

## **DfT funding and additional grants statement 2014/15**

### **Pothole Fund**

In July 2014, East Riding of Yorkshire Council received £2.5m from the £200m Pothole Fund that was announced in the 2014 Budget. This was in recognition by the Government that one of the key concerns of local residents, businesses and road users are potholes on the local road network.

As a condition of this funding, East Riding of Yorkshire Council gave a commitment to target funds on permanently fixing potholes or by stopping them from forming in the first place. This funding must complement our own planned highway maintenance expenditure for 2014/15.

The council committed to publishing a quarterly report on its website, which will be copied to the Department for Transport (DfT), showing how much money has been spent, along with the type of activities which have been undertaken and where. This is the final quarterly report.

£1m of this money has been spent permanently fixing 10,000 potholes using innovative technology called velocity patching. A further 17,000 potholes have been permanently replaced or prevented by planer patching treatments which have been carried out throughout the authority.

£300k of this funding was invested in this summer's surface dressing programme and enhanced an already extensive programme of 91km by a further 14km, bringing the total investment in surface dressing on the roads within the East Riding to £2m.

A further £300k of the pothole fund was spent on pre-patching 0.8km of carriageway prior to next season's surface dressing programme, along with another £800k of major improvement works covering a further 3.5km of the East Riding's highways.

### **DfT Capital Grant**

The Council received £8.98m of DfT highway maintenance capital block funding in 2014/15, £4.1m of which was allocated for carriageway maintenance. This has been spent on major carriageway improvement works totalling 18.6km.

### **DfT Additional Highways Maintenance Funding**

In 2014/15 the Council was awarded a further £921k for additional highway maintenance, as announced in the 2012 Autumn Statement. This was used towards reconstruction of 2.7km of carriageway within East Riding.

### **Severe Weather Recovery Fund**

In April 2014, East Riding of Yorkshire Council also received £1.3m of Severe Weather Recovery (SWR) funding from the DfT to help with road repairs following the wettest winter on record.

£150k of pothole funding and £350k SWR funding has been spent on additional planned patch repairs covering a further 5.3km of the East Riding's highways.

This work has enhanced the Council's own planned maintenance programme of work which consists of a further £1m of permanent patching and resurfacing works totalling another 14.5km of carriageway repaired.