
Briefing to Cabinet

Date: 24th June 2019

Subject:

Highways Improvement Programme
2019/20 – 2021/22 (Update)

Report of:

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For Information

Portfolio holder:

Cllr Arooj Shah, Cabinet Member for
Neighbourhood Services

Summary of the issue:

On 25th March 2019 the Highways Improvement Programme 2019/20 – 2021/22 was approved by Cabinet. The report was appended with detailed programmes utilising both Prudential Borrowing (£12m over 3 years) as well as all other sources of funding available for highway maintenance including Local Transport Plan (LTP), Incentive Fund and Pothole Fund which brings the programme to ~£16m over the 3 years.

Since this approval we have become aware that two unadopted streets have been included in the programme. These were included in error in the Annual Engineering Inspection (AEI) that was carried out in autumn 2018 and their condition meant they were included in the programme. The unadopted streets included were as follows:

- Hollins Avenue (Saddleworth West & Lees)
- Ashmond Road (Saddleworth West & Lees)

Following approval of the programme detailed inspections of all highways included were carried out by highway engineers to assess the scope of the scheme and clarify the type of works. It was at this stage that the above highways were confirmed as unadopted and would therefore need to be excluded from the programme. The locations highlighted above will be replaced by adjacent streets of a similar length and condition as follows:

- Hollins Avenue replaced by Hollins Road (Saddleworth West & Lees)
- Ashmond Road replaced by Wroe Street (Saddleworth West & Lees)

The whole programme has been thoroughly checked to ensure no further unadopted highways have been included.

The website link to the page 'Highways Improvement Programme 2019/20' has been updated to exclude the above unadopted streets and will be updated to include their replacements in due course. This page will be further updated on a regular basis in relation to scheme delivery dates and status updates as schemes are completed.

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201054/roads_streets_and_pavements/2044/highways_improvement_programme_201920

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services has also been briefed of these changes.