

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

23/00033

For publication

Key decision

Subject: Acceptance of Additional Government Pothole Funding

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree:

- i) To accept additional Government Pothole Funding award of £6,054,800 for a pothole and patching programme;
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport to award and enter appropriate contractual arrangements, including any necessary extensions, subject to performance and contract terms as necessary to deliver the programme;
- (iii) To confirm that the funding will be used for pothole and patching in accordance with the authorities proposed approach to Asset Management (key decision 21/00028) and is in addition to the capital programme budget agreed at County Council in February 2023;
- (iv) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, after consultation with the S151 officer and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to accept further Pothole Grant Funding, subject to the grant conditions being acceptable.

Reason(s) for decision:

To seek approval to accept and deploy additional grant funding allocation according to the KCC's agreed Asset Management Approach for pothole and patching activity.

Reason for Urgency

By accepting and deploying the funding urgently officers will be able to utilise the Highways Term Maintenance contract to move quickly to help address the increased high demand levels for repairs and patching following severe weather extremes that have in turn increased the backlog of maintenance repairs.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

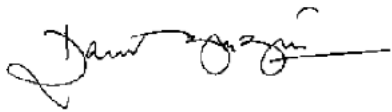
Decision taken between meetings.

Any alternatives considered:

KCC could choose not to accept the grant funding but this option has been discarded as highways budgets are under pressure. DfT has, in previous years, reduced grant funding by £9m net and current grant funding does not include any inflationary uplift, which has a significant impact on the maintenance backlog; currently £480m for roads and is increasing year on year as less work is able to be commissioned each year with a static grant.

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

N/A



18/04/2023

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