



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Regeneration and Growth
LEAD OFFICERS:	Director for Environment and Operations
DATE:	15 th February 2019

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Regeneration and Growth
WARD/S AFFECTED:	Billinge and Beardwood, Livesey with Pleasington and Blackburn Central

SUBJECT: Local Transport Capital Funding 2018/19 – Additional surfacing
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To update on progress made with the appointment of a main surfacing contractor to deliver the additional DfT award of £855,000 to the authority.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member for Regeneration and Growth:

1. Gives approval to accept the main contract tender
2. Notes that further reporting will be made on the Council's website upon scheme completion
3. Gives approval to the Director of Environment and Operations, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and Growth to make the full award and engage with the winning contractor to commence the works.

3. BACKGROUND

The DfT announced additional funding on 13th November 2018 of £855,000 to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

Quote from the letter issued:

"We expect your authority to use this funding for its intended purpose. We would also expect your authority to publish a brief note on its website by end of March 2019, copied to the Department for Transport, setting out how the funding we allocated to authorities earlier this financial year and this new extra funding has been utilised. It would be helpful also if you could ensure, where feasible, that your authority publishes pictorial evidence on your website which shows the 'before' and 'after' of each repair undertaken."

The authority's roads suffered damage as a consequence of the heatwave during the summer of 2018. Many of the direct damage impacted on previously surface dressed roads, which was later confirmed via a SCRIM survey undertaken in November 2018 in accordance with best practice and asset management principles. As a consequence the following roads required intervention and treatment:

Preston New Road, Livesey Branch Road and Higher Audley Street.

As part of the DfT letter, a request was made to also publish what roads have been resurfaced as part of the LTP integrated maintenance block for the financial year of 18/19. A list of these roads to be done via this allocated funding are as follows, St. James Crescent, Cambridge Street, Ramsgreave Drive, Audley Range, Whalley New road and Chapels Lane in Tockholes.

The timescales of additional funding award and the procuring of a surfacing contractor required a swift solution given the funding requirements for the money to be delivered by the end of March 2019. In order to meet this timeframe, the Growth and Development framework has been utilised.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

The timescale for delivery was the biggest risk along with the seasonal variation of weather given the time period.

The tender exercise utilised the existing Growth and Development framework for a swift turnaround.

Full Approval Tender award :

The Executive Member for Regeneration is being asked to approve the resurfacing tender for the additional DfT funding allocation for the value of £757,284.29.

Main Headlines:

Tender return cost: £757,284.29. Additional DfT funding allocation is £855,000 leaving a potential of £97,715.71. This will be utilised to support Call off works associated with these schemes via the Capita contract.

Programme:

The earmarked roads will be complete by the end of March 2019 subject to any adverse weather impacts given the nature of seasonal weather and the time of year.

001	Preston New Road, Meins Road to Beardwood	£190,807.43
002	Preston New Road, Revidge Road to Saunders Road	£33,484.66
003	Livesey Branch Road, Green Lane to Hordens Rake	£389,683.83
004	Higher Audley, St Paul's to 38 Oxford Drive	£122,426.69
005	Higher Audley, 38 Oxford Drive to Higher Eanam	£20,881.68
£757,284.29		

Casey Construction Limited scored the highest combined quality/price.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The road schemes will be delivered as part for the SCRIM survey returns and as part of the Highway Asset Management Policies and Principles in accordance with the codes of practice.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The road resurfacing schemes tender return value is £757,284.29 along with an allocated funding from the DfT of £855,000. £97,715.71 is retained and will be allocated call off items for works involved with the delivery of these schemes via the current Capita contract.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council's legal section will be involved in progressing the statutory elements of the project i.e. Traffic Regulation Orders. Contract has been procured in accordance with Council's Contract Procurement Procedure Rules and Public Contracts Regulations 2015 by using a mini-competition under an already established framework. Contract will be in a form approved by legal officers in Contracts and Procurement team.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The nature of the works will be delivered via external sub-contractors for the resurfacing element

along with associated call off work to enable Capita to both monitor and supervise the contract as Principle Contractor under the CDM requirements.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

A communications Strategy and Action Plan has been developed and proposes the following:

- Leaflet drops to adjacent properties before works commence
- An information portal on the Council's website to keep residents and businesses up to date
- Ongoing information releases to Elected Members and the Member of Parliament
- Social Media releases throughout the scheme's delivery phase via the "BwD Roads" Facebook account.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	Executive Member Capital LTP programme update December 2019. Department for Transport letter dated 13 th November 2018