
**MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S ROADS ASSET –
BERWICKSHIRE AREA**

Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure

BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

07 MAY 2013

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed allocation of additional Capital funding identified to carry out resurfacing works in the Berwickshire Area.**
- 1.2 The Council agreed on 28 March 2013 to consult with Area Forums over the allocation of an additional £1.14m of Capital funding for road surfacing works. ANNEX D of that report indicated those schemes which officers have identified as a priority, together with those previously identified by local members as priority areas.
- 1.3 Officers require the Berwickshire Area Forum to make a decision on which schemes are included within the sum allocated to the Berwickshire Area of £315,000. Where the Area Forum request an additional scheme to be included in the programme they will have to also make a decision on which scheme can be removed from ANNEX A.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Berwickshire Area Forum:-**
 - (a) **Agrees to the list as presented in ANNEX A, or**
 - (b) **Amend the list in ANNEX A to add schemes which members consider are of higher priority in terms of Area Forum requests, and subtract schemes which members consider are of lower priority in terms of Area Forum requests.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The report, 'Management of the Council's Roads Asset' to Council on 28 March 2013, provided:

- an assessment of the current state of the Council's roads asset,
- the approach taken to roads asset management
- a programme of revenue and capital road works for 2013/14 and a request for further funding.

3.2 The Roads Condition Indicator (RCI) is a critical indicator of how the carriageway element of the Roads asset is performing. The recent results for Scottish Borders Council show a worsening of road condition with around 40% of the network requiring investigation or maintenance treatment.

RCI is the sum of the Red and Amber classification, expressed as a percentage of the total length of carriageway. The recent RCI results for Scottish Borders Council are shown below. An increasing RCI equates to a worsening of condition of the road carriageway.

Road Condition Indicator (2 year average)				
	2008-10	2009-11	2010-12	2011-13
TOTAL	38.1%	39.2%	40.2%	41.7%
A	25.3%	25.7%	26.5%	28.9%
B	39.1%	38.1%	38.6%	38.1%
C	36.5%	38%	39.5%	37.7%
U/C	43.9%	46.2%	47.2%	57.3%

Source - SCOTS Web site 21 February 2013

This information, roads of Red and Amber classification, together with site specific surveys, is then used by road Asset Managers to prioritise the planned works programmes for the following year.

3.3 The base budgets available to manage the whole road network in 2013/14 are £3.81m Revenue and £2.180m Capital. As a result of recent severe weather and the need for remedial repairs, officers have reviewed the condition of roads asset, and concluded that additional resources were required. Members approved an addition of £2.072m to manage road assets in 2013/14.

3.4 The Council agreed on 28 March 2013 to consult with Area Forums over the allocation of an additional £1.14m of Capital funding for road surfacing works. ANNEX D of that report indicated those schemes which officers have identified, together with those previously identified by local members as priority areas.

- 3.5 This allocation of additional funds will deliver much needed improvement to the road network. The allocation of £315,000 to the Berwickshire Area will allow for schemes to be brought forward in high profile areas at the same time as recognising the agreed priority assessment model used in promoting road treatment schemes detailed in ANNEX A. Investment will also look to stabilise the increasing trend in RCI.
- 3.6 Officers require the Berwickshire Area Forum to make a decision on which schemes are included within the sum allocated to the Berwickshire Area of £315,000. Where the Area Forum request an additional scheme to be included in the programme they will have to also make a decision on which scheme can be removed from ANNEX A.
- 3.7 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetables and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

A budget of £315,000 is available for additional road resurfacing and surfacing works in the Berwickshire area in 2013/14.

ANNEX A lists the proposed programme identified by officers together with reserve schemes.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that if the additional allocation capital funding is not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement in the overall condition of the road network

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant affects anticipated on acting sustainably to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes which are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Audit and Risk, the Head of Strategic Policy and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments will be reported at the meeting.

Approved by

Director of Environment and Infrastructure

Signature

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Background Papers: 'Management of the Council's Asset' to Council on 28 March 2013

Previous Minute Reference: None

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Programme of Additional Capital Works

Programme of Additional Capital Works - Berwickshire Area

Location	Description	Estimate	Final Cost
A6105 Ninewells - Chirnside	Carriageway Surfacing	£80,000	
DC4/5 Old Duns Road, Coldstream	Carriageway Surfacing	£45,000	
DE17/6 Harbour Road, Eyemouth	Carriageway Surfacing	£50,000	
C97 Eccles Road, Birgham	Carriageway Surfacing	£30,000	
C109 Hoprig Road, Cockburnspath	Carriageway Surfacing	£40,000	
A6089 North of Byrewalls	Carriageway Surfacing	£30,000	
D26/6 School Road, Cockburnspath	Carriageway Surfacing	£20,000	
D97/5 Queens Row, Greenlaw	Carriageway Surfacing	£20,000	
	TOTAL	£315,000	
Reserve			
A6089 Kelso Road, Gordon	Carriageway Surfacing	£65,000	
B6355 Prendergust Bends	Carriageway Surfacing	£45,000	