



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	HIGHWAYS STRUCTURAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - ALLOCATION, REALLOCATION AND CAPITAL RELEASE DEPARTMENT: Place SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: Highways Structural Programme 2023-24 REPORT NO: 3
Reference No.	1047
Date of decision	Wednesday 21 February 2024
Call-in expiry date	SPECIAL URGENCY N/A – This decision comes into immediate effect
Relevant Select Committees	Property, Highways & Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward	Hillingdon East, South Ruislip, Uxbridge, West Drayton and Yeadon

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	The Leader of the Council, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
	APPROVED That the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Finance, approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The allocation and reallocation of £524k for resurfacing carriageways;2. The capital release request of £354k and the reallocation of £170k of previously released funding from the 2023/24 Highways Structural Programme budget for the resurfacing of carriageways; and3. The reserve list of schemes to drawdown from should additional funding become available from underspends on completed schemes.
Reason for decision	On 04 October 2023, the Government announced £8.3 billion of additional highways maintenance funding over the period 2023 to 2024 of which Hillingdon has been allocated £354k.

	<p>This funding, received only recently, is in addition to local transport funding from the last Spending Review and in addition to what local authorities were expecting in future. Officers recommend that Cabinet Members accept and release this grant to support the Highways Structural Works 2023/24 programme.</p> <p>Appendix A of the report contains a list of resurfacing schemes that are to be funded from Department for Transport (DfT) grant funding and reallocation of previously released funds to improve road surface condition and limit deterioration of the fabric of the Borough's highways asset, which could have resulted in serious failure of roads, footways, verges, highway drainage, and street furniture, as well as to improve the serviceability of the highway network (for example, the visual appearance, ride quality, and structural integrity of the roads and pavements).</p> <p>Should additional savings be made within the programme after the approved schemes are completed, the reserve list schemes will be prioritised for resurfacing, as detailed in Appendix B of the report.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>There are no alternatives due to the level of deterioration as delaying these schemes would place additional pressure on the Council's financial resources if permanent repairs were not implemented in a timely manner.</p> <p>In many instances, any delay of this programme may also have safety implications with a possible consequent impact on the Public Liability Insurance budget.</p>
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Report
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Gurmeet Matharu – Place Directorate
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s)/ dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

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When can this decision be implemented by officers?	This decision was taken under special urgency procedures in the Council Constitution and deemed urgent by the Leader of the Council.

	<p>The reasons for urgency are to enable essential highways improvement works to be completed before the end of the financial year 2023/24 and ensure the Council can maximise the budget it has to improve local roads.</p> <p>Agreement that the matter was urgent and could not have been reasonably deferred, along with the waiver of the scrutiny call-in period, was also granted by the Chairman of the Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee.</p> <p>THIS DECISION THEREFORE COMES INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.</p>
Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable. If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk. Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate & Executive Directors, Officers and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>