

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

## DECISION NO:

22/00039

### For publication

### Key decision\*

Yes –

**Subject:** County-wide pothole repair and patching programme.

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport I agree the

1. proposed decision to fund an annual pothole and patching programme (Pothole Blitz) of £7m per annum totalling £21m over 3 years;
2. delegation of authority to the Corporate Director of Growth Environment and Transport and the Corporate Director of Finance to agree funding mechanisms to support the programmes; and
3. delegation of authority to the Director of Highways and Transportation to award and enter appropriate contractual arrangements for the provision of the Pothole and Patching programme (Pothole Blitz) contracts.

### Reason(s) for decision:

Highways & Transport has a duty to ensure the effective discharge of the Council's statutory duties and powers as Local Transport & Highway Authority, in particular its duty of care to help ensure safe passage for all road users. The DfT highways grant has been reduced by £9m impacting the budget available for asset management of all highways assets, including an allocation for pothole and patching work. To ensure this work can continue, Members asked officers in Highways Asset Maintenance and Corporate Finance to consider funding options to support a 3-year pothole programme without increasing the council's financial borrowing commitments.

### Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal is being considered by Members of Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 19 May.

### Any alternatives considered:

Reduce expenditure on pothole programme

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

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signed

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date

Name:

