

Department for Transport Pothole Action Fund 2018/19

The Pothole Action Fund was first announced in the 2015 Budget and totals £250 million, enough to repair on average over five million potholes or to stop them forming in the first place. This funding is allocated by formula and is shared by local highway authorities in England, outside London, between 2016/17 and 2020/21.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced several rounds of the Pothole Action Fund over the last four years. In November 2018 the DfT allocated a further £5.2 million from the Pothole Action Fund for authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region, enough to fix or prevent around 105,000 potholes in 2018/19.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council received £642,000 from this round of the Pothole Action Fund on top of our typical annual highway maintenance block allocation of £8.9 million.

The decision was made to spend the £642,000 allocation on preventative treatments, as follows:

- Roadmaster: £200k filling 7,762 potholes;
- Carriageway slurry treatments: £200k addressing 8,580 potholes;
- Ultrascreed: £150k addressing 7,415 potholes; and
- Pre-surface dressing/patching (carried out in preparation for the 2019/20 surface dressing programme): £100k, preventing a further 1,542 potholes.

In total the DfT's most recent Pothole Action Fund allocation has enabled the authority to fix/prevent a total of 25,300 potholes, ensuring that roads in the East Riding remain safe and fit for purpose.

