



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Epsom and Ewell)

Highways Update
24th September 2012

KEY ISSUES

To update Committee with progress of the 2012-13 Highways programmes funded by the Local Committee.

SUMMARY

This report summarises progress with the capital and revenue programmes funded by the Local Committee's respective capital and revenue budgets.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Agree to delegate authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and locally affected Members to use the Local Revenue carry forward sum to ensure that this Financial Year's Capital programme is adequately funded;
- (ii) Agree to delegate authority to the Area Team Manager to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee (or the Vice Chairman in the event that the Chairman is not available), and the Local Member affected by each project.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) aims to improve the highway network for all users. In general terms it aims to reduce congestion, improve accessibility, reduce the frequency and severity of road casualties, improve the environment, and maintain the network so that it is safe for public use.

1.2 The Local Committee has been delegated Highway budgets in the current Financial Year 2012-13 as follows:

- Local Revenue: £189,401
- Community Pride: £25,000 (£5,000 per Division)
- Capital Integrated Transport Schemes: £108,483
- Capital Maintenance: £108,483

1.3 Following an under spend in the previous Financial Year 2011-12 there are also significant carry forward monies:

- Local Revenue carry forward: £88,100
- Capital Integrated Transport Schemes carry forward: £1,400

1.4 The costs of a number of schemes from the previous Financial Year 2011-12 were not fully paid in the previous Financial Year. The balance of these costs totals £46,046.54, and has been paid from this Financial Year's capital budget. This cost will reduce the funding available to Committee for this Financial Year's programme, and this is discussed further below. The details of these costs are as follows:

- Beggars Hill Pedestrian Crossing £10,322.40
- Cuddington / Vale Road Table / Crossing £8,493.53
- Footpath Town Hall to A24 High Street £10,287.07
- Wilmerhatch Lane Island and Signage £184.52
- Grove Road, Epsom, footway improvements £8,836.16
- Nonsuch Walk footway improvements £2,880.66
- Jasmin Road, West Ewell, footway improvements £5,032.20

1.5 The funds delegated to the Local Committee are in addition to funds allocated at a County level which cover various Highways maintenance and improvement activities, including inspection and repair of safety defects, resurfacing, structures, vegetation maintenance, and drainage.

2.0 ANALYSIS

Annual Local Revenue Programme

2.1 In June 2012 Committee made the allocations shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1 Revenue allocation agreed by Committee in June 2012

Budget Heading	Allocation	Comment
Ditching and Drainage	£20,000	£9,306.60 committed, £10,693.40 remaining
Parking	£30,000	Approx £32,000 needed this FY for completion of signing works at various locations across the Borough. This will complete Phase 6.
Illuminated Street Furniture	£20,000	£20,000 planned for improvements in Ruxley Lane, Cheam Road and Longmead Road
Extension of de-cluttering work	£15,000	Works being planned by the area team.
Local Issues	£104,401 Divided £15,000 per Division and £29,401 to be allocated by the Maintenance Engineer	£23,845.31 committed and a further £30,070.21 planned.
Carry Forward	£88,100	£55,700.79 committed, £32,399.21 remaining
Total	£277,501.00 £189,401 + £88,100	£88,852.70 committed and a further £61,470.21 planned

- 2.2 A number of Members have suggested maintenance concerns and projects for funding from the Local Issues allocations to their respective Divisions. In addition Officers have contacted Divisional Members to suggest concerns and projects that could be delivered. In June Committee agreed that any funds that were not allocated to specific works by the end of October would be reallocated elsewhere in the Borough. Officers will prepare possible projects that could be delivered to utilise any such unallocated funds.

Annual Capital Integrated Transport Schemes Programme

- 2.3 Table 2 below summarises progress with Integrated Transport Schemes that were approved by Committee in June.

Table 2 Progress with 2012-13 Capital Integrated Transport Schemes Programme

Scheme	Description	Progress	Budget
Spread Eagle Junction	Extend footway on Ashley Road arm to reduce crossing distance, and align tactile paving.	Detailed design nearly complete. Expect to be ready for construction in December 2012 / January 2013.	£20,000
Hogsmill cycle / footbridge at Green Lanes	New bridge to complete missing link.	Partnership scheme with E&EBC. Bridge currently being refurbished having been removed from a site in Elmbridge.	£35,000
Mobility Ramps	Dropped kerbs at various locations to improve accessibility for pedestrians.	Sites have been identified; next step to walk through sites and commission works.	£20,000
A240 Speed Limit Amendment	Rationalisation of speed limit changes at junction.	Detailed design complete. Skanska to implement signage changes as part of larger streetlighting scheme.	£10,000
South Street / Ashley Avenue pedestrian phase	Introduction of new pedestrian phase to existing traffic signals. Design only this FY.	No progress.	£5,000
Signage Improvements	Improvements at various locations.	Works being planned by the area team.	£18,000
Total, noting that the budget allocations are approximate			£108,000

- 2.4 The costs brought forwards from the previous Financial Year, referred to in paragraph 1.4 above, may impact the Capital Integrated Transport Schemes Programme. Therefore recommendations have been made to ensure that this Financial Year's Capital programme is adequately funded from the various budgets available to Committee.

Capital Maintenance Programme

- 2.5 Table 3 below summarises progress with Capital Maintenance Schemes that were approved by Committee in June.

Table 3 Progress with 2012-13 Capital Maintenance Programme

Scheme	Description	Progress	Budget / Cost
Bradford Drive	Local Structural Repair (resurfacing)	Ordered, awaiting programming	£12,440.40
West Drive	Local Structural Repair (resurfacing)	Ordered, awaiting programming	£12,701.78
Bellfield Road	Local Structural Repair (large scale patching)	Ordered, awaiting programming	£21,964.57
West Street, Ewell	Local Structural Repair	Ordered, awaiting programming	£4,673.79
Christ Church Mount	Local Structural Repair	Ordered, awaiting programming	£7,563.44
Remaining budget			£49,139.02
Total, noting that the budget allocations are approximate			£59,343.98

2.6 There is approximately £49,000 remaining of this Financial Year's Capital Maintenance budget. At the time of writing number of schemes are being priced, and decisions will need to be made as to which schemes to implement once costs are known:

- Espom High Street, Local Structural Repair
- Galtey Avenue, Micro-Asphalt
- West Drive (different section to above), Micro-Asphalt
- Derek Avenue, Micro-Asphalt
- Middle Lane, Micro-Asphalt
- Ladbrooke Road, channel plane and overlay

2.7 Of the schemes listed in the Highways Update in June 2012, Kingston Road (service roads), St Martin's Avenue and Ebbisham Road are all being funded centrally. Woodlands Road is subsiding in places, and may have structural problems to resolve before re-surfacing is possible or worthwhile. Melton Road is currently on hold as a reserve scheme if funding is available. None of the footway schemes listed in the June 2012 Highways Update are being progressed, as it is unlikely these will be affordable due to funding constraints.

2.8 The costs brought forwards from the previous Financial Year, referred to in paragraph 1.4 above, may impact the Capital Maintenance Programme. Therefore recommendations have been made to ensure that this Financial Year's Capital programme is adequately funded from the various budgets available to Committee.

Community Pride Fund

2.9 The Community Pride budget has been spread evenly across the 5 Divisions in Epsom and Ewell. Of the total £25,000 Community Pride budget, only £2,190 has been committed.

Programme Monitoring and Reporting

- 2.10 Officers will update Committee with progress in the delivery of its works programmes at each Committee meeting. In addition Committee Chairmen are provided with detailed monthly finance updates, which detail all the orders raised against the various budgets, as well as the works planned for each of the budgets

A240 Ewell By-pass junction with Cheam Road

- 2.11 A review of the “no right turn” from Ewell by Pass into Cheam Road has been carried out as requested when it was agreed by the Committee.
- 2.12 The scheme was introduced at the request of Surrey Police following a number of collisions, including a fatal collision, involving right turning vehicles at the junction.
- 2.13 There has been a reduction in collisions from 14 in the three years before (July 2006 to June 2009) the scheme to eight in the three years after (July 2009 to June 2012) the scheme was completed.
- 2.14 There have been no right turn collisions since the ban – prior to the ban approximately half the collisions involved vehicles turning right into Cheam Road, towards Ewell Village.
- 2.15 Surrey Police have made the following comment:
“This scheme was proposed following a number of right turn collisions at the junction including a fatal and some serious collisions. Although occasionally there is some non compliance with the no right turn ban the scheme has certainly reduced the right turn collisions to nil and an obvious success that we should all be pleased with”.

3.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The financial implications of this paper are detailed in section 2 above.
- 3.2 To manage the risk that projects prove undeliverable by the end of the current Financial Year, it is recommended to delegate authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman to re-allocate funds to ensure that the budgets are fully spent in the Epsom and Ewell Borough area by the end of the Financial Year. It is recommended to assess the deliverability of schemes and reallocate funds at the end of October.

5.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding.

6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples’ perception of crime.

7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Local Committee's various Capital and Revenue programmes are moving forwards. Recommendations have been made to delegate authority to the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to bring these programmes to conclusion.

8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Recommendations have been made to ensure that all the budgets available to Committee are fully allocated, and that arrangements can be made to ensure these budgets are spent for the benefit of Highway users in Epsom and Ewell.

9.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Officers will work with Members to ensure that the approved programmes are delivered.

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