



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL
COMMITTEE**

**UPDATE OF LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME**

9 FEBRUARY 2007

KEY ISSUE

To update the Committee on the planned minor improvements programme.

SUMMARY

The regular transportation update is included within Annex 1. This includes the schemes approved at the last Members' Tour and has been revised to show the current situation.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER

All divisions

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- a) **That the Committee notes and approves the rolling feasibility, design and construction programme, and funding arrangements, as contained in the report and Annex 1.**

1. Background

- 1.1 This is the regular report which is brought to each Committee meeting. The forward programme is included in **Annex 1**, and reference has been made in this report to any changes from that presented to Members at the last committee.
- 1.2 The five schemes approved by Members at last year's tour are included within Annex 1. The intention is to hold a similar event this year, and give the opportunity for Members to ensure all schemes are still in the most appropriate priority order giving due consideration to the Local Transport Plan (LTP) objectives and local circumstances.

2. Financial update

- 2.1 The capital budgets for 2006/07 remain at £326,977 of LTP funding and £129,682 of Local Allocation. These budgets are supplemented by other sources of funding as appropriate, such as central budgets and S106 monies (from planning applications). This information is detailed in **Annex 1**.
- 2.2 The County Council has been advised by GOSE that the LTP settlement is £24.87m for 2007/08. This is used to fund capital maintenance works (road resurfacing, bridge strengthening etc.), minor improvement schemes (pedestrian crossings etc.) and intermediate schemes (such as the Egham by-pass safety fence).
- 2.3 At the time of drafting this report the Executive has not yet confirmed how this budget will be used. Therefore, the allocation to the Runnymede Local Committee is not known. For the purposes of this report an assumption has been made that the Runnymede LTP settlement and Local Allocation will be consistent with previous years. Any underspend or overspend is normally rolled forward and it is assumed that this established practise will be maintained for 2007/08.
- 2.4 There has been a deliberate over allocation for the financial year 2007/08. This is because it is likely that not all work will be completed, as explained below in section 3.

3.0 Scheme delivery / alterations to the previous reported programme

- 3.1 Members may be aware that there is now a monthly transportation newsletter distributed by e-mail. This details all Surrey works on the highway (as well as any other major utility schemes) within Runnymede.

Construction dates will be included in this update, although the Chairman and Divisional Member will continue to be advised of any substantial works impacting on their division.

3.2 Brow Road, Ottershaw

Installation of new pedestrian zebra crossing and bus stop improvements are now complete.

3.3 Kingsley Avenue, Englefield Green

Remodelling of the Kingsley Avenue / Magna Road junction and bus stop improvements are now complete.

3.4 Bylfeet Road, New Haw

The scheme to provide pedestrian and cycle improvements, new footway construction, improved crossing points etc. is currently on site with completion scheduled for Feb 07.

3.5 Trumps Green Road, Virginia Water

This scheme to provide footway widening under the railway arch near the junction with Lyne Road and a priority give-way traffic calming feature is currently on site with completion scheduled for March 07.

3.6 Egham by-pass safety fence

This scheme is on site with the first phase (from Runnymede Roundabout to Runnymede Road) due for completion in March 07. The remaining section is programmed for completion in 2007/08. This scheme is funded centrally, not from the local devolved LTP budget.

3.7 A30 Virginia Water to A30 cycleway

This scheme was programmed for design and construction this financial year. Unfortunately due to delays with the detailed design the scheme will not be constructed this financial year but in the early part of 2007/08. The construction costs of the scheme have risen and is now estimated at £180,000.

3.8 Windsor Road, Pedestrian crossings

The National Trust was one of the original promoters of this scheme. In order to safely install a refuge island limited road widening is necessary. Due to the volume and speed of traffic the island needs to be a minimum of two metres wide.

Unfortunately following protracted negotiations the National Trust have advised us that it is not possible to transfer the land, or lease it to us. This

is clearly frustrating as without the land it is not feasible to construct the scheme as originally proposed. The landowner on the opposite side of the road is believed to be British Airports Authority (BAA). Initial contact has been made with BAA to see if they would be agreeable to transfer some of their land in order to enable the scheme to progress. It is for this reason that the scheme is still shown on the construction programme for 2007/08, but this committee will be advised on progress at the May committee. If it is not possible to secure the land it may be necessary to either abandon the scheme or consider alternatives such as a controlled crossing (puffin), if it is proven such demand exists.

3.9 Northcroft Road footway schemes

The conclusion from the feasibility study for the northern section was presented to this Committee in June 06. The scheme involves the realignment of the junction, resulting in net reduction of paved surface with a slight increase in verge. Despite all parties (including the Crown Estate) being supportive, due to the "Village Green" status of all the land (including the existing highway) the County Council's legal department have advised that it is necessary for an application to be made to DEFRA for the Secretary of State's approval. Legislation exists to protect our open village greens; it is unfortunate that despite our proposed scheme resulting in a net increase of green (ie a reduction in road surface), it is stalled by this legislation.

In Annex 1 the scheme is shown as for construction in 2007/08, but this may need to be reviewed in light of the legal proceedings.

A feasibility study for the southern section of footway has been completed. To achieve a suitable footway width would mean the carriageway must operate as one-way. This would create a diversion route which local residents would have to use. Surveys indicate that the footfall is not great and it is difficult to justify the inconvenience to residents. It is for this reason that the scheme has been removed from the forward programme. The Divisional Member and Chairman have been advised.

3.10 Egham Cycle links (3 of 6)

Construction of this scheme has slipped to the next financial year. This has been to allow the construction works at Egham Sports Centre to be completed (not managed by SCC) in advance of this scheme. Liaison has been maintained with RBC Officers.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 There is an agreed full programme for improvement works in the Runnymede area. The approved schemes are consistent with Surrey County Council's LTP objectives.

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