

North Yorkshire County Council
Business and Environmental Services

Executive Members

20 April 2018

Highways Capital Programme 2018/19

Report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services (BES), in consultation with BES Executive Members, for additions to the Highways Capital Works Programme for Structural Highway Maintenance for 2018/19 identified since the last Highways Capital Programme report dated 2 March 2018
- 1.2 The intention is to minimise the duration between the identification of schemes and them being agreed for inclusion in the Capital Works Programme.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Highways Capital Programme is made up of four specific elements; these are Street Lighting; Bridges and Structures; Integrated Transport and Structural Highway Maintenance. Each of these elements is subject to prioritisation methods based upon an assessment of the required outcomes.
- 2.2 BES Executive Members will be aware that usual practice is to present two main reports per year; one in the summer, when the following years schemes are reported; followed by a winter report, when necessary changes to the programme are reported along with the headline allocations for the programme for the year after.
- 2.3 In line with 2.2 above, reports were considered at the BES Executive Members meeting held on 2 March 2018 when changes to the 2018/19 capital works programme were agreed.
- 2.4 Although advanced planning is maximised through the implementation of a three-year rolling capital works programme, there are occasions when it is necessary, for sound operational reasons, to introduce new schemes into the in-year programme.

3.0 New Schemes to be Introduced in the 2018/19 Capital Works Programme

- 3.1 The following schemes are proposed to be added to the 2018/19 programme;

Park Rash, C103/U395 Carlton to Kettlewell Road
Stoupe Brow Landslip

see Appendix 1 for further details.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Any additional costs associated with implementation of the scheme/s named in Appendix 1 will be accounted for as part of the routine strategic management of the

Highways Capital Works Programme. This approach seeks to ensure that the programme is delivered on time and to budget.

- 4.2 The contents of this report make no changes to the BES Capital Plan expenditure limits.

5.0 Equalities Implications

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment screening form was included as part of the Capital Programme overall and this found that an Equality Impact Assessment was not required. As these schemes are typical maintenance schemes it is deemed that the original screening form included schemes of this type and that there will be no Equality Implications arising from this recommendation.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 The County Council, as Local Highway Authority, Street Authority and Traffic Authority has a wide range of statutory duties imposed by a variety of legislation, including a duty under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 to maintain highways maintainable at the public expense.
- 6.2 Although the decision to carry out this scheme has been made in-year, it was developed and prioritised in line with the relevant legislation and approved Council policies.
- 6.3 It is the view of officers that there are no legal implications in terms of adding this scheme to the capital programme.

7.0 Recommendation

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Corporate Director, BES in consultation with BES Executive Members approve the additional schemes detailed in section 3 and Appendix 1 of this report for delivery in the 2018/19 financial year.

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Background Documents: None

New Schemes Introduced in the 2018/19 Capital Works Programme

District	Location	Address	Est Cost/£	Reason for addition
Richmondshire	Park Rash	C103/U395 Carton to Kettlewell Road	70,000	R&R Scheme brought forward to before the Tour de Yorkshire Cycle Race.
Scarborough	Stoupe Brow	Scarborough Rd, Ravenscar U2413	45,000	Landslip causing cracking in road, needs repair before further damage occurs

Appendix 2

Initial equality impact assessment screening form (As of October 2015 this form replaces 'Record of decision not to carry out an EIA')			
This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Business and Environmental Services		
Service area	Highways & Transportation		
Proposal being screened	Highways Capital Programme 2018/19 - Approval of schemes not included at previous BES Executive Members meeting.		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Neil Leighton		
What are you proposing to do?	Agree addition to the capital programme in advance of the next scheduled capital programme report to Corporate Director with BES Executive Members.		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	Minimise the duration between scheme identification and agreement for inclusion on the agreed capital programme		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	No, the proposal will result in reprioritisation of the current allocations to enable three additional schemes to be delivered.		
Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristic As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? • Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? • Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? 			
If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be a significant adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your Equality rep for advice if you are in any doubt.			
Protected characteristic	Yes	No	Don't know/No info available
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex (Gender)		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	
Pregnancy or maternity		✓	
Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
NYCC additional characteristic			
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		✓	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No, the proposals do not negatively affect any groups of people.		

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<p>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.</p>	<p>No, the proposal will have no effect on how other organisations work.</p>			
<p>Decision (Please tick one option)</p>	<p>EIA not relevant or proportionate:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Continue to full EIA:</p>	
<p>Reason for decision</p>	<p>The allocation of funding is based on the 'manage, maintain and improve' (MMI) hierarchy set out in LTP4 which has been the subject of a full EIA. This concluded that the introduction of fewer improvement schemes may have a greater impact on people with mobility difficulties or without access to private vehicles as there will be fewer new facilities provided e.g. pedestrian crossings, dropped kerbs, bus stop accessibility improvements; however, it is also considered that prioritising maintenance, particularly for footways, through the MMI hierarchy is likely to produce a net benefit for people with the same protected characteristics; particularly in terms of age and disability.</p>			
<p>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</p>	<p><i>Barrie Mason</i></p>			
<p>Date</p>	<p><i>09/04/17</i></p>			