

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Petition - Resurfacing of Roads in Speen
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	17 February 2011
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2208

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and ICT of the receipt of a petition concerning the resurfacing of Coxeter Road, Kersey Crescent, Brummell Road and Burchell Road in Speen.

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in section X of this report.

Reason for decision to be taken:

Statutory:



Non-Statutory:



Other options considered:

Key background documentation:

The Petition.
Road condition data
3 Year Highway Improvement Programme

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Implications

Policy:	None arising from report
Financial:	None arising from report
Personnel:	None arising from report
Legal/Procurement:	None arising from report
Environmental:	None arising from report
Partnering:	None arising from report
Property:	None arising from report
Risk Management:	None arising from report
Community Safety:	None arising from report
Equalities:	None arising from report

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones fully supports the report and agrees with the recommendations.
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Brian Bedwell fully supports the report and agrees with the recommendations.
Select Committee Chairman:	Councillor Quentin Webb fully supports the report and agrees with the recommendations.
Ward Members:	<p>Paul Bryant commented that whilst it would be nice to resurface every road, he accepts that this is not possible in the current financial climate. He fully supports the report and agrees with the recommendations.</p> <p>Marcus Franks was pleased that the roads mentioned (with exception of Burchell) form part of the next 2 financial year programme and asked for the estate roads of Burchell Road and those off it to be monitored closely.</p>
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Keith Woodhams supports the petition from residents requesting the roads be surfaced.
Local Stakeholders:	Petition is from local residents
Officers Consulted:	Mark Edwards, Paul Clements
Trade Union:	N/A

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:</p> <p>The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Considered or reviewed by OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 months <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Item is Urgent Key Decision <input type="checkbox"/></p>		

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 A petition containing 483 signatures was presented by Councillor Paul Bryant at a meeting of the full Council on 9th December 2010. The petition states:

"We the undersigned wish to register our dissatisfaction with the condition of the roads at the following locations: Coxeter Road, Kersey Crescent, Brummell Road and Burchell Road, Speen, Newbury, RG14. We would like the re-surfacing of these roads carried out as a matter of urgency. The numerous temporary repairs that have been carried out are not satisfactory".

- 1.2 The petition was first received as a letter on 9 September 2010. Following a discussion with the Petition organiser, it was decided to deal with the petition as a service request as a prompt response was requested. A full and detailed analysis was carried out using the 2009 condition data and the petition organiser was informed of the outcomes and Council's recommendations on 29 September 2010 (by letter) and 4 October 2010 (by email). A copy of the response is provided in Appendix A.
- 1.3 The roads referred to in the petition form part of the unclassified road network and with the exception of Brummell Road which is a through road that links the A4 Bath Road to Grove Road, all the roads listed are minor link roads and cul-de-sacs serving residential areas, and as a consequence, only carry local traffic. The roads comprise concrete construction with a thin bituminous overlay.
- 1.4 Each year, the Council carries out a series of surveys to establish the condition of the District's road network. The data from these surveys is used to produce National Indicators for Central Government and develop appropriate repair programmes using the asset management principles as set out in Government guidelines.
- 1.5 In addition to condition surveys, routine safety inspections are also undertaken to ensure the highway network remains in a safe and serviceable condition. Any defects exceeding the Council's defined intervention levels are made safe under an emergency 2 hour response.
- 1.6 The Council's current 3 Year Highway Treatment Programme (2010/11 to 2012/13) is detailed in Appendix B of this report and was developed using 2009 carriageway condition data and budget allocations. Whilst every effort is made to deliver this programme on time, changes in budget and other factors including adverse weather, utility works etc may result in changes in the timings within the programme.
- 1.7 Following receipt of a formal petition on 9 December 2010, a full analysis using 2010 carriageway condition data, injury accidents and complaints was undertaken. The conclusions of this analysis are detailed in Section 2 of this report. A summary of the results is detailed in Appendix C of this report.

- 1.8 Coxeter Road and Kersey Crescent form part of the current 2010/11 – 2012/13 Highway Treatment Programme and are programmed to be repaired in 2011/12.
- 1.9 Brummell Road, Lewendon Road and De Montford Road have deteriorated since the analysis that was carried out in September's using the 2009 carriageway condition data and will now form part of the emerging 2011/12 – 2013/14 Highway Treatment Programme.
- 1.10 Burchell Road remains in a serviceable condition and does not warrant repair at this present time.

2. Survey Results

- 2.1 During the initial site inspection, areas of lamination (stripping of the thin bituminous surface layer from the underlying concrete) and shallow potholes were recorded. Whilst aesthetically unpleasing, lamination in itself does not affect the structural integrity of the road or impact on safety to general road users.
- 2.2 Over the last 3 years, there have been no recorded injury accidents.
- 2.3 The conclusions of the analysis are summarised below and a summary of the results are detailed in Appendix C of this report.

Road	2010 Survey Condition	Main Defects	Current Position	Section to be Treated
Coxeter Road	100% amber	Potholes, lamination	Forms part of the 3 Year Highway Improvement Programme. Programmed for 2011/12	All
Brummell Road	22% Green, 20% Amber, 58% Red	Potholes, lamination	To be added to the 3 Year Highway Improvement Programme. Provisionally programmed for 2011/12	All
Burchell Road	Green	Minor areas of lamination.	Does not form part of the 3 Year Highway Improvement Programme.	This road does not warrant repair at this present time. Will be reassessed on receipt of 2011/12 condition data.
Lewendon Road	100% red	Potholes.	To be added to the 3 Year Highway Improvement Programme. Provisionally programmed for 2011/12	All
Kersey Crescent	70% Green 30% Red	Potholes.	Forms part of the 3 Year Highway Improvement Programme. Programmed for 2011/12	Section between Lewendon Road and Coxeter Road.
De Montfort Road	50% Amber 50% Red	Potholes, lamination.	To be added to the 3 Year Highway Improvement Programme. Provisionally programmed for 2011/12	All

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Coxeter Road and Kersey Crescent form part of the current 2010/11 - 2012/13 Highway Improvement Programme and are programmed to be resurfaced in 2011/12. Subject to no changes in budget or any unforeseen circumstances arising in 2011/12, it is recommended that these roads remain in the 2011/12 programme.
- 3.2 Brummell Road, Lewendon Road and De Montford Road have deteriorated since the first analysis in September 2010 using the 2009 carriageway condition data. Subject to no changes in budget or any unforeseen circumstances arising in 2011/12, it is recommended that these roads are added to the 2011/12 programme.
- 3.2 Based on current condition data, it is recommended that we continue to monitor the condition of Burchell Road.

Appendices

Appendix A: Council's response to service request received 9 September 2010.

Appendix B: 2010/11 – 2012/13 Highway Improvement Programme

Appendix C: Pavement Condition Summary