfacing on approaches to Warren/Creskeld Lane | Adel & Wharfedale | |
| A659 Arthington Lane | High Friction Surfacing within Arthington Village o/s church | Adel & Wharfedale | |
| B6154 Waterloo Road | Mount Tabor Street Junction | Pudsey | |
| Total - 2019/20 Department for Transport Pothole Action Fund | | | £541,847 |

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.

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

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| 1. Title: DfT Pothole Action Fund 2019/20 | | | |
| Is this a: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Strategy / Policy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Service / Function |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |
| If other, please specify | | | |

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| 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. |

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| 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 |

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| 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 <ol 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).

- **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)
- **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)
- **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

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| Andrew Molyneux | Head of Highways Infrastructure | 28/05/2018 |
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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

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| Date screening completed | 28/05/2018 (updated May 2019) |
| Date sent to Equality Team | |
| Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team) | |