
MEMBER BRIEFING NOTE: HIGHWAYS RESURFACING PROGRAMME

Reason for the Report

1. To provide Members with an opportunity to review the content of the draft 'Highways Resurfacing Programme'. In particular to consider the following sections:
 - Draft Resurfacing Sites – 2019/20 (attached as **Appendix 1**);
 - Draft Reconstruction Sites – 2019/20 (attached as **Appendix 2**);
 - Draft Micro Sites – 2019/20 (attached as **Appendix 3**);
 - Draft Grouted Macadam Sites – 2019/20 (attached as **Appendix 4**).

Background Information

2. At the meeting on the 2nd April 2019 the Committee received a report titled 'Highways Resurfacing Programme'. This provided Members with an opportunity to ask questions on the 'Planned Maintenance Identified Scheme List' and the methodology that is used to prioritise the highways schemes for this list.
3. After the meeting a letter was sent to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport setting out the comments and observations of the Committee in relation to the Council's 'Highways Resurfacing Programme'. A copy of this letter is attached as **Appendix 5**. The main points made in the letter were:
 - *In previous years, when the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' was published the complete list of schemes in Cardiff was provided to all Members. This didn't happen in 2018/19 and Members were only provided with details of schemes in their wards; this made it difficult to find out where the Council was planning to carry out other highways resurfacing work. Members felt that receiving*

information for all of Cardiff was particularly useful since, for example, it would help them see where schemes were being delivered that might have a direct impact on their ward. The Committee asks that you provide all Members with a complete list of the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' for 2019/20.

- *Members ask that you make the 2019/20 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' available for scrutiny before it is published so that they can review the proposals and provide feedback. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with this information as soon as it becomes available.*
- *During the meeting a Member asked what happened to the proposed schemes that were included on the 'long list' for 2018/19, and asked if these would be prioritised for the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' in 2019/20. An officer explained that it would be reconsidered for the 2019/20 'Highways Resurfacing Programme', however, it would be assessed on its merits against other proposed schemes. Members understood the rationale behind the response, but for the purpose of clarity have asked for:*
 - *A copy of the 2018/19 'long list' for the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme';*
 - *A copy of the process that is used when creating the 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' that includes detail on how schemes on the 'long list' are managed from year to year.*

4. A copy of the cover report for the 2nd April 2019 item titled 'Highways Resurfacing Programme' is attached to this paper as **Appendix 6**. It provides background information to this report and includes:

- Information on how the Planned Maintenance Identified Scheme List is developed;
- Details of the techniques and processes that are used to create the Planned Maintenance Identified Scheme List, for example details on the Scanner, SCRIM, AEI inspection, safety inspections, customer & councillor requests;
- Planned Maintenance – Detailed Scheme Selection – this includes information on engineers site inspections; creation of the “short list”; production of tender

documentation & tender process; construction & site supervision; post construction inspections.

Way Forward

5. Members are to note the contents of the Member Briefing Note.

Legal Implications

6. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Note the content of this Member briefing note.

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