



**LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND
A25 Spectrum
Footway Improvement Scheme**

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KEY ISSUE

To amend the agreed Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Programme for 2011/12 to bring forward the A25 Spectrum Footway Improvement Scheme for early delivery.

SUMMARY

The Local Sustainable Transport Fund was created by the Coalition Government and released alongside the new Transport White Paper aimed at promoting packages of transport schemes to support economic recovery and growth, and to reduce carbon emissions. The Guildford programme was set out in a report to the Local Committee on 22 September 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to:

- i) agree that the approved LSTF Programme for 2011/12 be amended to bring forward a footway improvement scheme on A25 Spectrum (north side and south side)
- ii) note that the A25 Middleton Road shared footway/cycleway scheme be rescheduled as part of the delivery programme for 2012/13

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On 22 September 2011, Guildford Local Committee approved a programme of works for Year 1 (2011/12) of the LSTF (Key Component Bid). This initial programme of works included a walking/cycling improvement on Middleton

Road shared footway (adjacent to the A25 at Guildford Business Park, between the rail bridge and Dennis Roundabout). The report identified that £120,000 of LSTF funding is allocated.

To implement this scheme some of the works need to be carried out on third-party land. Whilst there is agreement in principle from the relevant landowner for this, the associated legal issues have caused delays to the process and the scheme cannot be carried out this financial year. It will therefore be completed in 2012/13.

2. ANALYSIS

LSTF funding is time limited and the County Council has agreed with the Department for Transport how much it will be spending each year. There is a risk, therefore, that the legal issues delaying the Middleton Road shared footway scheme will result in an under spend on our LSTF funding.

The LSTF (Key Component Bid) Year 2 indicative programme includes a walking/cycling improvement scheme for the A25 Parkway/Spectrum. This improvement scheme forms the eastern end of the longer A25 'AA Roundabout' / Boxgrove Road junction to Guildford Business Park cycling link. Costs are estimated at £150,000.

The County Council's contractor can deliver this scheme in 2011/12 which will ensure government funding is not lost and the overall programme remains on track.

The works are:

- A25 Parkway (north side -Spectrum): widening (to 2.5m) and upgrading of existing footway to create a shared use cycle/pedestrian footway.
- A25 Parkway (south side - Stoke Park): widening (to 2.5m) and upgrading of an existing shared use cycle/pedestrian footway.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Transport Task Group of the Local Committee has been consulted and supports this report.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The need to ensure value for money was central to developing the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (Key Component) submission, which is a requirement of the guidance. The LSTF programme has been developed so that future funding is sustainable within existing and projected budgets allowing for future savings or is self-financing in the longer-term. The result will be no net increase in financial liabilities for the Council.

5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This scheme will assist with meeting the objectives of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The scheme also delivers effective, reliable, safe and sustainable transport as indicated in the Surrey Transport Plan and wider

corporate objectives of the County Council and the Surrey Strategic Partnership, making Surrey a better place to live, work and do business in.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The County Council's contractor can deliver this scheme in 2011/12 which will ensure government funding is not lost and the overall programme remains on track.

9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

9.1 The Council's contractor will complete the scheme before the end of the financial year.

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