Coventry City Council

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Cabinet Member Report

Cabinet Member for City Services 29th July 2019

Name of Cabinet Member:
Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:
Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Ward(s) affected:
Sherbourne

Title: Petition – Repairs to the Road and Pavements, Leyland Road

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Is this a key decision?
No

Executive Summary:

This report responds to a petition containing 43 signatures which was submitted to Coventry City Council and is supported by Councillor Lepoidevin. The petition requests that the Council:

'Prioritise repairs to the road and pavements at Leyland Road.'

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

The cost of carrying out highway maintenance, is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Note the petitioners' concerns.
2. Approve that the road and pavements in Leyland Road be held on Coventry City Council's forward programme list and agree that their condition continue to be monitored and scored against all other similar sites citywide.

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 – Repairs to the Road and Pavements, Leyland Road

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 43 signatures has been received requesting that the Council makes priority repairs to the roads and pavements in Leyland Road. The petition is supported by Councillor Lepoidevin.

1.2 The petition advises:

'We the undersigned are calling for Leyland Road to be made a priority for repairs to the road and pavements'.

1.3 Leyland Road is a local residential road and connects Westbury Road and Dulverton Avenue. Vehicles park partially (with two wheels) on the pavements and some properties are served by the appropriate vehicle access arrangements but others are driving over the footway to access their frontage hard standing. A location plan is shown in Appendix A of this report.

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

1.5 Records show that the last annual programmed safety inspection took place on the 26th April 2019, at which time 2 number carriageway defects were identified as requiring repair and 1 number carriageway gully needed to be reset.

1.6 Following receipt of the petition an engineer made a separate visit (13th May 2019) to make an assessment of the construction and overall condition of the road and pavements. It was noted that the road and the pavements are traditional bituminous/tarmac construction. Both the road and pavements are somewhat aged and although not aesthetically pleasing at the time of inspection there were no intervention level defects identified.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 Following the engineer's assessment on the 13th May 2019 and, given the current condition and usage, the recommended treatment would be to surface dress the road and slurry seal the pavements. If a priority score is reached they will be included in a future capital funded improvement programme, budget permitting. Until such time we will continue to make safe any defects at or above our intervention level as identified.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 Future capital 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 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 carriageway or pavement when compared to other similar roads citywide. Therefore, the actual scheduling of the works is based on priority of the scheme and funds available.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

Undertaking the recommended repairs to the road and pavements would be funded from any allocated Highways Capital Footway repair budget and is currently valued at approximately £35,000.

5.2 Legal implications

Pursuant to Section 41(1) 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 passible to ordinary traffic. The scope of the duty under S.41(1) Highways Act 1980 is based on an objective standard and depends on the level of use of the highway in question.

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 City Council's vision for better pavements and roads which is a key objective. Completing this work would contribute to this objective.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Financial risks are managed through regular monitoring meetings with the budget holder and the capital finance team. Risk assessments are carried out as part of the design process to ensure that risks are designed out and that construction takes place by approved contractors in a safe way.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

The work would be delivered using existing resources.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

Positive impacts of carrying out Highway Maintenance schemes are to improve the road/pavement surface for driving or walking on.

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None specifically but all road users of Leyland Road would benefit from the improvement to the road and pavement surfaces.

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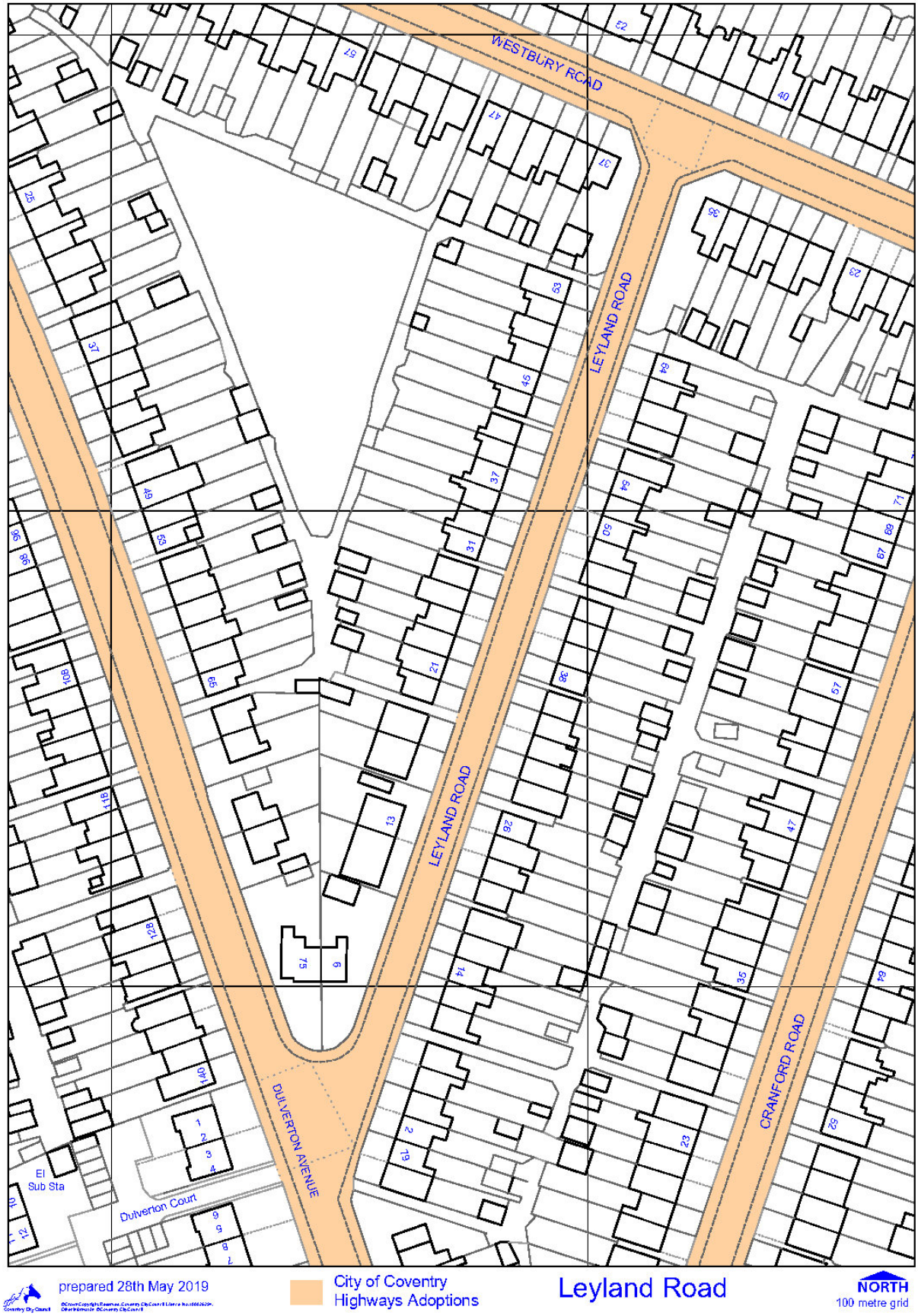
Appendix A – Location plan