

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE UPDATE		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To note the final position regarding additional pothole repairs.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the final position regarding additional pothole repairs.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 To secure the most effective use of resources in the delivery of high quality, best value public service.
- 3.2 To make travel more secure, safe and comfortable for all users of the public highway.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At its meeting in June 2014 the Sub-Committee noted a report on the current position regarding additional pothole repairs and that a further report be presented to this meeting.

4.2 The additional pothole repair plan commenced on 29th July 2013 on a road by road basis as outlined in the previous report and detailed below:

Priority 1 - A class roads

Priority 2 - B class roads

Priority 3 - C class roads

Priority 4 - Bus Routes not on the A, B or C class roads

Priority 5 - Premier/National Cycle Routes not on the A, B or C class roads

Priority 6 - On road cycle routes not on the A, B or C class roads

4.3 The roads included in each category are detailed in Appendix 1.

4.4 At the time of preparing this report 2nd September 2014 the position was as follows:

Inspection of the Priority 1 to 6 roads has now been completed. However where roads listed in Appendix 1 receive their scheduled safety inspection any further potholes meeting the criteria for repair under this improvement plan will be recorded and repaired. The table below details the number of potholes identified and repaired in each category during the period 29th July 2013 to 31st July 2014 when the pothole repair plan came to an end.

PRIORITY	POTHOLES IDENTIFIED	POTHOLES REPAIRED
Priority 1	260	260
Priority 2	22	22
Priority 3	786	786
Priority 4	159	159
Priority 5	222	222
Priority 6	159	159

4.5 There will be a verbal update on the position up until 10th September 2014 at the meeting.

4.6 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee note the final position which brings the pothole repair plan to a successful conclusion.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 Defects reported by members of public on these routes will be considered for appropriate action.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None arising from this report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None arising from this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 LTP document.

9.2 Correspondence from the Department for Transport.

9.3 Traffic Management Advisory Panel reports March 2012, January and March 2013.

9.4 Policy Committee report - 10th June 2013.

9.5 Traffic Management Sub-Committee reports 13th June, 12th September, 5th November 2013, 16th January, 13th March 2014 and 25th July 2014.