

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Growth and Development
LEAD OFFICERS:	Director of Growth and Development
DATE:	11/11/2019

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Growth and Development
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WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
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SUBJECT: 2012 HMEP Pothole Review, Prevention and a better a cure.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The DFT self-assessment for Highways Q10 requires the local authority to;

a. Undertake a review of specific recommendations 2,3,6,7,9,10,11,12,13 and 15 against our procedures.

This initial review was undertaken in 2017 and documented in "2017-18 Review of pothole recommendations against current practice.docx"

b. Produce an action plan to fill any gaps and maintain the compliance with the recommendations.

Update was done in 2019 with new action plan documented in "2019-20 update Review of pothole recommendations against current practice.docx".

c. Set a number of ongoing performance measures to drive and performance improvements of repairing potholes.

This has been documented "2019-20 performance measures for Level 3.docx" and added to the Highways performance monitoring framework.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Should review the performance measure monthly at the executive members meeting to ensure continued performance monitoring and drive further performance improvements.

3. BACKGROUND

In December 2014, the Government announced that £6 billion was being made available between 2015/16 and 2020/21 for local highways maintenance capital funding. From that funding, £578 million has been set aside for an Incentive Fund scheme, to reward councils who demonstrate they are delivering value for money in carrying out cost effective improvements.

Since then the Government has announced a further £296 million between 2016/17 and 2020/21 to help tackle potholes or stop them forming as part of a Pothole Action Fund. This includes a further £46 million announced in the Autumn 2017 Budget for 2017/18 financial year. The Budget 2018 also provided a further £420 million in 2018/19 financial year for highways maintenance including repair of potholes and keeping bridges open and safe, as well as for minor highway works.

For 2019/20, each local highway authority in England (excluding London) is invited to complete a self-assessment questionnaire, in order to establish the share of the Incentive fund they will be eligible for in 2019/20. This includes those authorities who are currently deemed Band 3 from the 2018/19 round.

Local authorities are not competing with each other for funding, but are demonstrating that efficiency measures are being pursued in order to receive their full share of the funding.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

This one question spans multiple key personal and requires all to take ownership of their sections. Below are the Key individuals and the recommendations they have been given ownership of.

Recommendation	Action	Current Compliance	Owner	Action Time
2	Continue to undertake surveys, analyse responses, review service where surveys identify issues	Compliant	KM	Ongoing
3	Review and update communications strategy within two years	Compliant	KM	Biannual Review
6	Review and update Policy within two years	Compliant	DL	Biannual Review
7	Skills analysis, annual review of requirements vs actuals	Compliant	DL	Annual Review
8	Continue to look at new materials and repair methodology	Compliant	DL	Ongoing
9+10	Highways Safety Inspections Procedure annual review	Compliant	PW	Annual Review
11	Inspectors training in accordance with current procedure	Compliant	PW	N/A
12	Review of technology used in the delivery of the service	Compliant	PW	Annual Review
13	Review feedback and recommendations from ADEPT report analysis and suitability for Blackburn	One off review in 2017 by SAS, LS		
15	Coordination of street works activities	Compliant	SL	Quarterly

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None, this is integrated into our business as usual processes.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None, this is integrated into our business as usual processes and already delivered to comply with

our Section 41 duty as specified by the Highways Act 1980.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council has a duty under s.41 of the Highways Act 1980 to maintain highways that are maintainable at the public expense.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None, this is integrated into our business as usual processes and already delivered to comply with our Section 41 duty as specified by the Highways Act 1980.

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

None, this is internal monitoring.

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:	2017-18 Review of pothole recommendations against current practice.docx
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