



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Epsom & Ewell)

HIGHWAYS SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT

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KEY ISSUE

To update the Local Committee on the progress of highways schemes in Epsom & Ewell.

SUMMARY

The Epsom & Ewell 27th June Local Committee agreed an outline programme for highways schemes across the Borough. Work has commenced on the feasibility and design of Integrated Transport schemes requested by Members

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to note the report for information.

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As reported and subsequently noted at the last Committee meeting Table 1 provides an overview of the Capital budget (£108,000), it has also been updated to reflect progress made on the schemes requested by County Council Members. At this stage schemes/studies are being developed, as the year progresses Members will be kept updated on key issues such as target completion etc. Members determined that a total of £30,000 should be allocated towards parking from the capital budget. Members also allocated £15,000 to each division to facilitate highway improvements. The remaining £2,000 was allocated to assist in preparation of schemes for 2012/13.

Table 1 Integrated Transport Schemes

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SCHEMES		
Project	Allocated Funding 2011/2012	Detail/Progress
Parking (Borough-wide)	30,000	Funding to supplement delivery of parking schemes across the Borough. Schemes being developed further to consultation results.
Longmead/Blenheim Rd crossing	15,000	Scheme options developed, see separate report. Funding supplemented by Jan Mason's revenue allocation (total scheme approx 22,000)
Woodcote Green Rd / Wilmerhatch Rd splitter island	10,000	Scheme options developed and discussion planned with Chris Frost
Reigate Rd Layby (posts)	5,000	Scheme on hold until confirmation on agreement received from adjacent landowner.
Street lighting improvements (Epsom & Ewell North)	5,000	Appropriate sites being considered
Highway improvements (Epsom & Ewell North)	10,000	Scheme(s) being developed further to submission by Eber Kington
Highway Improvements (Epsom & Ewell North East)	15,000	Awaiting conclusions from Parking consultations. Funding may be used to 'top up' Parking budget + assist with Ewell Village Air Quality work if required.
Highway improvements (Epsom & Ewell South West)	15,000	Awaiting conclusions from Parking consultations. Funding may be used to 'top up' Parking budget.
2012/13 Scheme Preparation	3,000	Schemes to be identified
Total	108,000	

If further to parking consultations the full allocation of funding is not required it will need to be reallocated, Officers would therefore welcome dialogue with Members on developing 'reserve' schemes, particularly in E&E N West and E&E S West.

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Table 2 Local Committee Revenue Allocation

Table 2 provides an overview of how the £100,000 revenue budget has been allocated. It should be noted that the new highways maintenance contract provides for areas of work such as drainage and lining, however the locally allocated sum will be available to top up budgets where local priorities for funding differ from countywide priorities. Similar to the capital budget £30,000, has been allocated to parking improvements across the Borough. Further to the Committee resolving to make the experimental TRO at Blenheim Rd permanent 7,000 has been allocated to enable this to happen.

LOCAL COMMITTEE REVENUE ALLOCATION		
Maintenance issue	Allocated Funding 2011/2012	Detail/Progress
Ditching & Drainage	20,000	
Signs & Road Markings	5,000	To be allocated at key sites
Low cost measures	5,000	To be allocated at key sites
Parking	30,000	Funding passed to Parking team
Blenheim Rd TRO	7,000	Being developed
Member allocation	33,000	
Total	100,000	

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Initial scheme options are currently being developed for schemes, which may be appropriate to be funded from the St Ebbas development S106 money. It is envisaged that a workshop will be held with County Members shortly to explore options for how best the funding could be allocated. The delay has in part been due to Surrey County Council awaiting confirmation from Sainsburys as to what if any schemes they would permit being funded from funding held on account which was allocated to the Kiln Lane scheme.

Stones Road Tunnel

A note on the proposals and timescales for the reopening of the Stones Rd Tunnel will be distributed at the meeting.

Highway Maintenance Schemes

The Committee noted the list of highways maintenance schemes planned at the previous meeting. Continued update will be given to Members via the Bulletin and an updated version of the table including programmed dates has been requested. This list will be distributed to Members for information once available.