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On 4 October 2023, the government announced £8.3 billion of additional highways maintenance funding over the period 2023 to 2033 for local road resurfacing and wider maintenance activity on the local highway network across the county, on top of the additional £5.122m made available in the Spring Budget 2023.

From this extra funding, Blackpool was awarded £191,000 for 2023/24 and for 2024/25. Find out how this money is being spent in your area.

Scheme – Stanley School area (6 streets)

Type: Road resurfacing

Financial year: 2023 to 2024

Indicative cost: £333,000

Surface area: 4,070 m²

Benefits from scheme

This scheme involved identifying three harsh braking areas which were due to a 'rat running route' around the school.

The works have led to improved safety of residents and people accessing the school. Before this the carriageway was in poor condition.

This was also a reduced carbon scheme.

Funded from: Network North £191,000, Pothole fund £142,000

Scheme – Ansdell Road: Further additional work that will be completed during 2024/25

Type: Road resurfacing

Financial year: 2024-25

Indicative cost: £661,000

Surface area: 7,944 m²

Benefits from scheme

The road is in poor condition, with issues including subsidence and drainage. It is also a main route into the town centre.

Funded from - Network North £191,000, Pothole fund £470,000

How the authority is introducing innovation in the delivery of highways maintenance

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How the authority is using its streetworks and other powers to ensure that resurfacing works are not undermined by repeated digging up of the same road by utility companies

Co-ordination and collaboration play a central role. The highways department works closely with utility companies to co-ordinate their works effectively. This collaboration includes regular meetings, sharing of schedules, and joint planning to minimise disruptions and ensure that resurfacing works are not compromised by subsequent excavations.

The streetworks permit scheme regulates all works conducted on the public highway. Utility companies are required to obtain permits from the highways department before carrying out any excavation or roadworks.

Through this scheme, the highways department can control the timing, location, and duration of works, thereby minimising the impact on recently resurfaced roads.

In addition the highways department sets stringent quality standards for roadworks, including resurfacing works. Regular inspections are conducted to ensure that the quality of the works meets these standards. Utility companies are obligated to adhere to these standards, and any substandard work that may undermine the integrity of the road surface are addressed promptly.

Performance monitoring and penalties are also employed to ensure compliance with streetworks regulations. The highways department monitors the performance of utility companies regarding the quality of their works and compliance with permit conditions. Fines may be imposed for any breaches, acting as deterrents and incentivising utility companies to coordinate their works more effectively.

Furthermore, the highways department explores innovative techniques and technologies to minimise the need for disruptive excavations and reduce the frequency of roadworks. This may include the use of trenchless technologies for laying utilities underground without extensive digging, thereby preserving the integrity of the road surface.

Proactive communication with the public is essential. The highways department engages in social media campaigns to inform residents about upcoming roadworks, the reasons behind them, and the measures being taken to minimise disruption. By keeping the community informed, the highways department can manage expectations and garner support for their efforts to maintain road quality.

The total amount of investment in the maintenance of local highway networks for the most recent 5 years.

Funding

Financial year	Investment/planned	DfT grant funding	Total expenditure
2019/2020	£1208,000	£81,000	£1,289,000
2020/2021	£1,494,546	£193,000	£1,686,546
2021/2022	£1,501,000	£328,000	£1,829,000
2022/2023	£1,501,000	£279,000	£1,780,000
2023/2024	£1,501,000	£457,800	£1,767,991
2024/2025	£1,501,000	£191,000	£1,692,000



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