

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: To obtain approval for the Council's Highway Resurfacing 3 year Resurfacing Plan for financial year 2020/21.

1. **Originating / Department / Service –**

Environment and Housing

2. **Reason for Seeking Emergency Powers –**

PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW ~~and attach appropriate Committee report / minute/ memo~~ * (* delete as appropriate)

Notes

The revised Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan 2019 – 2021 provides the foundation for delivering a well-maintained and managed highway infrastructure which is essential to sustain the Vale of Glamorgan's economic and transportation needs.

The proposed Plan for this financial year is attached at Appendix A with priority roads identified by the Council's Highway Engineers as requiring treatment. All roads listed within the Plan for resurfacing have been assessed in accordance with the 'Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring System' at Appendix B. The 'Carriageway Resurfacing Prioritisation Scoring System' identifies several criteria and data factors which enable a score to be derived and the prioritised 3 year plan for resurfacing to be established.

The roads identified for micro-asphalt and surface dressing are preventative treatments determined by engineering assessment only and listed alphabetically in Appendix A. All works on the micro asphalt and surfacing dressing list will be carried out this financial year at an estimated cost of circa £650k.

Delivery of the Plan is subject to the appropriate funding provided this financial year. The total budget available to deliver this year's programme of works identified in the Plan is currently £1.714M for 2020/21, which includes £752k Welsh Government refurbishment fund for highway resurfacing and some £962k from the Council's own Capital budgets to deliver this year's programme of resurfacing works. This compares to an overall budget of circa £2.5M and £2.6M available in 2018/19 and 2019/20 respectively for highway resurfacing works. It is estimated that to maintain the steady state of the Council's local highway network generally requires Capital funding of some £2.1M annually.

After completion of the above micro asphalt and surface dressing works, the remainder of the budget will be spent on resurfacing treatment works in line with the priority listing in the Plan as well as £100k which is intended to be allocated to footway improvement works similar to last financial year. It is

anticipated that this financial year's budget will enable resurfacing works to those roads scoring a total of 290 points (line 22) or above on the Plan. The roads on the resurfacing list scoring the highest from top to bottom on the Plan will generally be completed first, however, this will vary dependant on specific constraints identified in comments, traffic management requirements and effective programming and planning of contractor resource. Those roads that do not receive works this year will be reviewed for next year's Plan.

It is proposed that any necessary variations required to the Plan, due to unforeseen conditions or where other urgent and unexpected resurfacing priorities are identified throughout the financial year, will be reported to the Director of Environment and Housing Services for approval to amend the Plan accordingly in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport. This will enable any urgent changes to the Plan to be dealt with effectively and efficiently to ensure the budget allocation in 2020/21 is spent in the most cost-effective and reasonable manner.

It is also proposed that a full list of priority footway improvement works will be established and submitted for approval to the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport later in the financial year.

It is therefore requested that the Managing Director use his urgency powers (emergency powers) to approve the revised Highway Maintenance 3 year Resurfacing Plan 2019 – 2021 to enable works to commence in June 2020 and authorise the Director of Environment and Housing Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport to approve any urgent changes to the Plan as well as priority footway improvement works through the financial year.

3. **Policy Framework and Budget** –

PLEASE INDICATE as appropriate that the matter that you are seeking the use of Emergency Powers for is a Cabinet or Council function.

Cabinet

Council

4. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee** –

Environment and Regeneration

IMPORTANT

The following sections **must** be completed **prior** to the request being submitted to the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Section for processing.

I confirm (delete as appropriate)

(a) ~~That there are no financial implications and the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or the Deputy Leader has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers;~~ **or**

(b) That, in view of the financial commitments, the Head of Financial Services, the appropriate Chief Officer, the relevant Cabinet Member, Leader and / or Deputy Leader have been consulted and are in agreement with the use of the Emergency Powers and that

~~(c) For matters relating to the Planning Committee the Chairman of the Planning Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers;~~

~~(d) For matters relating to the Licensing Committee the Chairman of the Licensing Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

~~(e) For matters relating to the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee the Chairman of the Welsh Church Act Estate Committee has also been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

~~(f) For matters relating to policy the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman has been consulted and is in agreement with the use of Emergency Powers.~~

Signed: E.L. Reed.....
(Instructing Chief Officer)

Date: 4 June 2020.....

Please print name: Emma Reed.....

I hereby approve under my Emergency Powers the attached recommendation(s) on behalf of the Cabinet / Council (please delete as appropriate).

Signed: D.R. Thomas..... **Date:** 16 June 2020.....
Managing Director

NB Should the relevant portfolio Cabinet Member be unable to be consulted only the Leader and / or Deputy Leader be consulted in their absence.

N.B. Cabinet: 23rd March, 2020 Minute No. 295