



Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement and Infrastructure Management

Cabinet - 19 November 2020

Graig Road Reconstruction

Purpose:	To comply with Financial Procedure Rule No. 7 (Capital Programming and Appraisals): to commit and authorise schemes onto the Capital Programme. To confirm funding for the Repairs to Graig Road
Policy Framework:	Council constitution. Addition of capital project in line with financial procedure rules (FPR7)
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The proposed scheme to reconstruct Graig Road is approved and included in the Capital Programme.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of 5th March 2020, Council approved the Highways and Transportation Capital allocation for 20/21. This included the annual allocation £3.375m, £1.4m additional backlog spending, £1.5m from reserves and a 1.19m Welsh Government Capital Grant.
- 1.2 Graig Road is an adopted Highway in Morrision Ward. The road and the supporting slope have failed and the road has been closed to vehicles since October 2019.
- 1.3 Several areas of cracking have been noted over and above the initial collapse.

2. Capital Programme

- 2.1 Due to the emergency nature of the works it is intended to fund the scheme from any available underspends in the 20/21 allocation with return funding allocated in the 21/22 allocation (or other source agreed as part of the council setting of the Capital budget).

3. Key Proposals

- 3.1 A comprehensive geotechnical investigation has been undertaken and the following works are planned.

- A retaining wall to support the road in the vicinity of No1. Graig Road.
- Earth works to prevent use of an unregistered piece of land to prevent further undermining of the highway.
- Drainage and road reconstruction to tow areas of the highway that have cracked and show signs of substructure water damage.
- Fencing works to protect the bank along the council owned and unregistered land
- A small lighting scheme to hence the alternate footway access.
- Works to allow emergency access through the narrowed section of the road.

- 3.2 The main retaining wall works will be undertaken by specialist geotechnical contractors, engaged by waiver. The remaining works will be undertaken either by internal teams or through existing contracts.

4. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 4.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

- 4.2 This work is maintenance related and returns the Highway to the status quo, no EIA is required.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The scheme is for Emergency works which are not funded or factored into the current capital programme. The scheme will be funded from underspends within the 2020-21 Highways capital programme or from 2021-22 programme if insufficient funding is released from 2020-21. The estimated cost of the scheme is £550k
- 5.2 **Revenue** - Future maintenance expenditure will be met from existing budgets.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 This investment will assist the Authority in discharging its statutory duty to maintain the Highway. All Procurements and Contracts intended to be let in respect of the above Schemes will need to be in accordance with current UK Legislation and EU Directives as well as complying with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 6.2 Under s.305 of the Highways Act 1980 the Council are entitled to recover expenses plus interest incurred from the owner of premises where works were carried out by the Highway Authority under any section of the Highways Act 1980. The expenses can be recovered by way of a charge on the owner's property or properties or by way of instalments or as a civil debt in the Magistrates Court.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None