

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Three Year Highway Improvement Programme 2016/17 – 2018/19 – Summary Report

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**Committee considering report:** Individual Executive Member Decision

**Date of Committee:** 19 February 2016

**Portfolio Member:** Councillor Garth Simpson

**Forward Plan Ref:** ID3074

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Three Year Highway Improvement Programme for consideration by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations) and Emergency Planning.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency and Planning approves the Three Year Highway Improvement Programme for 2016/17 – 2018/19.

### 3. Implications

3.1 **Financial:** The highway improvement programme will be funded from existing capital budgets.

3.2 **Policy:** The programme meets the requirements of the Council's Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026 in that maintenance of the road network is not being considered in isolation. Many other transport policy links will be achieved in areas such as road safety, safer routes to school and cycling. The programme contributes towards the Council's Strategic Aim of a Stronger Local Economy.

3.3 **Personnel:** None arising from this report

3.4 **Legal:** None arising from this report

3.5 **Risk Management:** Failure to maintain the asset will affect availability, value, safety and the Council's ability to meet its legal duty to maintain a safe network under the Highways Act 1980.

3.6 **Property:** The public highway is an important and valuable asset. Failure to maintain it will devalue the asset and conflict with the Government's aim to implement Highway Asset Management and Whole Life Accounting.

3.7 Other: None arising from this report.

#### 4. Consultation Responses

##### Members:

**Leader of Council:** Councillor Roger Croft did not raise any issues during the consultation period

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:** Councillor Emma Webster did not raise any issues during the consultation period

**Ward Members:** Comment from Peter Argyle regarding when Charrington Road would be resurfaced. Comment from Alan Macro regarding Church Lane and The Green in Theale. E-mail responses have been provided.

**Opposition Spokesperson:** Councillor Billy Drummond did not raise any issues during the consultation period.

**Local Stakeholders:** Consultation is not formally undertaken as the programme is based on objective data from technical surveys. However, any comments received from stakeholders during the previous 12 month period are considered and all Councillors and Town and Parish Clerks are advised of scheme details in advance of work commencing. The full programme will also be published on the Council's website.

**Officers Consulted:** Mark Edwards, Melvyn May Paul Clements.

**Trade Union:** Not applicable

## 5. Executive Summary.

The Three Year Highway Improvement Programme has been developed in accordance with highway asset management principles as detailed in the UKRLG/HMEP Asset Management Guidance, Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management 'Well-maintained Highways', the Transport Infrastructure Assets Code 'Guidance to Support Asset Management, Financial Management and Reporting' and the Council's approved Highway Asset Management Plan.

In accordance with the requirements of the Transport Infrastructure Assets Code, the improvement programme (structural repair, resurfacing, surface dressing, slurry seals and other micro asphalts) is fully funded from the Capital programme.

As part of the consultation process, a copy of the draft report and a map of West Berkshire highlighting the roads included in the Three Year Highway Improvement Programme will be displayed in the Members room.

The purpose of this report is to present the latest draft 2016/17 – 2018/19 Three Year Highway Improvement and gain approval to proceed with year 1 of the programme.

## 6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Highway Improvement Programme has been developed in accordance with the Council's approved Highway Asset Management Plan using surveyed condition data.

## 7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix A - Supporting Information.

7.2 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment.

7.3 Appendix C – Three Year Highway Improvement Programme 2016/17 – 2018/19.