County Highway Report to Area West Committee

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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 West and our proposed works programme for 2017/2018.

Recommendation

That members note the report.

Report

Schemes completed in 2016/17 (Area West)

Chard	A30 High Street	Resurfacing
East Chinnock	A30 Barrows Hill	Resurfacing
Merriott	A356 Furringdon Cross – A303	Resurfacing
Chard	St Marys Close / St Marys Crescent	Resurfacing
Merriott	Lower Street	Resurfacing
Chard	B3162 Forton Road	Resurfacing
Ilminster	Ditton Street	Resurfacing
Dinnington	Frog Lane	Resurfacing
Chard	St Marys Crescent	Footway
Crewkerne	Langmead Square	Footway
Ilminster	Station Road	Footway
Chard	Bradfield Way/Beckington Crescent	Footway
Buckland St Mary	Castle Main/Lisieux Way	Drainage
Horton	Hanning Road	Drainage
Knowle St Giles	Knowle Church Road	Drainage
Whielackington	Stocklinch Road	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 during June. Sites highlighted are in Area West.

Cricket St Thomas	A30 Windwhistle	Redscript Lane to St Rayn Hill
Galhampton	A359 Cary Road	Cadbury Farm Park to Grove Cross
Kingweston	B315 Kingweston Road	B3151 to Christians Cross
Lovington	B3153 Castle Cary Road	Boundary to Shuttle lights

Marston Magna	B3148 Sherborne Road	Railway bridge to County Boundary
Mudford	A359 Marston Magna Road	Hinton Cross to brick bridge
Mudford	A359 Mudford Hill	Lyde Road to River bridge
East Chinnock	A30 High Street	Coker Hill bridge to West Coker
Compton Dundon	B3151 Somerton Road	Marshalls Elm to B3153
Yeovil	A37 Dorchester Road	Aldon House to County Boundary
Buckland St Mary	Farm Lane	Farm Green Lane to Castlemain
Buckland St Mary	Horsey Lane	Birchwood Road to Castlemain
Buckland St Mary	Farm Green Lane	County Boundary to Hornsey Lane
Whitelackington	Park Lane	Boxstone cross to Kingstone Main
Pitney	Woodbirds Hill lane	Church Hill to end
Winsham	Crewkerne Hill	A30 to Winsham
Barwick	Two Tower Lane	A37 to Newton Road
High Ham	Breach Furlong Lane	Stout Road to end
Penselwood	Newpark Rd / Bleak Street	County Boundary to Coombe Street

Schemes proposed for 2017/2018

This year's structural maintenance budget is slightly lower than last year. The below table identifies significant schemes planned to be implemented in South Somerset and schemes proposed in Area West are highlighted:

Chard	A358 Furnham Road	Surfacing
Bruton	A359 Quaperlake Street	Surfacing
Yeovil	A30 Sherborne Road	Surfacing
Martock	B3165 North St to Pinnacle	Surfacing
Somerton	Behind Berry	Surfacing
Ilchester	B3151 Somerton Rd / Bondip Hill	Surfacing
Wincanton	B3081 Old Hill	Surfacing
Yeovil	Forest Hill	Surfacing
Cudworth	Cudworth Street / Knights Lane	Surfacing
West Crewkerne	Higher Farm Lane, Woolminstone	Surfacing
West Crewkerne	Dunsham Lane	Surfacing
Langport	Newton Rd / Somerton Rd	Footways
Broadway / Horton	St Peters Close	Footways
Martock	Stapleton Close	Footways
South Petherton	West End View / Court	Footways
Crewkerne	Southmead Crescent	Footways
Yeovil	Netherton Road	Footways
Yeovil	Sherborne Road	Footways
Yeovil	The Avenue / Crofton Rd	Footways
Yeovil	Gt Western Terrace	Footways
Tatworth	Station Road	Drainage
Fivehead	A378 Mile Hill	Drainage
North Cheriton	B3145 Cheriton Hill	Drainage
Ansford	Maggs Lane	Drainage
Barton St David	Main Street	Drainage
Corton Denham	Corton Denham Road / Ridge Lane	Drainage
Wincanton	B3081 Old Hill	Drainage
Alford	B3153 Cary Rd / Station Rd	Drainage
Chaffcombe	Kingston Well Lane	Drainage

Cudworth	Cudworth Street	Drainage
Yeovil	Sherborne Road	Drainage
Barwick	Two Tower Lane / Newton Rd	Earthworks
Penselwood	Combe Street	Earthworks
Bruton	Strutters Hill	Earthworks

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 2nd 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 nd or 9 th 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 1st April 2017. Contract can be extended a further 3 years subject to key performance indicators being achieved.

Background papers: None