

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 2021****POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR  
HIGHWAYS****Members Highway Fund**

I am pleased to advise Members that Cabinet approved a new Members Highway Fund at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This fund will provide each Member with a budget of £25,000 to use on small scale highway and environmental improvement works in their own divisions. We recognise how important small scale highway works can be to our communities and therefore we have allocated an additional £5m to cover a range of highway improvement works including: community speed management, gullies and drainage works, Public Rights of Way works, and signing and lining maintenance. The Members Highway Fund is one initiative to be funded from this additional money.

Over the next couple of months, a dedicated Project Manager will contact each Member directly to discuss the available options and offer support and guidance. We will also provide examples of effective and affordable scheme options with estimated costings and timescales for delivery to help Members consider how they want to spend their allocation. Such examples will include the provision of village gateway measures, flashing speed signs, vegetation clearing and minor improvements to roads and footways.

Officers will work with Members to get proposals developed over the next few months so the measures can be delivered in this financial year and the team is working hard to put in place the guidance and processes to support Members. An All Member Briefing has been arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> July where more details on the initiative and the application process will be available.

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