



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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FRONTLINE SERVICES - HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR PROSPERITY, DEVELOPMENT AND FRONTLINE SERVICES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR A MORGAN.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Further to the approval of the Council's Three Year Capital Programme 2019/20 - 2021/22 on 6th March 2019 (Council), subsequent approval of the Supplementary Capital Programme on 21st March 2019 (Cabinet) and Highways Improvement Schemes on 18th June 2019 (Cabinet) this report further updates on the progress made to date and sets out the next phase in respect of the Highway Improvement Scheme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the continued excellent progress made to date as detailed within this report.
- 2.2 Note the additional schemes brought forward for implementation.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Highways Improvements

- 3.1.1 The Highways Network represents the most significant asset of the Council, valued in excess of £3.4Bn and comprises of carriageways, footways, structures (bridges, retaining walls, culverts, etc.), street lighting, traffic signals and signs, safety barriers, highway drainage, etc.
- 3.1.2 At its meeting of 6th March 2019, Council approved the budget for the Highways Improvement schemes.
- 3.1.3 The network has now benefitted from eight years of enhanced levels of investment and this critically important additional funding will continue into 2021/22, improving and protecting the fabric of the highways network and dealing with the impact of winter weather conditions.

- 3.1.4 Continued enhanced levels of investment in our carriageway and footway assets means that interventions can be undertaken in a more pro-active manner where more efficient and cost effective preventative maintenance is carried out rather than expensive reactive treatments and reconstruction of roads where they have become life expired.

3.2 Progress to Date

- 3.2.1 Progress in the first six months of 2019/20 has been excellent with 77 carriageway schemes and 21 footway schemes having already been completed to the combined value of £6.3 million.
- 3.2.2 On 21st March 2019 Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Group Director, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director of Finance and Digital Services, to extend activity to approve additional projects during the financial year where capacity exists for accelerated planning and delivery in accordance with the purpose of the wider programme.
- 3.2.3 Given the excellent in-year progress made it is proposed to undertake additional schemes as listed in Appendix 1. The value of the additional schemes is approximately £5.84 million.
- 3.2.4 It is proposed these schemes be supplemented by a £0.500M allocation to carry out patching in advance of next seasons surface dressing, a £0.500M allocation to allow strategic patching on busy main roads, a £0.050M allocation to essential highway improvement repairs and £0.025M allocation towards improvements in disabled access.

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Equality and Diversity issues will be considered as part of determining the final detail of the proposed schemes.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There are no consultation requirements relating directly to the report but the proposed schemes will (or have) involve varying degrees of consultation, some of which will relate to statutory processes (such as Traffic Regulation Orders). Members have noted that liaison and communication at project level has been extremely good.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The funding allocation to support schemes contained within the Highway Improvement Scheme was agreed by Cabinet on the 21st of March 2019 as part of the three year Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22. This report does not commit any additional spend over and above the agreed allocation of £23.5 million.
- 6.2 Funding will be realigned within the three year Capital Programme as necessary between the financial years.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

7.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in this report.

8. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

8.1 The Highways Investment Programme supports the Council's Corporate Plan Priority 'Place – creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work'.

8.2 The programme is wide ranging. It deals with the maintenance of transport assets created in order to meet travel demand. The programme supports enhanced connectivity to link homes with employment opportunities, education and health facilities, and to act as a catalyst for development and regeneration. In conjunction with grant applications, a range of sustainable and active travel opportunities are promoted.

8.3 The programme supports the Well-Being goals fostering prosperity and resilience with inclusive and sustainable transport options supporting more cohesive and vibrant communities.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The above programme continues the enhanced levels of investment under the RCTInvest initiative, delivering sustained improvements to the resilience and durability of our highways and transportation infrastructure, promoting sustainable transport opportunities and network efficiency.

9.2 The improvements to the standard of our network are supporting continued reductions in the Council's exposure to claims for slips, trips and falls on the highway network with the level of claims now at the lowest level ever experienced within RCT.

9.3 Frontline Services will coordinate and deliver significant investment in a number of important areas during 2019/20 and beyond and the proposed additional programme of schemes will further improve the condition of our highway network.

9.4 RCT is one of the few councils that continues to make significant investments in maintaining and improving our highways and transportation infrastructure. The table below demonstrates the level of progress that has been made since 2010/11.

Indicator	2010/11 Indicator	2018/19 Indicator
THS011a – percentage of A class roads requiring maintenance	16.2%	4.9%
THS011b – percentage of B class roads requiring maintenance	15.2%	6.5%
THS011c – percentage of C class roads requiring maintenance	15.3%	3.0%
THS012 – percentage of all classified roads requiring maintenance	15.7%	4.8%

9.5 The programme is as always subject to minor changes due to possible engineering difficulties or programming and coordination undertakers.

Traditional Surfacing

Street No	Street Name	Town		Budget(£)
	Cwmaman Road	Aberaman	Traditional	89600
	Duke Street	Aberdare	Traditional	100000
	Werfa Close	Abernant	Traditional	19200
	Heol Clwyddau	Beddau	Traditional	49920
	Heol hensol	Beddau	Traditional	57600
	Cefnpennar Road	Cefnpennar	Traditional	50000
	Oakland Crescent	Cilfynydd	Traditional	35360
	Marion St	Clydach Vale	Traditional	72800
	Emlyn St	Clydach Vale	Traditional	15000
	Tegfan	Ferndale	Traditional	84480
A4233	Ffaldau Terrace	Ferndale	Traditional	451000
	Grovers Close	Glyncoch	Traditional	33600
	Halt Road	Hirwaun	Traditional	57600
	Heol pantgwyn	Llanharry	Traditional	96000
	Swan St	Llantrisant	Traditional	32000
	Ffynon Las / Eisteddfa Road	Llwynypia	Traditional	60800
	Wilson Place	Maerdy	Traditional	56000
A4059	New Road	Mountain Ash	Traditional	10000
	Fforest Road	Mountain Ash	Traditional	25000
a473	Nantgarw Hill	Nantgarw	Traditional	137500
	Heol y Bwsi	Nantgarw	Traditional	10000
A4059	Chapel Road	Penderyn	Traditional	40000
	Edward St	Penrhiwceiber	Traditional	17280
	Lewis Street	Pentre	Traditional	35200
	Burns Way	Penycoedcae	Traditional	46400
	Gilfach Road	Penygraig	Traditional	53760
	Bransby Road	Penygraig	Traditional	11520
	Brynyhyfryd Ave	Penygraig	Traditional	48000
	Fishtails	Perthcelyn	Traditional	60480
	Aldergrove St	Porth	Traditional	45120
	Pant Place / River St	Taffs Well	Traditional	45000
A4119	Talbot Green Interchange	Talbot Green	Traditional	140000
	Fairways View	Talbot Green	Traditional	24960
	Co-operative Street	Ton Pentre	Traditional	25920
	Llantrisant Road	Tonyrefail	Traditional	35000
	Cross St	Trallwn	Traditional	9000
	Rhiwgarn estate	Trebanog	Traditional	150000
	New Park Crescent	Treforest	Traditional	16640
	Prospect Place	Treorchy	Traditional	54400
	Brynheulog Terrace	Tylorstown	Traditional	57600
	Gwernllwyn Terrace	Tylorstown	Traditional	70400
A4233	East Road	Tylorstown	Traditional	40000
	Heol Ida	Tynant	Traditional	53760
	Main Road	Tynewydd	Traditional	44800
	Homerton Street	Tyntetown	Traditional	10000

	Augustus Street	Ynysybwl	Traditional	40768
			Total	2719468

Surface Treatment

Street No	Street Name	Town		Budget(£)
	Surface Dressing rural lanes	Various	Surface Dressing	500000
a4058	Carne St / Llewellyn St	Pentre	Microasphalt	180000
a4058	Hopkinstown Road	Hopkinstown	Microasphalt	189000
a4054	Glyntaff Road	Glyntaff	Microasphalt	138600
b4273	Robert St / Ynysybwl Road	Ynysybwl	Microasphalt	259200
	Ynyscynon Road	Trealaw	Microasphalt	63000
b4275	Cemetery Road	Cwmdare	Microasphalt	72000
b4275	John St	Abercwmboui	Microasphalt	45900
a4054	Cardiff Road	Taffs Well	Microasphalt	45000
b4278	Barn Hill	Tonyrefail	Microasphalt	34200
	The Avenue	Cefnpennar	Microasphalt	36000
	Hospital Road	Pontypridd	Microasphalt	18900
	Abernant Road	Abernant	Microasphalt	57600
	Cemetery Road	Treorchy	Microasphalt	10000
	Park View Terrace	Abercwmboui	Microasphalt	27000
	East Road	Ferndale	Microasphalt	65000
			Total	1741400

Footway Works

Street No	Street Name	Town		Budget(£)
	Cwmbach Footway	Cwmbach		150000
	Southgate Footway	Llantrisant		200000
	Penywaun Footways	Penywaun		100000
	Blaenllechau access improvements	Ferndale		15000
	River Terrace	Treorchy		25000
	Brynfab	Rhydyfelin		50000
	Marion Street	Clydach vale		20000
	Ely Valley Road	Coedely		50000
	Birchgrove St	Porth		15000
	Rhiwgarn Estate	Trebanog		100000
	Beddau / Tynant access improvements	Beddau		15000
	Glyncoch Footways	Glyncoch		125000
	Investiture Estate	Tonyrefail		100000
	Graigwen Estate	Pontypridd		50000

	Trehafod Road	Trehafod		15000
	Conway Drive	Cwmbach		42000
	Ty Fry	Aberdare		48000
	Pryce Street	Mountain Ash		16000
	Ffaldau terrace	Ferndale		120000
	Duffryn St	Ferndale		30000
	Kenry St	Tonypandy		25000
	Oak St	Gilfach		71800
			Total	1382800

