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**Department for Transport - Highway Maintenance Funding for London**

**A plan outlining the allocation of the DfT Highway Maintenance Funding to the Royal Borough of Greenwich**

**April 2024**

**1. Background**

1.1 The Prime Minister’s Network North announcement on 4 October 2023 included a commitment to an additional £8.3 billion for local highway maintenance from 2023/24 - 2033/34, over and above what local authorities were expecting to receive. This additional funding is a direct result of reallocating HS2 funding. The first £150 million of this will be paid out in the current financial year, in addition to the £200 million already announced at Budget 2023. As the Secretary of State for Transport confirmed on 17 November, London will receive a total of £235 million of this funding over the eleven year period, with the first £7.5 million paid out in 2023/24.

1.2 Department for Transport (DfT) has now written to all highway authorities, including the Royal Borough of Greenwich, setting out the additional funding that the borough is to receive. This funding is set out in the table below.

 *Table 1 – funding allocation to the Royal Borough of Greenwich by financial year*

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| **Year**  | **Funding (£000)** |
| 23/24 | 250  |
| 24/25  | 250 |
| 23/24 – 33/34  | 7,827\* |

**\***Minimum additional funding the borough can expect to receive for this period.

1.3 The allocation has been made on the basis of the DfT’s national funding formula based on road length weighted by road type. Appendix A sets out the allocation split in London, by authority, including Transport for London (TfL).

**2. Conditions / Restrictions on Use**

2.1 The DfT has written to the Council setting out the conditions in relation to the use of the grant. These are summarised as follows:

* The funding is allocated each financial year;
* The funding should be used for the intended purpose of local highways maintenance;
* The funding is to be truly additional and Council’s should not reallocate existing highway budgets considering this additional funding;
* The Council should publish a plan on its website, copied to the DfT, setting out how the funding is to be utilised;

2.2 The borough is working and will continue to work on complying with the above funding conditions.

**3. Proposed spend**

3.1 For the **2023/2024** financial year the Royal Borough of Greenwich received £250k of reallocated HS2 funding from DfT, this funding was spent on the following schemes.

 *Table 2 – 2023/24 completed schemes*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Street Name** | **Section** | **Spend** | **Type of work** | **Treatment length (Km)** |
| Elibank Road | Glenesk Road to Berry Hill  | £44,945.25 | Carriageway resurfacing  | 0.18 |
| Glenesk Road  | Earlshall Road to Eltham Park Gardens  | £80,469.99 | Carriageway resurfacing  | 0.185 |
| Broad Walk  | House number 19 to Mayday Gardens  | £71,288.32 | Carriageway resurfacing  | 0.35 |
|  | **Total 2023/24 expenditure =** | **£196,703.56** |  | **Total = 0.715 Km** |

3.2 The budget for 2023/24 was £250,000 and the total expenditure was £196,703.56. The underspend of £53,296.44 will be carried forward into the 2024/25 financial year.

3.3 For the **2024/2025** financial year the Royal Borough of Greenwich is to receive £250k funding from DfT. In addition to this, the underspend of £53,296.44 from 2023/24 will also be captured bringing the total budget to £303,296.44. The following works are to be allocated to this funding for delivery in 2024/25;

 *Table 3 – schemes for delivery in 2024/25*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Street Name** | **Section** | **Spend** | **Type of work** | **Treatment length (Km)** |
| Creek Road  | Creek Road bridge  | £100,000 | Footway renewal  | 0.1 |
|  |  | £203,296.44 | Carriageway resurfacing**\*** | TBC |
|  | **Forecast 2024/25 expenditure =**  | **£303,296.44** |  |  |

\**The borough’s change in Highway Term Maintenance Contractor (TMC) in 2024/25 has meant a slower than usual preparation of this year’s major works programme. As such, the carriageway resurfacing schemes, to be delivered from this year’s DfT funding, are yet to be selected at the time of writing this report. This report will either be updated in year or an update provided at the end of the financial year on works allocated to the 24/25 budget.*

**4. Works Delivery and Innovation**

4.1 A section 58 notice under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 allows a local authority to protect a street from any planned street works following any major surfacing works. Where timeframes allow, and a suitable notice period to statutory undertakers can be served, the Council implements section 58 protection notices on all carriageway resurfacing works.

4.2 The Council will explore innovative approaches to the specification and the delivery of works. When delivering the carriageway resurfacing programme, the Council will consult with its TMC about the use of warm mix asphalts or single layer products to reduce CO2 impacts and reductions to the overall works duration. Furthermore, giving thought to the logistics of delivering the works, where possible, the Council will carefully sequence the delivery of the works from a geographical perspective, reducing the amount of plant / machinery movements.

8. **Report Appendices**

8.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

* Appendix A: DfT Roads Fund Allocation to London Authority

**Appendix A: London boroughs, City of London and Transport for London (TfL) allocations**

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| **Local authority** | **2023-24 – additional funding (£000)** | **2024-25 – additional funding (£000)** | **Minimum additional funding between 2023-24 and 2033-34 (£000)** |
| **Barking and Dagenham** | 171 | 171 | 5,357 |
| **Barnet** | 368 | 368 | 11,538 |
| **Bexley** | 275 | 275 | 8,620 |
| **Brent** | 233 | 233 | 7,306 |
| **Bromley** | 455 | 455 | 14,240 |
| **Camden** | 137 | 137 | 4,275 |
| **City of London** | 21 | 21 | 672 |
| **Croydon** | 382 | 382 | 11,951 |
| **Ealing** | 291 | 291 | 9,099 |
| **Enfield** | 310 | 310 | 9,694 |
| **Greenwich** | 250 | 250 | 7,827 |
| **Hackney** | 128 | 128 | 4,020 |
| **Hammersmith and Fulham** | 109 | 109 | 3,427 |
| **Haringey** | 176 | 176 | 5,501 |
| **Harrow** | 241 | 241 | 7,534 |
| **Havering** | 333 | 333 | 10,416 |
| **Hillingdon** | 354 | 354 | 11,088 |
| **Hounslow** | 233 | 233 | 7,291 |
| **Islington** | 113 | 113 | 3,547 |
| **Kensington and Chelsea** | 101 | 101 | 3,156 |
| **Kingston upon Thames** | 167 | 167 | 5,227 |
| **Lambeth** | 180 | 180 | 5,634 |
| **Lewisham** | 211 | 211 | 6,599 |
| **Merton** | 186 | 186 | 5,831 |
| **Newham** | 213 | 213 | 6,663 |
| **Redbridge** | 262 | 262 | 8,214 |
| **Richmond upon Thames** | 204 | 204 | 6,389 |
| **Southwark** | 189 | 189 | 5,915 |
| **Sutton** | 230 | 230 | 7,213 |
| **Tower Hamlets** | 137 | 137 | 4,304 |
| **Transport for London** | 297 | 297 | 9,308 |
| **Waltham Forest** | 211 | 211 | 6,600 |
| **Wandsworth** | 202 | 202 | 6,311 |
| **Westminster** | 161 | 161 | 5,038 |
| **London total** | 7,531 | 7,531 | 235,805 |