



DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, HIGHWAYS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

DECISION NO 16/17 DE 14

SUBJECT: POTHOLE ACTION FUND

Background:

We have received an additional £199,000 capital grant for 2016/17 from the pothole action fund. This must be spent on permanently fixing potholes or measures to stop them forming in the first place. This funding must complement (rather than displace) planned highway maintenance expenditure for 2016/17.

It is proposed that £100,000 is spent on using a jet patcher to accelerate our pot hole repair process and address defects that have arisen following the winter/spring period.

The remainder of the grant will be used to increase the amount of pre-surface dressing patching carried out in 16/17 so that we can increase the amount of surface dressing in 17/18. This will allow many more roads to be addressed than if the whole grant was spent simply on pothole repair.

DECISION:

The pothole action fund is spent equally on pothole repairs using a jet patcher and pre-surface dressing patching.

Reasons:

The proposals best meet the grant conditions and our asset management strategy

Other Alternatives Considered:

Spend 100% on pothole repair- this is considered not to be the most cost effective option

Risk Assessment:

n/a

Financial Implications:

Costs will be restricted to the amount of grant available.

Implications for Future Years:

The amount spent of pre-surface dressing patching will contribute, in a small way, to reducing the backlog of repairs currently estimated at £47M

Signed..... Executive Member for Strategic Planning,
Highways, Economic Development and
Housing.

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