

	<p>ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICER 5 August 2014</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Findings on allocation of additional funding for Carriage way and Footway repairs</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Assurance Director</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A: Report on the findings on allocation of additional funding for Carriage Way and Footway repairs</p>
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Summary

On 30 May 2014 Councillor Alison Moore, the Leader of the Labour Group within Barnet Council wrote an email to the Council’s auditor Grant Thornton LLP asking them to investigate the decision-making process in relation to the allocation of Council resources in the last financial year for highways schemes. The matter was referred to Maryellen Salter, Assurance Director and the Council’s Monitoring Officer.

This report provides the outcome of the investigation of the questions raised by Councillor Moore.

Decisions

As the investigation is completed into the allocation of additional funding for Carriage Way and Footway repairs the report notes the outcome of that investigation.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The outcome of the investigation is being published in view of the public interest in the matter.

2. REASONS FOR DECISIONS

- 2.1 Whilst there is no decision being made in respect of this investigation the outcome is relevant to members of the public.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The outcome of the investigation has been shared with the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Good governance is central to the Council's objectives set out in the Corporate Plan 2013-2016, and thus supports the delivery of those objectives.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 There are no resource implications in relation to this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Under the Constitution, specifically the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, under the Delegated Authority to the Monitoring Officer the Monitoring Officer has delegations to ensure the Council meets the highest standards of governance, risk management and probity and that sound governance principles are embedded across the organisation and its partners.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 There are none in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.5.1 There are none in the context of this report.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.6.1 Not applicable.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None.

7. DECISION TAKER'S STATEMENT

- 7.1 *I have the required powers to make the decision documented in this report. I am responsible for the report's content and am satisfied that all relevant advice has been sought in the preparation of this report and that it is compliant with the decision making framework of the organisation which includes Constitution, Scheme of Delegation, Budget and Policy Framework and Legal issues including Equalities obligations.*

8. OFFICER'S DECISION

I authorise the following action

- 8.1 The content of this report is noted.

Signed **Maryellen Salter**

Date **7th August 2014**