

## County Highway Authority Report – Area North

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### Purpose of the Report

Being the first report for the 2017/18 financial year, I aim to give a brief report of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area North and our proposed works programme for 2017/2018.

### Recommendation

That members note the report.

### Schemes completed in 2016/17 (Area North)

|                             |                       |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Long Sutton                 | A372 Stephens Hill    | Surfacing |
| Langport                    | The Avenue            | Surfacing |
| Tintinhull/Chilthorne Domer | Yeovil Road           | Drainage  |
| Chilthorne Domer            | Vagg Hollow           | Drainage  |
| Somerton                    | St Cleers             | Drainage  |
| Langport                    | A372/Meadow Close     | Drainage  |
| Kingsbury Episcopi          | Deadlands Lane        | Drainage  |
| Compton Dundon              | B3151 Littleton Hill  | Drainage  |
| Long Load                   | Martock Road          | Drainage  |
| Barrington                  | Ruskway/Shellway Lane | Drainage  |

### Surface Dressing proposed for 2017/18

Surface Dressing is the practice of applying a bitumen tack coat to the existing road surface and then rolling in stone chippings. Whilst this practice is not the most PR friendly, it is highly effective in preserving the integrity of the road surface. This year we are Surface Dressing 19 sites across South Somerset, 10 of which are substantial lengths of A and B roads.

The Surface Dressing within South Somerset is due to start in June – locations within Area North are indicated in the table below:

|                |                     |                        |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Compton Dundon | B3151 Somerton Road | Marshalls Elm to B3153 |
| Pitney         | Woodbirds Hill lane | Church Hill to end     |
| High Ham       | Breach Furlong Lane | Stout Road to end      |

## Schemes proposed for 2017/2018

This year's structural maintenance budget is slightly lower than last year. The table below identifies significant schemes planned to be implemented within Area North:

|                 |                            |           |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Martock         | B3165 North St to Pinnacle | Surfacing |
| Somerton        | Behind Berry               | Surfacing |
| Langport        | Newton Rd / Somerton Rd    | Footways  |
| Martock         | Stapleton Close            | Footways  |
| South Petherton | West End View / Court      | Footways  |
| Fivehead        | A378 Mile Hill             | Drainage  |

## Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is a difficult task to carry out to the satisfaction of all. The highway network exceeds 3500km in length; therefore the size of the task is significant. Verge cutting of main A and B roads are likely to start on 2<sup>nd</sup> May subject to growth rate. This will be followed by the C and D roads as below table and then a further cut of A and B roads.

| Road Classification                         | Dates  |
|---|--|
| A and B roads (including visibility splays) | 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> May dependant on rate of growth |
| C and unclassified roads                    | Start is usually 4 weeks later than A and B roads                  |
| A and B roads (including visibility splays) | Mid to late August dependant on rate of growth                     |
| Environmentally protected sites             | Usually at the end of the growing season                           |

## Term Maintenance Contract

Contract for the maintenance of Highways for Somerset County Council has been awarded to Skanska. This is for a period of 7 years from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. Contract can be extended a further 3 years subject to key performance indicators being achieved.

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Problems on the roads can also be reported via the website:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/>