

**Decision Session – Cabinet Member for
Environmental Services**

9 October 2013

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

**PETITION CALLING ON CITY OF YORK COUNCIL TO IMPROVE
THE ROAD SURFACES PARTICULARLY IN FULFORD PARK,
CHERRY WOOD CRESCENT, EASTWARD AVENUE AND ST
OSWALD’S ROAD.**

Summary

1. This report is in response to a petition submitted to the Council by Councillor Keith Aspden with 66 name and addresses of residents of the named streets and surrounding area. The petition also includes a further 34 website signatures.
2. The petition requests that the Council improve the road surfaces in Fulford in particular Fulford Park, Cherry Wood Crescent, Eastward Avenue and St Oswald’s Road.

Background

3. A copy of the petition front sheet is attached as Annex 1.
4. Fulford Park, Eastward Avenue and St Oswald’s Road were ranked, along with the remaining 570 unclassified network sections that had a grade 3 condition, for inclusion in the 2013/14 programme. Cherry Wood Crescent was classified as grade 2 and so was not included. St Oswald’s Road ranked high enough to be included in the programme and the resurfacing works are scheduled to commence by mid October 2013. The rankings for Fulford Park (204) and Eastward Avenue (485) were insufficient to be included in this years programme.
5. The priorities for selection are based on a number of weighting factors that create a ranking score; they include condition, safety, location, usage, accident records, hierarchy, affordability and enquiries.

6. An annual safety inspection of the Fulford ward was undertaken in April 2013. The inspection identifies defects that breached the Council's intervention levels and repairs carried out within prioritized timescales.
7. Analysis of the distribution of carriageway schemes over the last three years, based on the annual highway maintenance report, show the following Fulford ward funding levels:
 - 2011/12 - £153,000 (5.9%)
 - 2012/13 - £Nil
 - 2013/14 - £169,750 (10.3%)

There are 22 wards within the City of York Council and the average distribution of funds for each would be 4.5% of the total budget. The figures in brackets above indicate the percentage of the total budget for carriageway schemes allocated to the Fulford ward. In addition the percentage length of the road network situated within the Fulford ward is calculated to be 2%.

8. The 2013 condition survey is near completion and the ranking process will commence shortly to determine the carriageway schemes for 2014/15. An advanced programme report will be submitted to the Decision Session for Environmental Services in December 2013. The report seeks approval to commence the design process and final confirmation of the programme will be determined in March 2014 when the budget levels are known.

Consultation

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

Options

10. Option 1 - Rank the carriageways in the Fulford ward along with other grade 3 roads for inclusion in a future scheme programme as in accordance with the approved process.
11. Option 2 - Add a scheme to resurface the carriageway on Fulford Park to the 2013/14 programme. It is estimated that the cost of the scheme will be £46,750.

12. Option 3 - Add a scheme to resurface the carriageway on Cherry Wood Crescent to the 2013/14 programme. It is estimated that the cost of the scheme will be £66,250.
13. Option 4 - Add a scheme to resurface the carriageway on Eastward Avenue to the 2013/14 programme. It is estimated that the cost of the scheme will be £42,750.

Analysis

14. Option 1 - The ranking for both Fulford Park and Eastward Avenue will improve with a weighting applied due to the receipt of this petition. Applying this factor to both streets improve their ranking to 122nd and 425th respectively.
15. Option 2 –The works will be a full refurbishment of the carriageway surface course with localised deep patching. Although there are a number of potholes within the existing surface course their depth and size do not breach the Council's defect intervention levels.
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17. Option 4 – The works will be the replacement of a number of concrete bays that have cracked and replace them with a bituminous construction. The surface treatment will be applied to the whole carriageway area. Although some of the concrete slabs are cracked there are no signs of them moving. There are existing bituminous repairs to the concrete slabs but there are no areas that breach the Council's defect intervention levels.
18. It must be noted that if option 1 does not rank the carriageway high enough to be a scheme, funding for option 2, 3 and 4 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

19. 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

20. There are no financial implications.

Human Resources (HR)

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

Equalities

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

Legal

23. 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

24. There are no crime and disorder implications.

Information Technology (IT)

25. There are no IT implications in this report.

Property

26. There are no property implications.

Other

27. There are no other implications in this report.

Risk Management

28. 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
29. 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

30. The Cabinet Member is recommended to:
- (i) Note the receipt of the petition
 - (ii) Approve option 1

Reason: The road surfaces within the Fulford ward to be assessed in accordance with the Council's evidence based prioritisation process and ranked accordingly.

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Wards Affected: Fulford

All

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers

Annexes:

- Annex 1 Petition Front Sheet
- Annex 2 Photographs – Fulford Park
- Annex 3 Photographs – Cherry Wood Crescent
- Annex 4 Photographs – Eastward Avenue
- Annex 5 Location Plans