

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Cllr Arooj Shah, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services	Principal Decision	8 th October 2018

Highways England Designated Fund Programme - A663 Broadway (Trunk Road)

Decision (s)

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- The creation of four scheme budgets within the 2018/19 transport capital programme with a total value of £230,000 in order to deliver these schemes be noted;
- The overall value of the 2018/19 transport capital programme increasing by £230,000 be noted;
- Improvements to the highway network in Oldham as outlined below are noted.

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision		No

Reasons for the decision(s)

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- The overall value of the 2018/19 transport capital programme increasing by £230,000 be noted;
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Options/Alternatives considered

- Option A – deliver the Designated Fund Programme works on behalf of Highways England to the terms and conditions set out in the Section 6 Agreement between Oldham Council and Highways England;
- Option B – do not deliver the Designated Fund Programme works on behalf of Highways England to the terms and conditions set out in the Section 6 Agreement between Oldham Council and Highways England. This option risks reputational damage with Highways England and potential for funding to be withdrawn for the Designated Fund Programme in Oldham to the detriment of our highway network.

Conflict of Interest declared

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(Councillor Signature and portfolio)

In consultation with

Hockwood

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(Executive Director Signature)

Decision made pursuant to:

- a) Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation. Contract £100,000 - £400,000 and Key decisions.**

Delegated Cabinet Member Decision Report

Decision Maker and Portfolio area:	Cllr Arooj Shah, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services
Date of Decision:	8th October 2018
Subject:	Highways England Designated Fund Programme - A663 Broadway (Trunk Road)
Report Author:	Eleanor Sykes, Transport Policy Officer, x1668
Ward(s) Affected:	Chadderton North and Chadderton Central

Reason for the decision:

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Summary:

In the Road Investment Strategy (2015-2020), Highways England (HE) was given funding via the Department for Transport (DfT) to improve the surroundings of the Strategic Road Network.

Highways England has created the Designated Funds Programme which includes highway works on and adjacent to the A663 Broadway trunk road, part of the strategic road network, between Hollinwood Avenue to the south and the A627 (M) to the north.

Highways England approached Oldham Council to deliver the Designated Funds Programme in

Oldham on their behalf to fit in with the timescales for delivery and other works in the area, namely the Foxdenton development.

The four Designated Funds schemes are currently at the detailed design stage (some funding was paid in advance by Highways England to progress this stage) and this delegated report will allow the creation of scheme budgets within the transport capital programme in order to deliver the schemes on site.

The schemes to be delivered under the Designated Funds Programme, and their values, are as follows:

Scheme Name	Scheme Description	Scheme Value
Tactile Paving	Improvements to tactile paving, road markings and cycle signage at various locations (no.11)	£114,000
Burnley Lane Subway	Improvements to the cycleway/footway surfacing, the subway and provision of a new green area	£46,000
Middleton Road North	Improvements to the cycleway/footway surfacing, segregation of cycleway and provision of a new green area	£47,000
Thatch Leach	The junction of Thatch Leach and Broadway will benefit from a raised crossing to assist non-motorised users and slow drivers entering and exiting the junction.	£23,000
	Total Value	£230,000

Design and delivery of the above schemes will be completed in the 2018/19 financial year.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

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Option B – do not deliver the Designated Fund Programme works on behalf of Highways England to the terms and conditions set out in the Section 6 Agreement between Oldham Council and Highways England. This option risks

reputational damage with Highways England and potential for funding to be withdrawn for the Designated Fund Programme in Oldham to the detriment of our highway network.

Recommendation(s):

Deliver the Designated Fund Programme works on behalf of Highways England to the terms and conditions set out in the Section 6 Agreement between Oldham Council and Highways England.

Implications:

What are the financial implications?

Capital Implications

- This report details 4 schemes to be delivered by Oldham Council on behalf of Highways England.
- The cost for the 4 schemes is estimated at £230,000.
- Costs for works on these schemes will be incurred by Oldham Council, and will require an increase in the Transport Capital budget of £230,000. Details of the 4 scheme budgets are as follows: -

Scheme Name	Scheme Value
Tactile Paving	£114,000
Burnley Lane Subway	£46,000
Middleton Road North	£47,000
Thatch Leach	£23,000
	£230,000

- Highways England will reimburse the costs of these works up to a maximum value of £230,000, exclusive of VAT.
- Oldham Council will invoice Highways England for reimbursement of monies, and will maintain records of accounts for these works.
- In the unlikely event that costs rise above the £230,000 threshold, the additional cost will have to be met by the Council. However, officers are indicating that a substantial amount of contingency has been built into the programme which should result in an overall underspend on the scheme. The risk to the council is expected to be low.

Revenue Implications

- The four Designated Funds schemes are currently at the detailed design stage, with funds for design having been paid in advance by Highways England on cost centre 40030 of £30,000.
- Highways England will be responsible for all the future maintenance of the infrastructure provided by the Works that are on the A663 Trunk Road.

(Sadrul Alam / Cath Conlon)

What are the *procurement* implications?

N/A as the work is insourced. Departmental governance process to be followed. (Jay Thind)

What are the *legal* implications?

The use of the funding is subject to an agreement between the Council and Highways England under section 6 of the Highways Act 1980, which enables the Secretary of State to delegate his functions with respect to the maintenance and improvement of a trunk road to the Council. (A Evans)

What are the *Human Resources* implications?

N/A

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)

N/A

What are the *property* implications

N/A

Risks:

None

Co-operative agenda

The delivery of these schemes on behalf of Highways England represents a co-operative approach in terms of working together to achieve maximum value from the investment.

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? Yes

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
Eleanor Sykes	
Date: 8th October 2018	

Please list any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description

In consultation with

Hockwood.

(Relevant Executive Director/Director _____ Date: 12/10/18 _____)

