

- Lengthsman Scheme
- July 2022

Decision Governance

- This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected
- It will be taken by the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

Lengthsman Scheme

- The Lengthsman Scheme is a mechanism through which the council can provide the support that enables some works to be delivered locally through Town and Parish Councils.
- The Scheme is available to Parishes with an existing lengthsman, and will be bid for in a similar manner to the existing drainage grant funding, through the lengthsman's annual plan process
- The Scheme is not a replacement for works that will be carried out via the Public Realm contract.

Lengthsman Scheme

- The addition of revenue grant funding will encourage participating parish and town councils to, where possible, take action to protect residents and property in their areas from the threat and anxiety of flooding and help parishioners better meet their riparian drainage responsibilities as well as undertaking works detailed below, where such assistance will benefit highway users.
- Provide support to enable routine maintenance work to be delivered locally so that defects on the road can be responded to locally when they are recognised as an issue by local people.

Funding

The proposal is that up to £250k PA for the next 5 years will be made available to support parishes and towns with an existing Lengthsman Scheme in place.

- A base sum of £60/km for the length of C and U classification roads in any participating town or parish will be provided by the council.
- For “urban parishes”, the potential to increase funds by up to a further £100/km on a 1:2 (council : town/parish) ratio match funded basis. The council will match one pound for every two pounds the parish utilises from precepts for Lengthsman services. The total match funded element is capped at £100/KM as there are less overall C and U roads in urban areas.
- For “rural parishes” the potential to increase funds by up to a further £60/km on a 1:1 (council : town/parish) ratio match funded basis. The council will match pound for pound the amount that each parish utilises from precepts for Lengthsman services. The total match funded element is capped at £60/KM as there are more overall C and U roads in rural parishes.

Definitions

Rural and Urban Town and Parish definitions are based on the methodology used by the Department for Transport to calculate urban and rural road lengths [Road Lengths in Great Britain: 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831117/Road_Lengths_in_Great_Britain_2020.pdf)

Urban Parish

- those with more than 50% of the C and U classification roads in the town or parish defined as urban roads

Rural Parish

- those with less than 50% of the C and U classification roads in the town or parish defined as urban roads,

Types of works that can be undertaken

Defect type	Road Classification	Training Required	Notes
Carriageway			
Potholes	C and U Roads	TM	Materials used to be to specification, to deliver first time fix where feasible. Report defects on all roads to BBLP.
mud, debris detritus,	All Roads	TM	Clearings where appropriate will need to be report BBLP who can support removal.
Obstructions - if able or report to BBLP.	All roads	TM	Reporting key to ensure no duplication and abortive mobilisation. Type of work to be clarified, no tree removal though debris such as branches to be part of the scope. BBLP will assist in removing obstruction from the side of the road once notified.
Footway and Cycleway			
Potholes	C and U Roads	TM	Materials used to be to specification, use detail in the Lengthsman pothole trial. Report defects on all roads to BBLP.
Weed removal	All roads	TM	No chemicals, hand tools only, disposal to safe location, noxious weeds report to BBLP.
Mud debris detritus	All roads	TM	Rodding ok If requirement to dig out and need to remove material from site, BBLP will need to be contacted for support.
Obstructions - if able or report to BBLP.		TM	Reporting key to ensure no duplication and abortive mobilisation. Type of work to be clarified, no tree removal though debris such as branches to be part of the scope. BBLP will assist in removing obstruction from the side of the road once notified.

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Drainage			
Blocked Gullies	All roads	TM	Rodding only If there is a requirement to dig out and need to remove material from site, BBLP will need to be contacted for support.
Grips		TM, Stats	No removal of soil, hand dig only, insulated tools to be used.
Clear Headwalls		TM,	No removal of soil/detritus from site.
Ditching		TM Stats	No removal of soil, Riparian Owner Responsibility - BBLP to provide notes/guidance.
Construction		TM Stats Streetworks construction	Case by Case, not Lengthsman Funded but enabling Parish to undertake work with appropriate license and permissions. Use CCM to notify and obtain approval/license.
Village Gates			
Cleaning, Signs	All	TM	
Installation	All	TM Stats Streetworks construction	Specification to be provided by BBLP
Verge Maintenance			
Grass cutting	All	TM, agreed locations with PRC	Cut and Collect or cut only, information to be provided to BBLP for acceptance.
Planter / planting to complement gates / village areas in general and future maintenance of.	All	TM	Cultivation License
Speed Indication Devices (SID)			
Installation of bases	All	TM Stats, Streetworks construction	

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Installation and rotation of SID	All	TM	
Signs			
Cleaning	All	TM	
Straightening	All	TM	
Tightening	All	TM	
Marker Post Replacement	All	TM, Stats, Streetworks Construction	

Health and safety

- There are minimum training requirement required to be in place to ensure the safety of both employees and the public.
- Where plant and equipment is to be used the user must be suitably trained and equipped to ensure the safe use of such equipment. A programme of training will need to be demonstrated to ensure continued competence.
- When seeking the appropriate licence BBLP will confirm the training requirement prior to working on the highway.
- All training, start-up costs, labour, plant, hand tools & equipment and operational costs may be met by from the scheme.

Communication with BBLP

- All works will need to be co-ordinated through BBLP, to ensure there is no duplication, conflict of works on the network, and appropriate Health and safety considerations are addressed.

Any Questions