



LOCAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION 2006/07

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)
28 MARCH 2006**

KEY ISSUE

To seek Committee approval for expenditure of the Local Capital Allocation for 2006/07.

SUMMARY

This report explains the background to the funding, how it has previously been used and recommendations for the forthcoming year.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER: All Divisions

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- i) Note how the 2005/06 Local Allocation budget was used.
- ii) Approves the list of transportation projects set out in Appendix 'A' be funded from the £100,000 Local Allocation budget for 2006/07.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Leader of the County Council, in his budget speech, announced that the Local Capital Allocation will be £100,000 for 2006/07 to each of the Local Offices.
- 1.2 It is anticipated that, as in previous years, any under or overspend on this budget will roll forward to the next financial year. It is not yet known what the outturn will be for 2005/06.

2 2005/06 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Last year the Committee approved the funding to undertake feasibility studies to sustain the LTP programme. The remainder was delegated to the then, Local Transportation Director, to be used to address local priorities.
- 2.2 Funding for feasibility studies and scheme development included the following:-
- North Weybridge 20mph zone
 - Queens Road, Hersham – Mini roundabout
 - Esher Green, Esher – Scheme preparation and consultation.
 - Hampton Court Way – Modelling and scheme preparation.
- 2.5 The remaining budget has been used for the following a range of maintenance and improvement projects:
- Drainage repairs at:
- Hurst Road,
 - Ferry Tavern (Portsmouth Road),
 - Mills Road,
 - Monument Road,
 - Portsmouth Road j/w Couchmore Avenue.
- Footway reconstruction at Lebanon Drive
 - Winters Bridge footway resurfacing and bus stop improvements
 - Claygate Lane j/w Portsmouth Road -Traffic Management, Thames Ditton
 - Queens Road, Mini Roundabout - Hersham
 - Hersham Bridge Road j/w Church Street -Junction Improvement, Weybridge
 - Weybridge Area 20mph Zone, Weybridge
- 2.6 The completion of four projects commenced in the fourth quarter of this financial year 2005/06 will be carried forward to the next financial year to enable scheme completion and will result in an estimated carry forward of approximately £53,000.

3 PROPOSALS FOR 2006/07

- 3.1 Traditionally the bulk of the Local Allocation has been used for transportation studies and environmental highway works. It is proposed to continue this theme for the projects aimed for construction in the coming year but with greater emphasis on Traffic Management and modern electronics supported by our speed Management Campaign that this Committee have given encouragement to over recent years.
- 3.2 One area in which we have made a significant road safety impact in during the last 24 months has been the introduction of Vehicle Actuated Signs (VAS). This was the subject of a recent Accident Working Group report brought to this Committee last year highlighting the positive effects these signs can have on vehicular speeds, driver behaviour, and personal injury accidents.
- 3.3 To date the Elmbridge Transportation Service have successfully funded and erected 9 such devices throughout the entire area funded predominantly by the Accident Working Group; as low cost remedial measures aimed at reducing personal injury accidents at sites where traditional engineering methods had been exhausted; but more recently by way of Member funding such as the three recently funded by this Committee for Councillor Hicks in Hersham, and Councillor Bennison in Hersham.
- 3.4 Members will recall a petitioner who addressed this Committee in November, following a road traffic accident involving a young school child along the A3050 Hurst Road. The solution at this site also includes for VAS signing to complement and place greater emphasis on the additional traffic management measures, which are also proposed.
- 3.5 Whilst encouraging greater use of alternative means of transport, decreasing car dependency and increasing cycling throughout the Borough with new links and routes; which we are slowly establishing through the work of the Cycle Forum; we realise that safe and appropriate cycle parking is of equal importance, and an allocation to redress this is also included within the allocation.
- 3.6 Funding is also proposed to facilitate the development and introduction of a number of projects such as:
- Long Ditton Parking Scheme – (Approval already given at January Committee)
 - Hurst Road School, East Molesey - Traffic Management and VMS Signs - (Approval already given at January Committee)
 - A244 Lammas Lane j/w Church Street, Esher - Junction Improvement – (Costs towards the preparation of reports, notices and plans for the statutory processes)
 - The East Molesey Area Improvement project, including the A309 Hampton Court Way, approaches the bridge in East Molesey.
- 3.7 A summary of the budget proposal is set out in Appendix 'A'.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Divisional Members will be advised when schemes start. Appropriate levels of consultation will be undertaken specific to each scheme.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Allocation is a capital works budget and can legitimately be spent in the proposed manner. The proposals include a predicted carry-forward from 2005/06, which is subject to Executive approval.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All schemes will fully consider any implications to crime and disorder.

7 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

Surrey County Council – NE Area (Elmbridge) – Draft Programme for Local Allocation (LA) Schemes 2006/7**Appendix 'A'**

Scheme Description & Location	Scheme Description Category	Scheme Comments	Carry forward of funding from 2005/06 or LA Capital for 2006/07 (£000)
Schemes Carried Forward from 2005/06 for completion in 2006/07			
Claygate Lane j/w Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton - Traffic management scheme	Traffic Management and Calming	Completion of scheme from 2005/06	10
Queens Road, Hersham – New Mini Roundabout	Local Safety	Completion of scheme from 2005/06	15
Bridge Road j/w Church Street, Weybridge (The Quadrant) - Junction Improvement	Traffic Management and Calming	Completion of scheme from 2005/06	15
North Weybridge Area 20mph Zone	Traffic Management and Calming	Completion of scheme from 2005/06	8
Schemes programmed for design and commencement of construction in 2006/07			
Long Ditton Area Parking Scheme	Traffic Management and Calming	Design and implementation of a parking scheme for the Long Ditton area agreed at the Local Committee in January 2006.	14
Variable Actuated Signing at various locations in the Borough	Traffic Management and Calming	Programme of new VAS signs at identified sites to complement those already introduced.	20
Speed Management Measures and Signs	Traffic Management and Calming	Programme of speed limit reviews and ongoing support to the Elmbridge Speed Management Programme	20
Hurst Road School, East Molesey - Traffic Management and VMS Signs	Local Safety (Safe Routes to Schools)	Design and implementation of measures agreed at the Local Committee in January 2006.	6
Cycle Parking in Key Locations	Cycling	Assessment and installation of cycle parking in areas identified by the Cycle Forum	10

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Scheme programmed for feasibility and/or design in 2006/07			
Long Ditton Infants, Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton – Safe Routes to School (SRS) Scheme	Local Safety (Safe Routes to Schools)	Feasibility study for improvements to facilities for walking in the area identified as part of safe routes to schools work.	5
A244 Lammas Lane j/w Church Street, Esher Green, Esher - Junction Improvement	Traffic Management and Calming	Budget set aside to enable the preparation of reports, plans and reports necessary to complete the statutory processes for the intermediate scheme.	20
Balance of the budget to address local priorities	Traffic Management and Calming	It is proposed that the balance of the budget be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager to use after consultation with the Chairman to address local priorities	10
Total for the Year			153
Estimated Carried Forward from 2005/06			53
Net Total for the year			100