

MINUTES: of the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) held at 14:00 on Monday 2 March 2009 at Reigate Town Hall.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN DRAFT UNTIL FORMALLY APPROVED AT THE 22 JUNE 2009 MEETING

Members Present – Surrey County Council

Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin (Chairman)	Mrs Kay Hammond
Mrs Frances King (Vice- Chairman)	Mr Daniel Kee
Mrs Angela Fraser DL	Mr Nick Harrison
Mr Michael Gosling	
Dr Lynne Hack	

Members Present – Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Cllr Mark Brunt	Cllr Richard Olliver
Cllr Brian Cowle	Cllr Anna Tarrant
Cllr Adam De Save	Cllr Brian Stead
Cllr Frank Moore	Cllr Richard Wagner

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

[All references to items refer to the agenda for the meeting]

Public Open Session

Before the formal Committee session began, the Chairman invited questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public attending the meeting.

01/09 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Simon Harding and Cllr Steve Farrer.

02/09 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 8 DECEMBER 2008 [Item 2]**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

03/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

Mrs Angela Fraser declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 by virtue of being Chairman of Age Concern Merstham, Redhill and

Reigate.

04/09 **PETITIONS [Item 4]**

A petition was received from Ms Jennifer Maddox signed by 214 local residents, requesting a crossing at the junction of Pendleton Road with Abinger Drive in Earlswood.

The Committee **NOTED** that:

- (i) A report was taken to the Reigate and Banstead Joint Transport Committee (which pre-dated the Local Committee) on 5 July 2001 with a range of proposals for Pendleton Road. This report included crossing proposals at the mid point of Pendleton Road near Abinger Drive.
- (ii) As the annual funding provided to the County for highway improvement schemes is limited, measures have had to be funded and constructed on a priority basis in phases as funding has become available.
- (iii) Consideration has been taken of the severity and number of personal injury collisions and various measures have to date been installed along Pendleton Road including traffic signal crossings in Woodhatch Road and at the southern end of Pendleton Road adjacent to Reigate School, on the A23 The Cutting, and at the northern end of Pendleton Road adjacent to St Johns School.
- (iv) A report is due to come before the Local Committee (currently scheduled for June 2009) to seek agreement to the forward programme of highway improvement schemes. The Local Committee will be asked that consideration is given to include further measures for Pendleton Road in the forward programme.

05/09 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]**

None.

06/09 **MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 6]**

None.

07/09 **REIGATE AND BANSTEAD'S COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: AN UPDATE [Item 7]**

The East Area Director presented the report.

During discussion by the Committee, the following key points were noted:

- The thematic groups were still at the development stage. The process was evolving, and arrangements, including elected Member involvement from all tiers of local government, were still under discussion with partners.
- Discussion took place around the involvement of Surrey Police and the Surrey Police Authority. It was noted that Surrey Police would be leading the “Vibrant Communities” thematic group.
- Concerns were raised that the groups would be “talking shops”. The Area Director expressed a wish to avoid this; her view was that the groups would be tightly focused with clear actions and priorities set by local residents and businesses. At this stage, the focus was on ensuring that the right people were involved.
- Members raised the need for transparency, for example through the publication of minutes from group meetings.
- The involvement of existing groups, such as the Merstham Action Group, needed consideration, as there were likely to be overlaps.
- Concerns were raised regarding the scrutiny of the thematic groups and to whom they were accountable. The Area Director clarified that the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) had no decision-making powers, and that all decision-making and scrutiny took place within the individual partner organisations.
- Members asked for further information regarding the preparations for the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA), which was taking place in April 2009. The Area Director informed the Committee that she was working with colleagues at County Hall to ensure that the County Council and its partners were prepared for the CAA, addressing how well partners are focussing on outcomes.
- The Area Director agreed to provide updates on thematic groups and the CAA at the next informal meeting of the Local Committee on 22 April 2009.

The Committee **NOTED**:

- (i) The ongoing development of the Reigate and Banstead Community Strategy action planning and;
- (ii) Agreed to make a contribution through Member representation at the Local Strategic Partnership or appropriate thematic groups as appropriate.

08/09 **CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT [Item 8]**

The Local Highways Manager presented the report.

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During discussion by the Committee, the following issues were raised:

- It was noted that Ashcombe Road (D1166) and Orpin Road (D1172) are in Merstham rather than Redhill as listed in the report, and that Newhouse Lane is in Salfords rather than Redhill. The Local Highways Manager agreed to amend this in the next version of the report.
- Discussion took place on the A217 Route Study (Banstead to Hookwood). The Local Highways Manager reported that a number of issues had been identified, and options would be discussed with Members at the informal meeting of the Local Committee on 22 April.
- Concerns were raised regarding parked cars on both sides of the A23 at Merstham between The Feathers and the junction with Rockshaw Road, including on the motorway bridge. This caused blocked sightlines at the Station Road junction. The Local Highways Manager informed Members that Merstham would be covered in the Southern Villages parking review which is due to take place within the next financial year. This issue has already been added to the database for consideration. Members commented that the Northern Villages and Reigate reviews had taken longer than expected, which had delayed the start of the Redhill review, and asked if the four-year cycle was now a six-year cycle. Officers agreed to provide feedback on the progress of all parking schemes at the next formal meeting of the Local Committee in June.
- The issue of speed on the A217 south of Reigate was discussed; new vehicle activated signs (VAS) were being funded from Member Allocations, and the Local Highways Manager reported that Surrey Safety Camera Partnership may be able to provide matched funding for this. Discussions were taking place with Surrey Police around the possibility of mobile speed enforcement along this stretch of the A217.

The Committee **NOTED** the information report.

09/09 **LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING [Item 9]**

A supplementary report was tabled and is attached as **Appendix A**.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£38,810.21** be agreed as follows:

1.	A217 Reigate Road, Sidlow – Proposed Vehicle Activated Signs	£6,500
2.	Productive Garden Project – Sidlow Bridge Centre	£1,650
3.	Open for Families – Gatton Park Education Trust	£2,000
4.	Playwright in Residence – St Nicholas School	£1,000
5.	Shawley Community Primary School, Tattenham Corner – Railings and Footway Improvement	£1,500
6.	Nork Way CCTV	£3,000
7.	Banstead Leisure Project for People with Learning Disabilities	£500
8.	Noticeboard for Banstead High Street	£2,500
9.	Stepping Stones – Mental Health Therapy and Counselling	£2,000
10.	Brambles MS Respite Centre – Purchase of Canopy	£3,071.01
11.	Noke Drive, Redhill – Vegetation/Litter Clearance and Planting	£1,000
12.	Exciting Science – Setpoint Surrey (Epsom Downs Primary, Shawley Community Primary, Warren Mead Junior Schools)	£900
13.	1 st Tattenhams (St Mark's) Scout Headquarters – new flooring	£2,600
14.	Exciting Science – Setpoint Surrey (Redhill division primary schools)	£880.11
15.	Design of Pedestrian Island – junction of Alexander Road and Prices Lane, Woodhatch	£1,326.49
16.	Woodhatch Christmas Tree	£1,218.60
17.	Hooley Club and Chipstead Enhancement Project – Age Concern Merstham, Redhill and Reigate	£2,500
18.	Refurbishment of Riddel Hall, Walton on the Hill	£3,000
19.	Banstead Youth Centre – carpet and chairs	£1,664

(ii) The items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee capital funding totalling **£18,700** be agreed as follows:

1.	Nork Way /Tattenham Recreation Ground – Youth Facility Project	£18,000
2.	Security/Work Alone Improvements – Age Concern Merstham, Redhill and Reigate	£700

(iii) The items submitted for funding from 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£3,250** agreed under delegated powers in accordance with the Local Financial Protocol be noted.

- (iv) The outstanding 2008/09 Local Committee delegated revenue budget totalling **£6,127.25** be granted to Age Concern Merstham, Redhill and Reigate as a further contribution towards the Security/Work Alone Improvements.

[Mrs Angela Fraser declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being Chairman of Age Concern Merstham, Redhill and Reigate.]

59/08 **EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN [Item 10]**

The Committee **NOTED** the information report.

60/08 **FORWARD PLAN [Item 11]**

The Committee **NOTED** the information report.

[Meeting Ended: 3.40pm]