



## Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement and Infrastructure Management

Cabinet – 20 May 2021

### Highway Refurbishment Grant 2021-22

<b>Purpose:</b>	To confirm the Capital work Programme for the Welsh Government Highways Refurbishment Grant 2021 and to comply with Financial Procedure Rule 7 to commit and authorise schemes.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	The Revenue and Capital budget as reported to and approved by Council on 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) The proposed indicative allocations are approved and included in the Capital Programme.  2) Authority is delegated to the Head of Service for Highways and Transportation in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement and Infrastructure Management to prioritise, finalise and allocate funding to the appropriate schemes in line with the prioritisation approach detailed in this report.
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of 4th March 2021, Council approved the Revenue and Capital Budget for 2021/22.

1.2 At its meeting of 18th March 2021, Cabinet approved the capital allocation to highways Infrastructure assets.

1.3 On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 the Authority received a grant from Welsh Government that indicated that it will allocate £1.191572m as a Capital Grant to assist with the backlog of outstanding highway works.

## 2. Capital Programme

2.1 The City and County of Swansea's infrastructure is in need of significant investment and there is a significant backlog of works. The Authority is continuing to develop programmes of work based on the principles agreed as part of the all Wales Asset Management Project. This will ensure spending is targeted based on a whole life cost approach which will minimise financial and service demands.

2.2 The Capital Programme was detailed and approved in the report of the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Total allocated budget was listed prior to the grant as £5.418m.

## 3. Allocation of the £1.191752m Welsh Government Grant.

3.1 This allocation will support the core allocation for carriageway resurfacing. Schemes will be brought forward from the 5 year programmes and additional schemes will be allocated on risk assessment/engineering basis in accordance with the core Capital Programme. The detail of this programme will be confirmed and approved by the Cabinet Member as schemes are agreed with third parties and programmed.

3.2 In the current year the Infrastructure funds will be allocated as follows:

Annual Allocation **£1.191752m**

Additional Carriageway Resurfacing 2021-22	£1.191752 m
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1.191752 m</b>

## 4. Integrated Assessment 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.

- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2005 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

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

The outcomes of the IIA (Appendix A) demonstrates No effect or risk to any user group within the community. Maintenance of existing infrastructure only.

- 4.2 The Capital investment in Highway and related Infrastructure will assist all road users. Individual projects will be subject to the IIA process on an individual basis where required.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 **Capital** - The cost of the Highways and Other Infrastructure works for 2020/21 funded by the Authority's own annual Capital programme in March amounts to £5.418m. This additional £1.191752m of funding gives a total of approximately £6.6m. This is a single year additional budget with 100% funding from Welsh Government therefore no financial implication sheet has been produced.

- 5.2 **Revenue** - Future maintenance expenditure will be met from respective Revenue Service budgets. An effective capital investment programme will help reduce future revenue pressures.

## **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 This investment will assist the Authority in discharging its statutory duty to maintain the Highway. All Procurement activity and awarded contracts in respect of the above Schemes will need to comply with relevant procurement legislation and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

**Background Papers:** None

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A - Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form