

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 24th October 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director Environment and Regeneration

PORTFOLIO: Environment and Urban Renewal

SUBJECT: Additional Highway Maintenance Allocations

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report seeks Executive Board approval to accept capital funding from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority in compliance with Standing Orders.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1. The board approves the Director Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment and Urban Renewal be delegated to accept the Grant Funding Agreement and enable timely delivery of the agreement; and**
- 2. The Director Planning and Transportation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment and Urban Renewal be delegated to deal with any matters relating to procurement and operation of this agreement.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In addition to the current capital funding arrangements through the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA), Halton has now received two Highways and Improvements Grants for £306,781.20 each, and a Traffic Signal Maintenance and Improvement Grant for £44,394.12.

3.2 The cost of works undertaken as part of these grant funding agreements will be met entirely from the approved budget allocations for this additional capital funding.

3.3 The work would be designed by existing Halton officers and construction would be delivered via existing Term Contracts.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The method of procurement has complied with the Public Contract Regulations, 2015 and the Council's own Procurement Standing Orders being carried out in conjunction with the Procurement Centre of Excellence.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The work to be covered entirely by this grant funding agreements have no requirement for HBC match funding.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

Well maintained Highways ensure that the public can travel quickly and easily on the Highway network.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

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6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

None

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

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6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

None

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

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7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Failure to proceed with the works would breach the terms of the agreement and contribute the continued deterioration of the Highway.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no direct equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The two Highway and Improvement Grants are to be invested in the Highway Network likely utilising materials which have high carbon

values, such as bituminous and concrete products. However, the service aims to use lower carbon materials if possible, such as warm mix asphalt rather than hot mix which reduces carbon emissions. Similarly proprietary materials are used where they are suitable which overall as a process have been independently evaluated as carbon neutral.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Grant Agreement Highways Improvement and Maintenance Grant
2023/24

Grant Agreement Highways Improvement and Maintenance Grant
2024/25

Grant Agreement, Traffic Signal Maintenance and Improvement
2024/26
