

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

27 April 2012

The meeting commenced at 1.30 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Alistair Smith, Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering
Vicky Bosley, Democratic Services Officer

24. Highway Planned Maintenance Works (Five-Year Programme) (Assistant Director, Transportation and Engineering Services)

Type of decision

Key Decision – Test i and ii apply. Forward Plan reference number RN6/12

Purpose of report

To seek approval to the five-year planned highway maintenance programme for the period April 2012 to March 2017.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering reported that the condition of the highway network was established from information obtained from SCANNER vehicles and Course Visual Inspections (CVIs), which were carried out by specialist contractors on behalf of the Authority. The information was then analysed, through the United Kingdom Pavement Management System (UKPMS), which allocated ratings to each section of highway ranging from 0 (good condition) to 100 (nil residual life). Condition reports were also put forward by the Highway Inspectors following routine inspections.

The Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering confirmed that £709,000 had been allocated for highway maintenance from the Local Transport Plan for 2012/2013. Similar allocations in future years had been assumed and therefore would not be possible to reduce the maintenance backlog. It was noted that it was likely the condition of the network would deteriorate further.

Due to the large number of roads having the same condition rating, results were augmented by rating assessments. Consideration would be given to requests received from members of the public and elected members through the Neighbourhood Forums or directly to Officers and for any new developments which may arise.

The Assistant Director, Transport and Neighbourhoods referred to Appendix 1, attached to the main report, which detailed the five-year programme and reported that it had been based on the assumption that future year allocations would be of similar levels to this year. It was confirmed that reconstruction works were expensive compared to other maintenance measures and had been kept to a minimum. A table contained within the report detailed Best Value Performance Indicators and included improvements to the condition of the unclassified road network.

The five-year programme was, in previous years, funded by the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Structural Maintenance Block, together with a contribution from revenue budgets. However, due to recent savings on revenue budgets the works would only be funded from LTP budgets for the foreseeable future. It was recommended that the five-year programme for planned maintenance be approved.

Decision

That the five-year programme for planned maintenance be approved.

The meeting concluded at 1.35 pm

PETER DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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