

Record of Officer Decision

Replacement Highway Drainage Apparatus (Network Resilience)

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Assistant Director Planning & Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture, on 22 October 2019

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

In September 2017 the Council approved a series of business cases which provisionally allocated the remainder of the funding from the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme into categories following completion of Strategic Business Cases.

One of the approved Strategic Business Cases covered 'Network Resilience'.

This project relates to the highway authority's responsibilities in respect of ensuring that vulnerable areas of Torbay have resilience to cope with highway flooding both now and in the future.

Some of Torbay's residential areas are vulnerable to flooding in terms of their topography and also the age and design of the 'gullies' or 'traps' that drain the highway. The proposal is to replace gullies, which were constructed as 'masonry traps' in older highway areas and are causing concern due to the inability to keep them effectively maintained.

The project has been recommended and supported for progression by the Torbay Flood Steering Group.

The Business Case has now been reviewed by the Assistant Director of Planning and Transport and his decision is set out below.

Decision Taken:

That £40,000 be funded from the strategic allocation for Network Resilience to replace key drainage apparatus, to be funded from the Transport Capital Funding prior to March 2021.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To increase resilience to the risk of highway flooding in vulnerable areas of Torbay and reduce future maintenance needs.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

Various options have been considered and discounted including a reactive maintenance programme and reactive maintenance case by case.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None

Implementation:

This decision will come into force immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: 22 October 2019
Assistant Director of Planning and Transport

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Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture