

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING
MONDAY, 20 MAY 2013**

Present: Councillor Claire Kober, Leader of the Council.

In Attendance: Xanthe Barker, Principal Committee Officer, Stephen McDonnell, Assistant Director, Single Frontline, Michael McNicholas, Client and Performance Manager.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
HSP07.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of Urgent Business.</p>	
HSP08.	<p>POTHOLE REPAIRS</p> <p>The Leader considered a report, which proposed a trial in relation to the inspection and repair of carriageway potholes in order to provide reduced intervention levels, an accelerated programme of inspections to locate and repair potholes more quickly following the severe winter and reduce repair timescales so that potholes could be repaired faster.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That a trial in relation to the inspection and repair of carriageway potholes, be approved, based on the principles set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Reduced intervention level for the repair of potholes for a period of six months, in accordance with Option 1C, at an additional cost of £310,000 (as set out in paragraph 5.7 of the report), to be funded by an allocation from Council reserves; ii. An accelerated programme of inspections to bring forward the identification of potholes on unclassified roads for a period of three months, in accordance with Option 2B, at an additional cost of £32,300 (set out at paragraph 5.13 of the report), to be funded by an allocation from Council reserves and; iii. The use of 24 hour and 7 day timescales for all pothole repair orders for a period of six months in accordance with Option 3B (set out in paragraph 5.21 of the report). <p>Alternative Options Considered</p> <p>The option to adhere to the current policy for reactive maintenance of carriageways – which sets out intervention levels, inspection frequencies and repair timescales – was considered. This option was not chosen because it</p>	<p>Dir Place and Sustainability</p>

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	<p>would not be sufficient to improve carriageway conditions quickly following the dramatic increase in potholes caused by the severe winter weather.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision The reasons for carrying out the trial of reduced intervention levels, accelerated highway inspections and faster pothole repairs are:</p> <p>To provide improved carriageway conditions by dealing with the dramatic increase in potholes on borough roads following the severe winter and to provide the opportunity to review the business case for permanent changes to the Council's policy on highways maintenance and repair.</p>	
HSP09.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS There were no new items of Urgent Business.	

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

COUNCILLOR CLAIRE KOBER

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