

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TAKEN BY

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

## DECISION NO:

22/00039

For publication

Key decision

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

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree the:

1. 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:

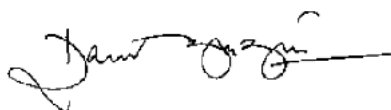
The proposal was considered and endorsed by Members of the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 19 May.

### Any alternatives considered:

Reduce expenditure on the pothole programme.

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

None.



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signed

14 November 2022

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date