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**Special Meeting of the Performance and Value For Money
Select Committee
Cabinet**

**9th August 2010
16th August 2010**

HIGHWAY CAPITAL MAINTENANCE SCHEMES 2010/11

Report of the Strategic Director, Development Culture and Regeneration

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for funding for highway maintenance schemes in 2010/11 as detailed in the report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Performance and Value For Money Select Committee is requested to note the report and submit any comments to Cabinet.
- 2.2 The Cabinet is requested to approve the 2010/11 Highway Capital Maintenance funding of £1,065,000 and programme as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

3. Summary

- 3.1 This report details the revised Highway Capital Maintenance funding for 2010/11 and the proposed highway maintenance schemes to be funded. Cabinet are asked to approve the programme of schemes detailed in Appendix 1.

4. Report

- 4.1 The last two winters have taken a severe toll on the condition of road surfaces in the City, many of which were already coming to the end of their useful working life. As a result, the number of roads that are severely potholed or have areas of significant surface failure has increased dramatically. There is no quick fix to this problem. The scale of the problem is such that it will require a sustained investment in the long term if the overall condition of the road network is to be improved. Coupled with the current pressures on public spending, the problem is a challenging one and Officers are exploring all road maintenance and treatment options in order to get the most out of the money available.
- 4.2 However, following a comprehensive review of planned expenditure over the last few months, £613,000 has been reallocated to highway maintenance

from the Transport Capital programme, £207,000 from the winter damage emergency funding from the Department of Transport (DfT) and £245,000 has been contributed from the City Council. This £1,065,000 funding will to be spent on highway maintenance this financial year at the locations detailed in Appendix 1. and is in addition to the existing highway maintenance repair revenue budget of circa. £700,000.

4.3 This funding will be targeted at those streets in the worst condition (see Appendix 2). The extra money will also enable officers to improve the road surfaces in a number of side streets as well, not just the more important commuter routes. Officers have already identified priority streets requiring urgent attention and have commenced preparations to undertake the work over the next few months. Inevitably, the roadworks will cause disruption to the public and we ask residents and commuters to bear with us whilst this work is underway. The long term strategy for road maintenance and the necessary funding is currently being assessed and the views of local residents will play a key part in this exercise. For example, the proposed works in Evington Road / Osmaston Road and the Belgrave Road / Ross Walk areas will include some minor repair work that would only be the start of remedial work. We would need to go forward with a long term programme for these streets over a number of years.

4.4 Appendix 1 details the proposed 2010/11 highway maintenance schemes. All the works will be completed by the 31st March 2011.

5. Financial and Legal Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The £1,065,000 is made up of uncommitted capital maintenance funding of £613,000, £207,000 additional one off government winter damage emergency funding and £245,000 additional contribution from the Council's own funds.
Paresh Radia, Finance, Ext 29 6507.

5.2 Legal Implications

The City Council as Highway Authority has a legal duty to maintain highways and powers to improve highways. These scheduled works allow us to meet these responsibilities.

Jamie Guazzaroni, Legal Services, Resources, Ext 29 6350

5.3 Climate Change Implications

Low energy and recycled materials will be used where possible.

6. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References within the report
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	Low energy and recycled materials will be used where possible

Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Corporate Parenting	No	
Health Inequalities Imp Act	No	

7. Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972

8. Consultations

- Finance Team
- Legal Services
- Staff in Regeneration, Highways and Transportation

9. Risk Assessment Matrix

	Risk	Likelihood L/M/H	Severity Impact L/M/H	Control Actions (if necessary/or appropriate)
1	Weather Conditions	L	L	Plan works at appropriate times
2	Adverse comments from consultation with Local Residents and Pressure Groups	M	M	Project planning, ability to amend schemes
3	Conflict with other works e.g. Statutory Undertakers	L	L	Attend Coordination Meeting

L - Low L - Low
M - Medium M -Medium
H - High H - High

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Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising more than one ward
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)

Appendix 1

2010/11 Highway Maintenance Programme

1. List of Proposed Schemes

	Cost (£000s)
i) Greengate Lane (Completed)	18
ii) Westcotes Drive (Completed)	20
iii) Avebury Ave (Completed)	13
iv) Gipsy Lane (Completed)	16
v) Rowlatts Hill Road - planned for August	14
iv) Fosse Road South (part) - planned for August	24
vii) Ethel Road	40
viii) Wakerley Road	5
ix) Coleman Road	35
x) Halifax Drive	25
xi) Humberstone Lane	80
xii) Fosse Road (second phase)	50
xiii) Pasley Road	50
xiv) Various streets in Abbey Ward (e.g. Marwood Road)	75
xv) Evington Drive	80
xvi) Saltersford Road	20
xvii) King Edward Road	20
xviii) Wenlock Way	40
xix) Principal Road - Joint Sealing programme	40
xx) Evington Road / Osmaston Road area (e.g. Rowsley Street, Sawley Street etc)	200
xxi) Belgrave Road / Ross Walk Area (e.g. MacDonald Road, Law Street etc)	200
Total	1,065

Appendix 2

TOTALS

Total Inspected: **3461**

CONDITION SCORING 1-5

Carriageway			Footway		
Score	Count	Proportion of those scored	Score	Count	Proportion of those scored
1:	53	(1.83%)	1:	83	(2.45%)
2:	612	(21.10%)	2:	613	(18.06%)
3:	1330	(45.86%)	3:	1340	(39.48%)
4:	739	(25.48%)	4:	1020	(30.05%)
5:	166	(5.72%)	5:	338	(9.96%)
TOTAL:	2900		TOTAL:	3394	

Notes: The above table shows the Highway Condition scores for all of the City's roads and footways in 2009. Officers inspected all the roads and footways and gave them an overall score between 1 and 5 (a low score is good) based on the Coarse Visual Inspection (CVI) criteria. A score of 3 and above warrants remedial action. This is the basis of determining the roads in worst condition; further work on other criteria such as detailed inspections, number of complaints received etc is used to prioritise the roads in the worst condition.