

Report to: **Cabinet**

Date of meeting: **23 April 2019**

By: **Director of Communities, Economy and Transport**

Title: **Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs**

Purpose: **To provide the Cabinet with the opportunity to comment on the report of the Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1. note and welcome the report of the Place Scrutiny Committee; and**
 - 2. advise the County Council that, in considering the report of the Scrutiny Committee, the Council be recommended to welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee and to agree the response of the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to the recommendations and their implementation as set out in the action plan attached as appendix 1 to this report.**
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1. Background

1.1 The Place Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 14 June 2018 agreed to establish a Review Board to undertake a Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs. The scope of the Review encompassed a number of highways maintenance issues, and in particular examined the Council's approach to pothole repairs. This was following concerns expressed to the Scrutiny Committee about the value for money of the current approach to pothole repairs; the quality of repairs and resurfacing; and dealing with more difficult highway drainage problems. The Review also examined the repair of pavements.

2. Supporting information

2.1 The Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs is welcomed by the Department and in particular the opportunity afforded by this review to explain to Members how the service operates, the legislation and policies governing highway maintenance, and the Council's approach to maintenance.

2.2 The Department's response to the Review Board's recommendations and action plan are set out in appendix 1.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Scrutiny Review has highlighted a number of Member concerns about the current approach to road repairs and the maintenance of pavements. It is recommended that the Cabinet agrees to the implementation of the action plan as detailed in appendix 1.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS