

**Decision Session – Cabinet Member for
Environment**

20 August 2013

Report of the Assistant Director (Highways, Waste and Fleet)

**PETITION REQUESTING THE CITY OF YORK COUNCIL TO
RESURFACE THE FOOTWAY ON HUNTSMAN WALK IN THE
WARD OF WESTFIELD**

Summary

1. This report is in response to a petition submitted to the Council by Councillor Anne Reid and signed by 30 residents of this street and surrounding area.
2. The petition requests that the Council resurface the footway on Huntsman Walk, Westfield.

Background

3. Huntsman Walk footway is categorized as a 'local access footway' and is 650 m long and approximately 1.8 m wide on both sides of the carriageway. There are 82 properties that front onto Huntsman Walk.
4. The annual condition survey in 2012 graded the section of footway between Tedder Road and Foxwood Lane as 3 (poor) and was ranked 96th in the footway network listings. The ranking was insufficient to be included into the 2013/14 programme. The remainder of the footway was graded either a 1 or 2.
5. An annual safety inspection was undertaken on 4 February 2013. The inspection identified two footway defects at the side of the Co-operative Food store that breached the Council's intervention levels and these were repaired at the time.

Consultation

6. This report is to advise the Cabinet Member of the receipt of the petition, no external consultation has taken place.

Options

7. Option 1 - Rank the footway along with other grade 3 roads for inclusion in a future scheme programme as in accordance with the approved process.
8. Option 2 - Add a scheme to resurface the footway between Tedder Road and Foxwood Lane to the 2013/14 programme. It is estimated that the cost of the scheme will be £48,750.

Analysis

9. Option 1 - The ranking will improve with a weighting applied due to the receipt of this petition. Applying this factor the scheme is 61st in the footway network listing.
10. Option 2 - The works will be a full refurbishment of the footway binder and surface courses.
11. It must be noted that if option 1 does not rank the footway high enough to be a scheme, funding for option 2 will have to be taken from the annual scheme programme. This will result in a higher ranked scheme being removed from the programme.

Council Priorities

12. The City and Environmental Services directorate supports delivery of the create jobs and grow the economy, protect the environment and get York moving themes from the Council's key priorities.

Implications

Financial

13. There are no financial implications.

Human Resources (HR)

14. There are no HR implications identified in this report.

Equalities

15. A Community Impact Assessment (CIA) has been carried out and recommends option 1 be approved.

Legal

16. The Council in its capacity as the Highway Authority has a duty under Section 41 of the 1980 Highways Act to maintain the public highway.

Crime and Disorder

17. There are no crime and disorder implications.

Information Technology (IT)

18. There are no IT implications in this report.

Property

19. There are no property implications.

Other

20. There are no other implications in this report.

Risk Management

21. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, the main risks that have been identified in this report are:
 - Strategic Risk, arising from judgements in relation to medium term goals for the service
 - Physical Risks, arising from potential under investment in assets
 - Financial Risk, from pressures on budgets
 - People Risks, affecting staff if budgets decline
22. Measured in terms of impact and likelihood the risk score for all of the above has been assessed at less than 16. This means that at this point the risks need only to be monitored as they do not provide a real threat to the achievement of the objectives of this report.

Recommendations

23. The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (i) Note the receipt of the petition
- (ii) Approve option 1

Reason: Huntsman Walk to be assessed in accordance with the Council's procedures and ranked accordingly.

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Wards Affected: Westfield

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers

Annexes:

- Annex 1 Plan
- Annex 2 Photographs