

PROJECTS CAPITAL BUDGETS UPDATE MOLE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE 23 JULY 2003.

KEY ISSUE:

Members are requested to note the progress of the local transport plan schemes and projects, as agreed for funding at this Committee on 3rd April 2003. Any issues that have arisen and may require amendment to the decisions made at that Committee are detailed in this report. Additionally, a recommendation is made to establish a Members working group to help steer one of the projects, namely the Dorking Congestion Study.

SUMMARY:

At this Committee on 3rd April 2003, Members agreed how the transportation capital budget for 2003/04 would be utilised following a report that was presented to this Committee in December 2002 outlining an indicative programme of works. A bid to secure funds for integrated transport measures was made following the December 2002 meeting and the total amount of funds available for the District of Mole Valley for the 2003/04 financial year is £600,000. Members also agreed on 3rd April 2003, to allocate the County Capital Local Allocation of £100,000 (approx) to highways and transportation schemes.

This report primarily provides an update on the progress of schemes and considers whether it is appropriate to reallocate any of the monies available.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

- i) note the progress of the schemes being undertaken as detailed in this report in Annexe B.**
- ii) agree the reallocation of funding as detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of this report and subject to the agreement, earlier on this agenda, to alter the Pixham Lane scheme.**
- iii) agree the establishment of a Members Working Group in order to help steer the Dorking Congestion Management Project forward, as detailed in paragraph 2.3.**
- iv) agree that delegated powers are given to the working group mentioned in iii) above to decide which schemes falling out of the study are progressed, in order to negate the need to bring back schemes for approval to this forum.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A report was presented to this Committee on 11th December 2002 which formed the basis of a bid for the transportation programme in the District of Mole Valley for 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06.
- 1.3 The bid made and considered by the County Council's Executive on 17th February 2003 was successful in obtaining £600,000 for LTP schemes and projects in the District of Mole Valley for the 2003/2004 financial year. At this Committee on 3rd April 2003 Members agreed how the £600,000 would be allocated between schemes. Additionally, as in recent years, Members agreed to contribute up to 100% of the County Capital Local Allocation of £100,000 to transportation schemes and projects. **Annexe A** details the allocations made.

2. ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 2.1 Whilst the budget for each project was agreed at this Committee in April, it was also agreed that a review of progress would be carried out at this meeting in order that any amendments to the levels of funding for each scheme could be made.
- 2.2 The general progress of schemes is detailed in **Annexe B** of this report. The majority of schemes have been progressing well since the last meeting of this Committee and it is considered that with most schemes, at this time, it is not necessary to re-consider the level of funding given to each project.
- 2.3 There is one project, namely the Dorking congestion study, where it is considered prudent to establish a Members working group in order to assist in the scheme development. It is suggested the working group has delegated powers to agree which schemes falling out of the study are progressed, in order to negate the need to bring back schemes for approval to this forum. The working group would ideally include the Chairman of this Committee; the two Local County Councillors; one District Councillor from each of the Dorking wards (North, East, South, West) and the Local Transportation Director or his representative.

3. SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS TO ALLOCATIONS

- 3.1 A separate item on this agenda gives consideration to whether alterations are required to the Pixham Lane, Dorking experimental closure. The implications on funding are discussed in that report and the maximum amount of further funding that would be required is approximately £30,000
- 3.2 If a decision is taken by this Committee to alter the Pixham Lane scheme and hence increase funding for the project, it will be necessary to reduce the level of funding of one or more of the projects assigned money at the April Committee.

- 3.3 Officers have reviewed the schemes list in order to evaluate which scheme or schemes could progress more slowly in order to accommodate the additional works in Pixham Lane. It is considered that it would be more prudent to reduce funding of a single scheme by a large amount rather than make a number of more minor reductions in budgets. It is also better to reduce funding of one of the schemes that is of lower priority. The scheme that is most likely to lend itself, in terms of management of the project, to a reduction in funding is the Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham (FBE) Study. Some initial feasibility work has been undertaken amounting to approximately £200 and the allocation of £30,000 minus this sum could be reallocated to the Pixham Lane Scheme. The sum required for Pixham Lane does depend on which option is to be progressed. The FBE study would be put on hold until a further allocation of funding is given.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The financial implications are detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3. The overall level of funding for LTP schemes and projects in the District of Mole Valley for the 2003/2004 financial year would not change.

5. ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no economic implications at this time. Some schemes will require further reports to be made to this Committee at which time any significant economic implications will be highlighted.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The environmental implications are unique for each scheme. Any further reports to this Committee will include details of the environmental implications at that time.

7. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The sustainable development implications are unique for each scheme. Any further reports to this Committee will include details of these implications at that time.

8. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no crime and disorder implications associated with this report.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

10. CONCLUSIONS

It is considered that a minimal number of changes are required to the levels of funding assigned to each of schemes progressing in Mole Valley District this financial year. One re-assignment of funds is suggested in order to enable the Pixham Lane experimental closure to be amended.

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SCHEMES ALLOCATED FUNDING

- a) **Committed Sum - £20,000**
Funding set aside for a number of schemes and projects that were already in progress. In line with the procedures for LTP funding, this committed sum was allocated as a priority.
- b) **Dorking Town Centre Decongestion Study - £50,000**
- c) **Leatherhead Town Centre Decongestion Study - £50,000**
- d) **General Parking Management, Leatherhead Implementation Area - £70,000**
- e) **General Parking Management, Dorking Implementation Area - £20,000**
- f) **Community Interest Group Schemes, Leatherhead Implementation Area - £7,500**
- g) **Community Interest Group Schemes, Dorking Implementation Area - £7,500**
- h) **Chart Lane (north), Dorking Traffic Calming Scheme - £90,000**
- i) **Safer Routes to School Programme – Dorking Implementation Area - £50,000**
- j) **Safer Routes to School Programme – Leatherhead Implementation Area - £50,000**
- k) **A25 Route Study - £15,000 (feasibility work only)**
- l) **Old London Road, Dorking –Improvement Scheme - £15,000 (design work only)**
- m) **Cycle Links to Therfield School, Leatherhead - £165,000**
- n) **Punchbowl Lane, Dorking – Traffic Management Scheme - £22,000**
- o) **Pixham Lane, Dorking – Experimental Traffic Order - £3,000 (monitoring only)**
- p) **Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham Study – Additional Schemes - £30,000**
- q) **Speed Management (General) – Whole of District - £5,000**
- r) **Low Cost Remedial Measures – Whole District - £2,000**
- s) **Burford Bridge Roundabout – Anti Spectator Measures - £30,000**

ANNEXE B

<u>Scheme Reference / Location / Description</u>	<u>Progress /Officer Comments</u>
<u>Dorking</u>	
A25 Reigate Road j/w Old London Road, Dorking - Pippbrook Gardens Cycle Path Link / Cycle Path Enhancements	Following Old London Road / Ashcombe Road, Working Group Meeting, this scheme is on hold pending completion of Leisure Centre and finalisation of Old London Road proposals.
STAR, Dorking Rural Box,	STAR project is to be progressed as an Intermediate Scheme bid.
Parking Management - Dorking Area (Includes Dorking Waiting Restriction Review and Old London Road, Mickleham)	Dorking Town area implemented. Station area implemented Feb/ March 2003. Old London Road, Mickleham - implemented. Maintenance issues are ongoing in Dorking area in preparation for DPE
Cycling Strategy, Dorking	Cycle stand works complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Speed Limits - Various Locations	Approval to advertise Okewood Hill area scheme gained at Committee February 2002. Feasibility of this scheme has commenced. Chapel Lane proposed speed limit will not be advertised until outcome of quiet lanes project known.
Community Interest Group Schemes	Priorities are being identified with Access Group.
Low Cost Remedial Measures, Dorking Implementation Area	AWG sites being investigated.
Fastway	Longbridge roundabout and A23/Massetts Rd junction improvements have been incorporated in to Forecast report / model for Horley Master Plan. Legal are progressing the draft CPO on land required (none in Mole Valley).

Improved Pedestrian and cyclists crossing facilities on A24 to north and south of Deepdene R'bout (This also extends along A24 to Ashcombe School and includes the crossing at Deepdene Station and the crossing at the A24 junction with Ashcombe Road).	Upgrade of crossing facilities to toucans at Deepdene Station and Ashcombe Road j/w A24 are complete. Deepdene roundabout north arm - Puffin works complete. Design work on hold on south arm due to funding constraints.
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Improvements to existing cycle ways and provisions of new in Dorking Town area.	Measures for Brockham to Ashcombe school link and Deepdene Roundabout to Deepdene Station link are complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
A24 / Ashcombe Road, Dorking, Traffic Management Measures.	Scheme now falls within overall Town Centre Congestion Study.
Pixham Lane, Dorking, Traffic Management Measures.	See separate item on this agenda
Old London Road, Dorking and it's junction with A24 and A25. Improved facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and buses	various options to be considered by working group with a view to testing favoured option in Congestion Study model. Future report to this committee planned.
Vincent Lane / A25, Dorking, Installation of traffic signals	Complete. To be deleted from list.
A24 Horsham Road, South of Capel, Speed Management Measures.	See Committee dated Feb 2003 with respect to A29 scheme. Methodology to be applied to this length of road also.
A29 Bognor Road, Ockley, Traffic Management Measures	Awaiting funding to progress further. See report presented to this Committee February 2003. Working group established.
A24 Holmwood Gap Closures and Roundabouts	Scheme now forms part of a future 'major scheme' bid
Burford Bridge Anti Spectator Issues	Investigations / feasibility work underway
Chart Lane (North) Road Safety Measures	Funding assigned April 2003. An issue regarding land ownership has arisen. County Solicitors are investigating to clarify whether a pocket of land does form part of public highway. Once resolved, constructor can be instructed.

Punchbowl Lane, Road Safety Measures	Scheme has been reviewed following allocation of funding April 2003. Road table proposals have been advertised. No objections received. Update to residents planned for July 03.
Bus Stop Review in Dorking Area.	Costed programme of measures complete. See committee item dated Feb 2002. No funding available at this time.
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A24 Horsham Road, South of Capel, Speed Management Measures.	See Committee dated Feb 2003 with respect to A29 scheme. Methodology to be applied to this length of road also.
Dorking Congestion Management Study - Includes Deepdene Roundabout area and One way system/area.	Feasibility / modelling work ongoing. Suggested a working group is established.
A25 Route Study	Initial consultations are being carried out by officers at County Hall
A29 Ockley - improved footway provision	Construction completed April 2003. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Vincent Road, Dorking. Traffic Management Scheme.	Scheme to address rat running / speeding problems identified by residents. Initial investigations carried out. Design work / implementation will require funding to be assigned in order to progress scheme.
A24 junction with Chart Lane. Improvements to junction	Development related scheme. Some minor improvements to junction of A24 likely. In addition developer will probably provide, if feasible, an improved pedestrian facility for crossing the A24 at public footpath 96.
Safe Routes to School, Dorking, Various Locations.	Coldharbour Lane scheme substantially complete May 2003. Westcott School crossing feasibility work ongoing. Other 'priority' schools with further issues to be investigated / approx 2 of which may involve construction works this year are The Acorns, Betchworth; Brockham school; Powell Corderoy; The Priory; St. Joseph's, Dorking; The Weald, Newdigate.

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<u>Leatherhead</u>	
Dorking Road / Gimcrack Hill, Leatherhead - Givons Grove roundabout to Thorncroft Drive. Shared Cycle / Pedestrian / Equestrian Route	Complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
M25 Junction 9B, Leatherhead, Spiral Markings and Enhanced Road Signing.	Complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
B2430 Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Pedestrian Island Improvements at Tesco's Roundabout.	Construction of pedestrian island improvements on southern arm of Tescos Roundabout complete. Tescos have agreed to pay for improvements to pedestrian island on north arm of roundabout. Design of this element of work has commenced. Tesco's have made changes to pedestrian exit.
D2545 Copthorne Road / Garlands Road, Leatherhead, Traffic Calming Scheme.	Works complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Headley Court, Headley, Traffic Management Measures	Works complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Leatherhead Town Centre Regeneration Project. This is Phase 2 of works (High Street / North Street Junction)	Construction ongoing. Structurally complete apart from cladding to ramp walls.
Improvements to Pedestrian Routes, Leatherhead.	Complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Speed Limits - Various Locations	Cobham Road speed limit complete. Oaklawn Rd scheme - see report presented to this Committee Feb 2003. Nothing further to be implemented in Leatherhead implementation area at this time.
Quiet Lanes	Some remedial works required. Construction likely in August. Further elements to the scheme are also being considered.
Community Interest Group Schemes	Priorities are being identified with Access Group.

Low Cost Remedial Measures, Dorking Implementation Area	AWG sites being investigated.
B2122 Waterway Road to Railway Station, Leatherhead Cycle Route. (Part of Fetcham to Therfield School Route).	Feasibility complete. Land issues ongoing. Detailed design to be progressed once further funding assigned to scheme.
North Leatherhead Access study. At present includes 1) Kingston Road / Dilston Road roundabout congestion study, 2) cycle link from Barnett Wood Lane to Therfield (across Railway Line), 3) Cycle Link from Harriotts Lane to Plough Roundabout.	Phase 1 of Barnett Wood Lane cycle track -Amendments to detailed design in progress. Consultation with Therfield school in progress. Negotiations with Railtrack are moving forward. Phase 2 - Land acquisition being progressed.
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Parking Management - Leatherhead Area. (includes Leatherhead Waiting Restriction Review and Ashtead Waiting Restriction Review)	Orders for Leatherhead Phase 1 to be 'made' end July 03. Leatherhead Phase 2 to be advertised August 03. Ashtead review likely to be advertised September 2003.
Fetcham and Leatherhead Bridges Metric warning signs.	Complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Oaklawn Road, Leatherhead, Footway	Complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham Local Area Safety Study, Monitoring	See Committee item dated Feb 2003 re: Consultation on Traffic calming in Ridgeway and Kennel Lane / Cock Lane. Necessary to review funding allocations due to Pixham Lane Scheme. See main body of this report.
A243 Cycle Path, Leatherhead (links to maintenance scheme already undertaken on the A243).	Works complete. Scheme to be deleted from list.
Leatherhead Town Centre Congestion Study. Scheme Includes: North Street Junction with Bull Hill, Epsom Road j/w Leret Way (extending into Leret Way), Guildford Road from Cobham Road to Waterway Road, whole of gyratory system.	All schemes that are within this project are on hold pending the outcome of the modelling work being undertaken on the gyratory system (and beyond). Presentation on congestion study given to chair/vice chair. Some concerns over representation of existing site conditions. Therefore model to be further verified by Transportation Studies and Project Development Group. Once this is complete, presentation will be brought back to chair/vice chair with a view to showing presentation to Committee Members later in the year.

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Knoll Roundabout. Congestion Study (Extends to Ermyn Way and M25 roundabout)	There may be some willingness on behalf of the Highways Agency to contribute towards cost of scheme. Modelling work nearing completion. Once complete, discussions will be held with HA
Safe Routes to School, Leatherhead, Various Locations	Main priorities are : Lower Road Crossing (Eastwick Schools) and library path issue (Dawnay School). For both issues see separate items on this agenda. Developer related scheme in Ottways Lane, Ashted planned for August construction.