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Local Pothole Fund Update

Report of Paul Jones, Director of Local Services and Housing Delivery

Cabinet Member: Cllr Glen Sanderson, Environment & Local Services

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to provide an overall progress update on the Local Pothole Fund.

Recommendations

The Local Area Committee is recommended to accept this report as an information item.

Position Statement

In July, Members were asked to suggest locations where small carriageway failures were having a significant detrimental effect on the overall amenity of the area. £100k has been set aside for each of the five Local Area Council's and each Ward Member given the opportunity to put forward up to 3 locations within their particular Ward that they consider would benefit from permanent repairs using this funding.

To date, 34 Members have responded with 99 requests having been received. These locations have now been inspected to determine what repairs were required and whether they met the Pothole Fund criteria. The requests can be broken down as follows:-

- Tynedale - 9 responses totalling 24 requests
- Cramlington and Bedlington - 5 responses totalling 19 requests
- Castle Morpeth - 9 responses totalling 27 requests
- North Northumberland - 8 responses totalling 22 requests
- Ashington and Blyth - 3 responses totalling 7 requests

Not all of the requests received met the criteria set out in the July Local Area Council report and Area Highways representatives are currently contacting Members to provide detailed feedback on their particular requests. It is anticipated that for those requests which met the criteria, all works to repair the carriageway will be completed before the end of November.

Area Summary

Tynedale

- Requests received 24
- Met the criteria and to be repaired 14
- Estimated cost to carry out repairs £41k
- Remaining funding £59k

Of the locations that didn't meet the criteria, 6 were already incorporated in areas due for repair this financial year utilising alternative funding streams and 3 will be considered for inclusion in next years LTP programme.

Cramlington and Bedlington

- Requests received 19
- Met the criteria and to be repaired 13
- Estimated cost to carry out repairs £38k
- Remaining funding £62k

Of the locations that didn't meet the criteria, 1 was already incorporated in an area due for repair this financial year utilising alternative funding streams and 4 will be considered for inclusion in next years LTP programme.

Castle Morpeth

- Requests received 27
- Met the criteria and to be repaired 19
- Estimated cost to carry out repairs £49k
- Remaining funding £51k

Of the locations that didn't meet the criteria, 5 were already incorporated in areas due for repair this financial year utilising alternative funding streams and 2 will be considered for inclusion in next years LTP programme.

North Northumberland

- Requests received 22
- Met the criteria and to be repaired 10
- Estimated cost to carry out repairs £48k
- Remaining funding £52k

Of the locations that didn't meet the criteria, 4 were already incorporated in areas due for repair this financial year utilising alternative funding streams and 5 will be considered for inclusion in next years LTP programme.

Ashington and Blyth

- Requests received 7

- Met the criteria and to be repaired 1
- Estimated cost to carry out repairs £3k
- Remaining funding £97k

The 6 requests that didn't meet the criteria will be considered for inclusion in next years LTP programme.

Members will be receiving an email shortly that will include an electronic copy of the application form so they can submit a further 3 locations for consideration under a second round of Pothole Fund Repairs.

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