

Local Transport Capital Funding – Additional Highway Maintenance Allocation 2018/19

In the 2018 Budget the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the Government had allocated an additional £420 million in the 2018/19 financial year for local highways maintenance. This was to be spent on the repair of potholes and to keep local bridges and structures open and safe, as well as to help aid other minor highway works that may be needed.

The funding was distributed formulaically to all local highway authorities in England (outside London) based on the Department for Transport's existing local highways maintenance capital funding formula. Through this, East Riding of Yorkshire Council was allocated an additional £4.897m which was paid in November 2018.

A condition of this additional funding was that recipient authorities should publish a brief statement on their website by the end of March 2019 setting out how they have utilised this extra funding, along with photographic evidence of repairs undertaken.

To determine how this funding should be invested to offer maximum value for money and achieve efficiencies within the planned highway maintenance programme a number of meetings were held involving officers from teams across the Council, including those from Asset Strategy, Infrastructure and Facilities and Streetscene Services. This allowed a number of potential funding scenarios to be discussed and a preferred option identified. Delivery mechanisms were also reviewed to ensure there was sufficient contractor availability to carry out works in a relatively short timescale.

As a result, £2.152m of the additional £4.897m was invested in accelerating a number of existing carriageway and footway schemes identified through the Council's planned highway maintenance programme. The remainder (£2.75m) funded preventative treatments including patching.

In total the Council has completed an additional 72,350m² of carriageway treatments (approximately the size of 10 average football pitches) using the additional funding. Treatments include reconstruction, inlay/overlay, resurfacing and pre-surface dressing patching on roads throughout the East Riding. The Council successfully bid for Local Growth Funding from the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP to improve the condition of our 'A' classified roads. As such, this additional funding was focused on a variety of B, C and unclassified routes at locations across the East Riding, including:

- New Walkergate, Lord Roberts Road, Champney Road and Norwood, Beverley (B roads) – reconstruction;
- Hornsea Road, Bridlington Road and Main Street, Skipsea (B roads) – Pre-surface dressing/patching
- Hodson Lane, Barmby Moor (C road) – inlay/overlay;
- Roman Avenue North and South, Stamford Bridge (unclassified road) – inlay/overlay and pre-surface dressing patching; and
- Queensgate Square, Bridlington (unclassified road) – reconstruction.

It has also funded an additional 11,819m² of footway treatment including reconstruction and slurry sealing. These treatments took place on all categories of footway at a total of 16 sites across the East Riding. Sites included:

- Market Place, Hornsea (category 1 footway) – reconstruction;
- Mount Avenue, Hessle (category 4 footway) – slurry sealing; and
- Various footways in Howden including Newbegin, Flatgate and Eastgate (category 1/category 2 footways) – reconstruction.

A full list of completed schemes including before and after pictures is published on the Council website and can be accessed from [this web page](#).