



WEST AREA HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PLAN 2009/10

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

30th SEPTEMBER 2009

KEY ISSUE

This report presents the annual highway revenue maintenance plan for the West Area for the 2009/10 financial year, and seeks formal approval for the allocation of the £100,000 revenue funds assigned to the Local Committee for 2009/10.

SUMMARY

This report sets out in detail the work activities and funding allocations for highway maintenance for 2009/10. These include reactive maintenance such as defect repairs and response to emergencies, planned highway defect repairs, insurance claims and damage to County property. Environmental maintenance (grass cutting, weed control, tree and hedge maintenance) is covered, as are Aids to Movement (signs and road markings), drainage system maintenance (gully emptying and jetting), community gangs and street lighting.

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COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION (S)

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the annual highway maintenance plan for West Area be noted.
- (ii) that the allocation of the £100,000 Local Committee revenue funds as set out in paragraph 6 and **ANNEXE A** be approved.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1 This report seeks to provide the Local Committee with an overview of the annual highway maintenance plan for the west of the County including Guildford.
- 2 In addition the report indicates how the revenue allocation of £100,000 to the Guildford Local Committee will be spent.

ANALYSIS

- 3 The Executive approved the Surrey Highways delivery plan in March 2009 and this included how the budget would be aligned to the plan.
- 4 The allocations in the Maintenance Delivery Plan are based on lump sum figures agreed with Ringway and Carillion plus allocations to other third parties such as Borough Councils. The Maintenance Delivery Plan is included as **ANNEXE B** and covers a variety of maintenance activities providing an overview of what this entails and the cost of service delivery.
- 5 Members should note the following:
 - Surrey Highways has sought countywide delivery of some activities hence Carillion are now managing the gully cleaning operations in the West.
 - A figure of £100,000 has been set aside for non-recoverable damage to County property incidents. Officers have been campaigning hard to encourage all parties to report any such incidents in order to minimise the expense to Surrey.
 - A nominal figure is shown against Waverley Borough under grass cutting as WBC undertake a small amount of work on behalf of SCC.
- 6 Each Committee has an allocation of £100,000 to undertake works to suit local needs. As in previous years, individual SCC Members were canvassed as to how they wished to see these funds used. The results are shown in the Table attached as **ANNEXE A**. Members are asked to note that these allocations have been combined with those of the other 5 West Area Local Committees, producing an overall budget for each west area activity, and the works are organised on a west area basis, rather than district-by-district.

CONSULTATIONS

- 7 No consultation has taken place with the Local Committee regarding the annual highway maintenance plan as the delivery plan was approved by Executive however some consultation has occurred with the Chairman/Members regarding the local revenue allocation.

FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 8 The aim of Surrey Highways is to deliver a cost effective highway maintenance service throughout the area. Value for money is imperative when considering the cost and outputs for highway maintenance.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9 The Highway Service is mindful of its responsibilities within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding. To date no impact assessment has been undertaken as part of this process however an Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken in the near future for "highway maintenance".

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 10 A well-maintained highway network can reduce fear of crime and allow the Police greater opportunity to enforce speed controls.

CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11 Highway maintenance of the network is an essential activity and facilitates use by a variety of road users and Members are asked to note the West Area Maintenance Delivery Plan.
- 12 It is recommended that the Local Committee approve the £100,000 revenue allocation that has been made based on the needs of the local area to enhance the service locally in Guildford.
- 13 The recommendations will result in delivery of the highway maintenance service in accordance with the requirements of Executive and Local Committee.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 14 The report allows the maintenance works to be delivered in accordance with the plan and local allocation.

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Report to SCC Executive 31 March 2009, Item 7.

ITEM 11: ANNEXE A : REVENUE MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION

This Table shows the manner in which each Member of the Local Committee wished to see the available funds deployed. The individual figures have been aggregated to give an overall figure for Guildford. These are in turn combined with figures from the other 5 west area Local Committees to give combined budgets across west area.

It should be noted that the canvassing of Members took place prior to June 2009, since when there have been changes in the membership of the Committee.

	BB	DD	MN	MM	TR	FW	PS	EO	SdC	DG	Total	£
Patching	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	20	87	9,000
Drainage	50	50	40	40	40	0	40	0	30	20	310	30,000
Trees	0	2	0	0	10	0	0	20	0	10	42	4,000
Road Mkgs	0	2	0	30	20	30	10	20	10	10	132	13,000
Footways	20	20	40	20	0	70	40	30	30	20	290	30,000
Weed Kill	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	22	2,000
Signs	10	5	20	0	30	0	0	0	10	10	85	9,000
Grass Cutting	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Sight lines	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2,000
Dropped kerbs	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	1,000
Total											1000	100,000