



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL

KILN LANE LINK

12 FEBRUARY 2007

KEY ISSUE and SUMMARY:

To update Members on the report provided to the Executive on 2 January 2007 on the Kiln Lane Link report provided to the Local Committee meeting on 4 December 2006, and the Executive Response in Appendix 1.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to note the content of this report.

- (i) The Executive Member for Transport tabled a response to the report of the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee. She hoped in particular, that Epsom and Ewell Borough Council could support the County Council in progressing options for the scheme.

Jean Smith was invited to address the meeting as Chairman of the Local Committee. She thanked the Executive for its response, expressed her appreciation for the support of the Regional Transport Board [RTB] and looked forward to the future report on options for progressing the scheme.

The Chairman reported that in addition to allocating future funding, the RTB was also considering increasing the regional funding allocation by 50% and submitting such proposals to the Government. This could have an impact on the progression of the Kiln Lane

scheme and other Surrey projects. He noted that any involvement of the Borough Council in the Kiln Lane scheme could be helpful in changing the regional methodology used for prioritising schemes.

RESOLVED

That the response set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes be agreed.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Minutes of the Executive 2 January 2007

EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM AND EWELL

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My Executive colleagues and I share the sadness of the Local Committee at learning of the death of the 17-year old cyclist in a road traffic accident in Hook Road.

We are aware of the considerable benefits that the Kiln Lane Link major improvement would bring to the local Community and to the wider area of Surrey and South London and have consistently given our full support to the progression of this scheme.

Following assessment by the Regional Transport Board [RTB], the Department for Transport indicated that the funding of this scheme would be deferred until 2016-2026, but with a possibility that it might be brought forward into the 2011-2016 programme of works if slippage occurs with other schemes. At the last meeting of the Regional Transport Board I asked that this should be a priority if slippage occurred.

I will write to the Secretary of State for Transport to request that the decision to defer the funding of the Kiln Lane Link major improvement scheme be reconsidered as a matter of urgency. I will also send a copy of my letter to the RTB.

Depending on the response of the Secretary of State the County Council could explore whether alternative sources of funding may be found to allow the scheme to progress or consider an 'intermediate' LTP scheme [£500,000 to £5 million], which could provide a range of measures to mitigate the effects on the Community that will be caused by the continuing delay in constructing the Kiln Lane Link. I would welcome working with the Local Committee and Epsom and Ewell Borough Council to explore joint working on this.

I will therefore bring this back to the Executive and to the Local Committee once I know what options are available for theirs and your consideration.

The road safety and environmental concerns raised by local residents, in respect of HGV traffic generated by the Waste Transfer Site located in the Blenheim Road Waste Management Site, are fully understood. I understand that alternative sites for the location of this facility, or its associated civic amenity function for residents disposing of bulky household waste are being explored in order to try to reduce the present adverse impact on the Community and that this has been flagged up in the recently adopted Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and is being progressed in co-operation with the district councils.

Helen Clack
Executive Member for Transport
2 January 2007