



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Epsom and Ewell)

£54,000 capital budget for highways in 2010 / 2011

13th September 2010

KEY ISSUE

To seek approval for expenditure of a £54,000 capital budget for highways in Epsom and Ewell in the 2010 / 2011 financial year.

SUMMARY

The Leader of Surrey County Council on 20 July 2010 announced £1m extra funding for the council's roads. He stated that each of the 11 local committees would be asked how and where the money should be spent. The budget available to the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee is £54,000. It is important that proposals are agreed for expenditure on schemes that can be implemented during the current financial year. This reports sets out a recommendation for expenditure of the £54,000.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) is asked to:

- (i) approve use of the £54,000 capital funds for Epsom and Ewell as set out in Annexe A.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Leader of the Surrey County Council made a verbal statement at the meeting of the Council on 20 July, in which he announced £1m extra funding for the council's roads. He stated that each of the 11 local committees would be asked how and where the money should be spent.
- 1.2 The Leader asked that the money be allocated based on a formula looking at total road length and population. The amount for each committee is set out below, with Epsom and Ewell receiving £54,000 :

Elmbridge	101,000
Epsom & Ewell	54,000
Guildford	132,000
Mole Valley	92,000
Reigate & Banstead	112,000
Runnymede	67,000
Spelthorne	70,000
Surrey Heath	77,000
Tandridge	92,000
Waverley	131,000
Woking	73,000

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The £54,000 is capital funding. It could be used for Integrated Transport schemes, parking schemes, carriageway surfacing schemes, footway schemes and drainage schemes. The funding should not be used for revenue items, however, the Local Committee has already allocated funds for drainage and Community Gang works, which are progressing successfully.
- 2.2 With so many competing demands for use of the funds it is difficult to determine a recommendation based on previously agreed priorities. Systems of prioritising types of scheme such as integrated transport or carriageway surfacing have been in place for some years, but we have not developed a numerical prioritisation system to compare one type of scheme against another.
- 2.3 The Head of Surrey Highways wrote to members of the Local Committee setting out some suggestions for utilising the funds during the current financial year. Councillors have also suggested some local priorities for use of the funding. In addition we have looked at last year's integrated transport schemes list and potential casualty reduction schemes. A list of all the various suggestions is set out in Annexe A.
- 2.4 Annexe A provides a recommendation for expenditure of the £54,000. The last column gives recommended allocations for particular schemes with the total allocated being equal to the £54,000 budget.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 There are many options available for expenditure of the £54,000 budget. Any of the schemes listed in Annexe could be funded and there could be many more ideas that are not listed. However, it would not be possible to achieve implementation of some schemes due to the need to deliver within the current financial year. Schemes such as carriageway patching will be more achievable within the time constraints than integrated transport schemes that may require feasibility and detailed design work. Schemes such as carriageway surface treatment are not recommended for the winter months.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 County Members of the Local Committee were invited to comment on 26th August and the suggested schemes reflect the opinions expressed.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The works delivered are by Carillion acting as our Managing Agent, going out to the market place to seek best value. The works delivered directly by Carillion are always subject to robust discussions over value for money

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Surrey Highways always endeavours to undertake works on the public highway that do not prejudice any user group.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None perceived.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Local Committee for Epsom and Ewell has a budget of £54,000 for use on capital highways schemes in 2010/11. Annexe A sets out the recommendation for expenditure of the funding.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 To allow officers to use the £54,000 capital funding as approved by the Local Committee.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

10.1 Once the recommendations have been approved, highways officers will consider priorities and progress the works with Carillion.

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