

Cabinet Member for City Services

29 January 2018

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor J Innes

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

**Ward(s) affected:**

Earlsdon

**Title:**

**Report – Petition - Refurbishment of the Road and Pavements on Delaware Road.**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 18 signatures has been received requesting that Coventry City Council refurbish both the road and pavements at Delaware Road. The petition is supported and sponsored by Councillor Ken Taylor.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety and maintenance are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services.

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

Approve that the road and pavements be held as sites on Coventry City's forward programme list and their condition be subject to on-going monitoring and be prioritised and scored against all other similar sites Citywide, and when a priority score is reached that they be included in any future maintenance treatment programmes, budget permitting.

**List of Appendices included:**

Appendix A – Location Plan

**Background Papers**

None

**Other useful documents:**

None

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No

**Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

No

**Will this report go to Council?**

No

Report title: – **Petition - Refurbishment of the Road and Pavements on Delaware Road**

**1. Context (or background)**

A petition of 18 signatures has been received requesting that Coventry City Council refurbish both the road and pavements at Delaware Road. The petition is supported and sponsored by Councillor Ken Taylor.

1.1 The petition advises:

*‘Both the road and the pavements have been neglected for many years and it is now time for a full refurbishment, rather than the patchwork maintenance that has been carried out so far.’*

1.2 Delaware Road is a residential road and the properties located along its length have off street driveway parking. The extent of the site is from Frobisher Road to Maidavale Crescent and the road is subject to a 30mph speed limit.

1.3 An officer of the City Council made a site visit to establish the condition of the road and pavements and the following observations were made at that time:

*Road Type* – The carriageway surface on Delaware Road is micro asphalt which is estimated to be around 25 years old. Where this has failed there is evidence of a pink aggregate surface dressing which is assumed to have been laid onto a flexible bound pavement construction. There are areas of structural failure to varying degrees; however, the road is still intact and safe.

*Pavement Type* - The pavements are 1.8 metres in width and are a bituminous construction which have been subject to utility reinstatements over the years and are now showing signs of aging but are still in a safe condition. A few properties have extended the width of their forecourt openings and are crossing the public highway without the necessary full width vehicle accesses. There are no defects exceeding the intervention level at the time of this visit.

**2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

2.1 Following this assessment, and given the current condition, age and taking into consideration any on-going maintenance and cost of continuing to carry out localised repairs, suitable treatment options and optimal delivery timings were considered.

2.2 Footways - The recommended option would be to reconstruct the areas of surface failure as necessary and then apply a footway slurry seal treatment to the full length.  
Road – The recommended option would be an inlay treatment using either the retread process or laying new asphalt to a depth of 100mm to add strength to the road.

**3. Results of consultation undertaken**

3.1 No consultation has been undertaken

#### **4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 4.1 The implementation of the recommended proposals is dependent on funding and prioritisation with competing locations; therefore the implementation of the recommendations is on-going.

#### **5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

##### **5.1 Financial implications**

Future capital highway maintenance programmes and proposed treatments to carriageways and pavements are established on a 'worst first' basis across all road categories. The decision for inclusion in any year's programme will be taken by Cabinet at their meeting in March of any given financial year. It will also be dependent on the level of funding that is made available for Capital Highway maintenance in that year and will further depend on the condition of the road and pavements when compared to other similar sites citywide. Therefore the actual scheduling of the works will be based on priority of the scheme and the funds available. Undertaking the repair and resurfacing of the road and pavements would be funded from any allocated Highways Capital repair budget and is currently valued at a combined total of approximately £65,000.

##### **5.2 Legal implications**

Under section 41 of the Highways Act 1980, the Council has a duty to maintain those adopted highways that it is responsible for to a standard where they are reasonably passable for ordinary traffic. Any major contracts will be approved by the Procurement board and let under the usual contract rules

#### **6. Other implications**

##### **6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?**

Highway maintenance is part of Coventry's vision for better pavements and roads which is a key objective. Completing the pavement and carriageway maintenance work would contribute to this objective.

##### **6.2 How is risk being managed?**

None

##### **6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

None

##### **6.4 Equalities / EIA**

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

##### **6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

None

##### **6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None

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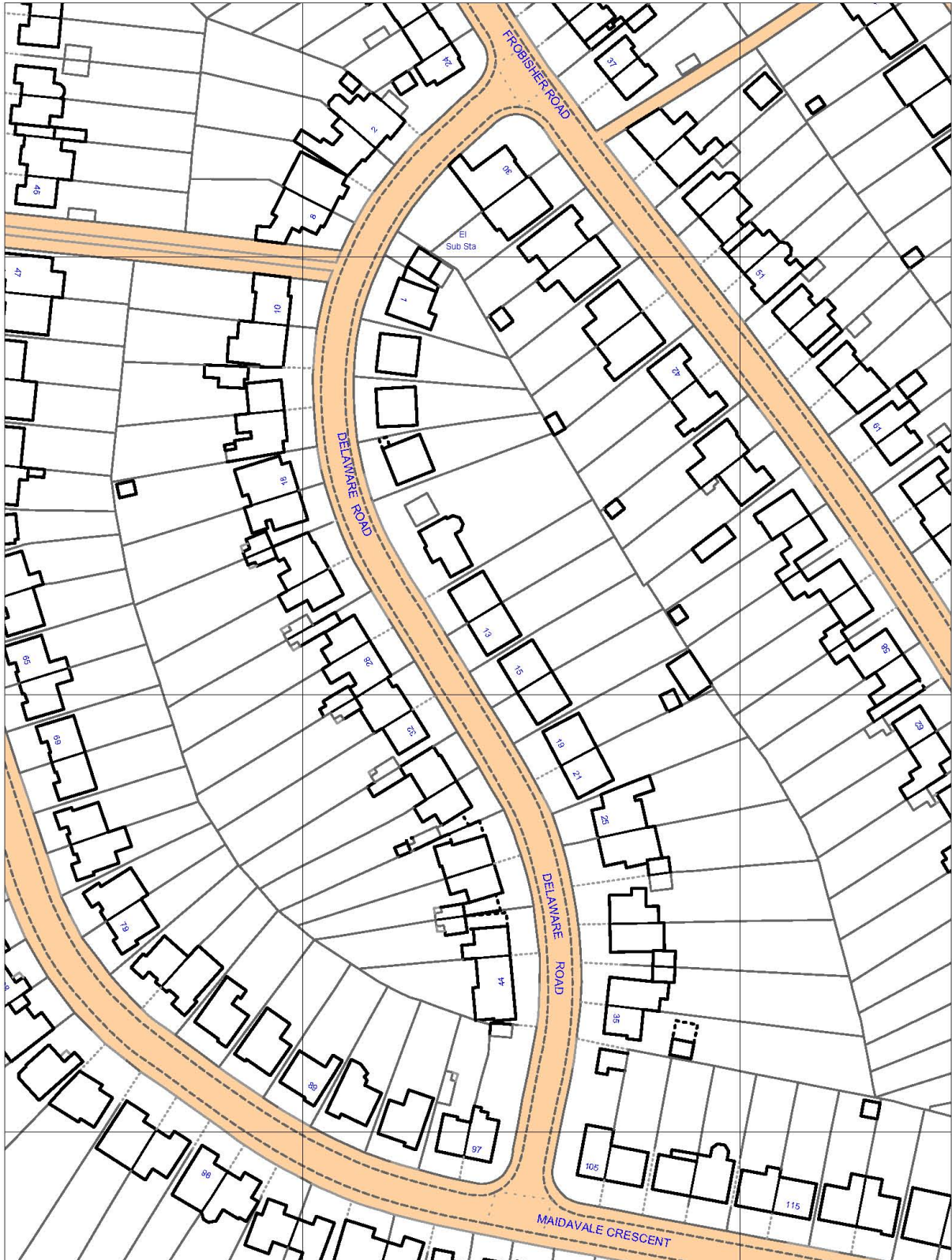
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# Appendix A – Location plan



## Delaware Road



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