

Individual Executive Decision Notice

Report title	Stafford Road Highway Maintenance spring 2017	
Decision designation	GREEN	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Steve Evans City Environment	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by		

Summary

To seek approval for the major highway maintenance scheme for Stafford Road (A449) proposed to take place during spring 2017.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That the Cabinet Member for City Environment, in consultation with the Service Director, City Environment,

1. Approves the spring 2017 highway maintenance scheme proposed for Stafford Road (A449).

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Date:

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 City of Wolverhampton Council receives funding from the Department for Transport to support the Council's annual Transportation Capital Programme. The Capital Programme for 2016/17 was approved at Cabinet on 20 April 2016.
- 1.2 The programme of Capital Maintenance of Classified Roads involves reconstruction and resurfacing of classified (A, B and C class) roads and is funded primarily from the Highway Capital Maintenance Block Grant for highways. The priority given to each scheme depends on factors including condition survey data, maintenance records, visual inspections, customer complaints and ward councillor requests. The approach accords with the Council's Highway Asset Management Plan. The programme is managed within the available resources each financial year and in accordance with developing priorities.

2.0 The Stafford Road Scheme

- 2.1 This scheme was included in the Capital Programme report approved at Cabinet on 20 April 2016. It is due to start on 13 March 2017 and end on 30 April. It will involve carriageway reconstruction in both directions between Gorsebrook Road and Oxley Moor Road.
- 2.2 The surfacing to be used in these schemes will be Hot Rolled Asphalt (HRA) or Stone Mastic Asphalt (SMA) as per the Council's pallet of highway materials.
- 2.3 Given that Stafford Road is arguably the busiest radial route in the City the works will be undertaken overnight with comprehensive traffic management arrangements to minimise disruption. A comprehensive Communications Plan for residents and local businesses is appended. This focuses particularly on the needs of businesses in the J2 Employment Zone such as JLR and UTC. There has also been liaison with Staffordshire County Council (see 2.4) and Highways England with a view to using motorway VMS signs to help minimise disruption.
- 2.4 The impact of works taking place on A449 north of the M54 in Staffordshire until the end of June has been taken into account in planning the works in Wolverhampton.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The major highway maintenance works proposed for Stafford Road (A449) are anticipated to cost in the region of £1.45 million plus 10% fees. These costs can be accommodated from the existing budget for Stafford Road, under the Maintenance of Classified Roads element of the Transportation capital and wholly funded by grant. [TT/30012017/O]

4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report. [TS/26012017/S]

5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report as the subject matter is not believed to impact significantly against the protected characteristics.

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 This highway maintenance scheme should generate some localised environmental improvements.

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

8.0 Corporate landlord implications

8.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 None.

