

APPENDIX 4:

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS - HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24

The financial implications arising from the proposals set out in this report are set out below:

1. Revenue Implications:

	2023/24
Employee costs	£ 100,000
Other running costs (On-going Maint.)	£ 0
Capital financings costs	£ 0
Expenditure	£ 100,000
Income from: Fees and charges (see note2) Grant funding (specify) Other income	£ 0
Total Income	£ 0
Net Cost (+)/saving (-)	£ 100,000

2. Capital Implications

Capital Programme reference from budget book: page line	2023/24
Proposed Capital Expenditure:	£ 6,588,000
Funded by Grant (specify)LTP for Bridges & Carriageways Section 106 (specify) Other services	£ 1,838,000
Capital Receipts/Borrowing	£ 4,750,000
Total Funding	£ 6,588,000

3. Value for Money (VFM)

This is a statutory service provision.

Tenders will be advertised in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015 and included a 60/40 split between tender price and quality. The size of the capital programmes will ensure that competitive tenders are received.

4. Risk Assessment.

The Council has a duty under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain the public highway. The investment programme will reduce the risk to the Council and the public for decades to come. The on-going maintenance costs will be absorbed within existing revenue budgets for

highway maintenance. Method statements agreed with winning contractor to ensure delivery during the current financial crisis and fall out from the Covid Pandemic to minimise disruption. Supply chain for products risk mitigated by the contractor buying large volumes & stockpiling materials based on the size of the capital programme

Increasing fuel costs is and will remain a risk pressure, which will need to be manage throughout the programme.