

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND TRAVEL SMART ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12

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SUMMARY

This report reflects the first year of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (Key Component) that was awarded to Surrey County Council in July 2011 focusing on Woking, Guildford and Reigate & Banstead, with some countywide measures.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to NOTE this report.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Department for Transport's (DfT) awarded Surrey County Council £3.93 million in July 2011 for its Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid (Key Component), which is branded as Surrey Travel SMART.
- 1.2 The funding covers the financial years 2011/12 to 2014/15. However, this Annual Report focuses on the financial year of 2011/12.

2 Progress

- 2.1. The DfT provided £213,000 revenue and £305,000 capital for the financial year 2011/12 and this was generally focused on Woking and Guildford, with a smaller element on Reigate & Banstead (Bike It) and countywide Traffic and Transport information.
- 2.2. As some schemes were 'ready to go' the County Council managed to obtain forward funding from the DfT, to the value of £107,000 as at least one authority had under spent.
- 2.3. The DfT rules on expenditure are strict, in that if an authority under spends, it loses that funding as it cannot be carried forward.
- 2.4. The full Annual Report is attached as <u>Annex A</u>. (sections A to C).

3 CONSULTATIONS

3.1. Local consultation on specific schemes were carried out, where required, during 2011/12 but an overall consultation was carried out during April and May 2012.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The business case for the Surrey Travel Smart included a financial section that does not form part of this report and was approved by the DfT.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Equalities and Diversity will be taken into account during the design of schemes, but does not form part of this report.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report. However, the planned improvements may well reduce the potential for serious injury collisions, improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and improve traffic flow.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1. The Annual Report for the 2011/12 financial year indicates a positive start for Surrey County Council and its partner Borough Councils' together with local businesses and the local community.
- 7.2. This report is for noting.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

8.1 A programme of works approved by this Local Committee on 21 March 2012 provided the 2012/13 Surrey Travel Smart Key Component programme for Guildford.

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