

**Report to:** Cabinet  
Council

**Date of Meeting:** 11 September 2014  
25 September 2014

**Subject:** Department for Transport Pothole Fund

**Report of:** Director of Built Environment

**Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes    **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No – Rule 27  
Applied

**Exempt/Confidential** No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To seek approval to the inclusion of the £380,965 allocated to Sefton from the Department of Transport 'Pothole Fund', in the Councils 2014/15 Capital programme, to be allocated on the basis of priorities agreed by the Cabinet Member for Transportation.

### **Recommendation(s)**

That **Cabinet**;

1. Recommends to Council that the £380,965 allocated by the Department for Transport Pothole Fund is incorporated into the Council's Capital Programme for 2014/15
2. Agrees the proposed additional projects contained in Appendix A of this report to the previously approved Highways Maintenance programme 2014-15
3. That it be noted that the proposal was a Key Decision but had not been included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Consequently, the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) had been consulted under Rule 27 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution, to the decision being made by the Cabinet as a matter of urgency on the basis that it was impracticable to defer the decision until the commencement of the next Forward Plan because delayed implementation of the programme of highway maintenance would place at risk the Council's ability to fully utilise the resource allocated.

That **Council** give approval to the Department for Transport Pothole Fund allocation of £380,965 being incorporated into the Council's Capital Programme for 2014/15

**How does the decision contribute to the Council’s Corporate Objectives?**

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities	√	√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

The resources allocated are capital and thus must be incorporated into the Council’s Capital Programme

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs – None**

**(B) Capital Costs –** The additional allocation will augment existing Highway Maintenance resources in order to deliver the priority projects identified by the Cabinet Member, Transportation

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal – None</b>	
<b>Human Resources - None</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input type="checkbox"/> *
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:**

None

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD 3103/14) and the Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD 2407/14) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

No

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Meeting

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**Background Papers:**

None

**1. Background**

- 1.1 The Department for Transport has allocated resources to each Highway Authority under the auspices of a 'Pothole Fund'. While referred to as pothole funding, DfT have advised that the resource should be utilised for a range of priority highway maintenance projects, to be determined by the Local Authority.
- 1.2 Unlike previous years funding, DfT have made clear that the resource for 2014/15 is capital and that it is unringfenced. Therefore, it is necessary to incorporate the funding into the 2014/15 Corporate Capital Programme and also confirm that the resource is to be used for Highway Maintenance purposes on the basis of priorities determined by the Cabinet Member for Transportation.
- 1.3 The Chair of the Strategic Capital Investment Group has consented to the resource being utilised for Highway Maintenance purposes. Therefore, Council is required to agree inclusion of the funding into the corporate Capital Programme for 2014/15.
- 1.4 The additional resource will be utilised to augment the agreed Highways Maintenance Programme 2014-15 on the basis of additionally identified priorities, based on detailed site inspections. This additional programme is set out within 'Appendix A' to this report.

## Appendix A

In addition to the Council's approved 2014/15 highway maintenance programme, the following projects are recommended for inclusion in order to utilise the additional 'Pothole Fund' allocation 2014-15;

Preston New Road, Southport (Increase patching fund to alleviate vibration issues and settlement) Value £100,000.00

A59 Northway, Maghull ( Robins Island RAB) Plane& inlay 40mm, carriageway surface starting to breakdown. High risk of injury and damage claim. Value £46,250.00

Southport Road, Bootle (Roundabout @ Northfield Road) Plane& Inlay 40mm, carriageway in poor state of repair High risk of injury and damage claim, Value £42,500.00 Previously texbanded to arrest deterioration.

Southport Road, Bootle (Roundabout@ Aintree Road) Plane& Inlay 40mm, carriageway in poor state of repair High risk of injury and damage claim, Value £38,150.00 Previously texbanded to arrest deterioration.

Gorse Lane, Litherland £73,100.00 to be added to approved patch funding to cover selective carriageway repairs in Hawthorne Road and Sefton Road

A565 Formby Bypass (Liverpool Road to Altcar Lane & vice versa) Surface Dressing, initial signs of failure identified in carriageway surface. Value £57,035.00

A565 Formby Bypass (Southport Road to Southport Old Road & vice versa) ) Surface Dressing, initial signs of failure identified in carriageway surface. Value £103,786.00

Eastbourne Road, Southport (Extension to works approved for Cemetery Road) Surface Dressing. Value £12,920.00

Altcar Road. Formby (Alt Road to A565 Formby Bypass) Surface Dressing. Value £9,000.00

Fleetwoods Lane, Netherton, Surface Dressing. Value £19,975.00

Moss Lane, Hightown (Bends between Gorse Lane and Pheasant Public House) Carriageway in poor state of repair, Plane & Inlay 40mm, (Surface treatments considered but found to be unsuitable due horizontal profile of site.) Value £103,133.00

Remaining balance of funds £75,235.00 to be set to adhoc large patch repairs across the highway network. Site extents to be determined.