

Emergency Powers Decision Report

- 1. Highway Road Markings Framework**
- 2. Carriageway Resurfacing Framework**
- 3. Carriageway Preventative Maintenance Framework**

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Highways, Engineering & Operations

Directorate: Environment

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Date of Decision: 22 June 2026

1. Power to make the decision

The decision is being taken under the authorisation contained in Section 9C – Delegations to Specific Officers of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council Constitution for the Chief Executive to take any emergency decisions in respect of the Council's executive functions which cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting.

2. Decision Sought

To approve the reports listed below:

- Highway Road Markings Framework
- Carriageway Resurfacing Framework
- Carriageway Preventative Maintenance Framework

3. Reason for urgency

In order to deliver the transport capital programme for 2026/27, ongoing maintenance of the highway, footway, structures and highway road markings across the borough, the Council operates frameworks which comply with legal and procurement requirements. Without suitable, current and compliant frameworks, the Council is unable to deliver the capital programme as well as revenue-based maintenance works in a timely manner and provide value for money.

The three existing frameworks have expired. Therefore, approval of the above reports is needed to allow delivery of highway related works across the borough. The Highways Capital programme for 2026/27 is currently awaiting Cabinet approval.

The three frameworks have undergone a comprehensive procurement exercise and providers chosen through a compliant legal and procurement tendering process and will cover the period 2026/27 to 2030/31 – the reports also list clear spend limits, complying with procurement regulations.

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

- Unsustainable delays to the capital and revenue-based maintenance programmes
- Delays impacting road safety and drainage schemes – subsequent impact on highway safety and water management on the highway network
- Increase legal / liability risks due to absence of a compliant framework and the delays as a result to scheme delivery and maintenance

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

- Risk of having to return CRSTS funding if programme not delivered due to absence of compliant frameworks and subsequent delays
- Failure to deliver 2026/27 programme could impact future funding proposals
- Additional costs of repairs due to delays in delivering the programme

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh
Date 17 June 2026
Comments

The costs associated with the award of the Oldham Carriageway Preventative Maintenance Framework will be closely monitored to ensure that the individual schemes can be delivered within the overall budget allocation. This is a compliance report to allow the Council to operate within a framework which is legally and a procurement compliant framework. Separate individual capital schemes reports will be required for approval in the future.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name Alan Evans (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Date 17 June 2026

Comments The exercise of emergency powers should be undertaken in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council. However the Council has not yet appointed a Leader or Deputy Leader for the current municipal year so it is not possible to consult them. In addition, there is no certainty about when a Leader or Deputy Leader will be appointed, as the Council has failed at two successive meetings to do so. For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision relating to the three reports is required and they cannot await the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.