



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Runnymede)

HIGHWAYS UPDATE 1st November 2010

KEY ISSUES

To report progress with the delivery of Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS).

To update Committee with the latest position on its Capital and Revenue budgets.

SUMMARY

There has been modest progress with a number of ITS schemes. Despite the withdrawal of Committee's LTP and LA budgets in April 2010, monies have become available to deliver capital schemes in Runnymede. The approved list of ITS schemes is included in **Annex A**.

This report details progress with Committee's £100k Revenue Maintenance budget this Financial Year. This budget is intended to supplement the day-to-day maintenance of the highway network, according to local priorities.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note progress with delivery of ITS schemes;
- (ii) To add the Green Lane, Chertsey, Speed Assessment to the approved list of schemes;
- (iii) Note the position on its Capital and Revenue budgets;
- (iv) Approve funding for :Thorpe Bypass Capital Maintenance (£65,000)
Staines Road jw St Ann's Road (£19,000)
Two speed assessments (£13,100) – namely
Lyne Lane / Almners Road, & Green Lane,
Chertsey**
- (v) Authorise the Area Team Manager to re-allocate Committee's Revenue Maintenance budget in consultation with the Chairman should the need arise;

- (vi) Authorise the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Member, to progress feasibility work as staff resources allow, and;
- (vii) Authorise the Area Team Manager to commission detailed design, **advertise statutory notices**, and construct any scheme in the approved list, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Member, should funding be identified.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) aims to improve the highway network for all users. In general terms it aims to reduce congestion, improve accessibility, reduce the frequency and severity of road casualties, improve the environment, and maintain the network so it is safe for public use.
- 1.2 This Financial Year, funding is available to Committee for capital highways schemes, despite the withdrawal of the LTP and LA budgets in April 2010.

2.0 ANALYSIS

Capital funding for Highways schemes in 2010-11

- 2.1 In July, the final positions of the LTP and LA budgets for 2009-10 were reported to Committee as a total underspend of £60,240. This underspend corresponded to allocations for the Woodham Lane environmental improvements scheme (£25k) and the St Peter's Way Security Fence (£40k). These schemes had not progressed as quickly as anticipated. It was expected in July that this underspend would be carried forward to fund these two schemes in 2010-11.
- 2.2 On 20th July the Leader announced £1M capital funding for Committees for highways schemes, from which Runnymede was allocated £67k.
- 2.3 It was decided not to carry forwards last Financial Year's underspend due to funding pressures across the Service. This meant the £67k allocated to Runnymede from the Leader's £1M paid for the Woodham Lane environmental improvements scheme and the St Peter's Way Security Fence, which were already under construction at the time of this decision. This left approximately £1k from the Leader's £1M for capital Highways schemes in Runnymede.
- 2.4 Two developer contributions totalling approximately £31k have been received for the **Vicarage Road Cycleway** scheme and that **Pyncroft Road Puffin Crossing** scheme. These two schemes were both completed in previous years in anticipation of these contributions, which means the funds may now be allocated to other schemes.
- 2.5 £65,000 capital funding was announced for Runnymede on 27th October. This £65k must be spent by the end of March 2011. Therefore Committee has capital funding of approx £97k to spend on highways schemes. Further details of this Financial Year's funding is shown in **Annex B** (revised).

Progress with ITS schemes in 2010-11

- 2.6 The approved list of ITS schemes is in **Annex A**.
- 2.7 It is proposed to allocate the £97k available this year as follows:
- **Thorpe Bypass Capital Maintenance** – proposed allocation £65,000
Thorpe Bypass is a high priority road in Runnymede for Major Maintenance, but is currently ranked at 201 on the countywide

prioritisation list. Therefore if current budget pressures persist this road is unlikely to benefit from Major Maintenance within the next 10 years. The proposed allocation would enable substantial repair works to be completed – before the end of March 2011.

- **Staines Road junction with St Anns Road, Chertsey, Traffic Management** – proposed allocation £19,000
This scheme has significant casualty reduction potential. The proposed allocation would enable this scheme to be completed this Financial Year.
 - **Speed Assessments** – proposed allocation £13,100
Lyne Lane and Almners Road, and Green Lane, Chertsey
This allocation would enable Surrey County Council to make any feasible changes arising out of these assessments.
- 2.8 Feasibility work is progressing for the **Runnymede Roundabout** scheme, taking into account the likely timetable and possible contribution from the Airtrack scheme. This is expected to conclude in November 2010, in accordance with the anticipated timetable for the Airtrack Transport and Works Order Inquiry.
- 2.9 The proposed changes arising out of the **Annual Review of Parking and Waiting Restrictions (CPE Review)** are due to be advertised in mid-November.
- 2.10 Runnymede Borough Council has completed the **Woodham Lane Environmental Improvements** scheme. The **St Peter's Way Security Fence** scheme is also complete.
- 2.11 The **Lyne Lane and Almners Road Speed Assessment** is complete. The speed limits in both Lyne Lane and Almners Road could be reduced to 30mph. Surrey Police would have no objection to these changes.
- 2.12 As requested by Committee in July, the **Green Lane jw Guildford Road, Chertsey, pedestrian crossing** scheme has been removed from the approved list of schemes.
- 2.13 Following representation from the Divisional Member, it is recommended to add the **Green Lane, Chertsey, Speed Assessment** scheme to the approved list of ITS schemes. This road is currently 40mph. In the latest 3 year period for which data is available, there have been 8 slight Personal Injury Accidents and 1 Serious Personal Injury Accident. Officers are currently working with Surrey Police to arrange up to date traffic surveys.

Revenue Maintenance Programme

- 2.14 Table 1 shows the agreed allocations for 2010-11, together with progress to date. It is recommended to authorise the Area Team Manager to re-allocate funds in consultation with the Chairman should the need arise.

Item	Allocation	Comment
Drainage / ditching works	£20,000	£15,200 committed, including regular contribution to the maintenance of the Rive Ditch and works to resolve ponding problems in London Street and Bagshot Road
Tree works	£30,000	£7,000 arboricultural works planned
Carriageway or footway patching works	£20,000	£21,000 spent – it may be necessary to reallocate funds to this item from either Tree works or Low Cost Measures
Signs and Road makings	£5,000	£800 spent
Parking (CPZ and annual review)	£20,000	Changes to be advertised mid-November 2010
Low cost measures	£5,000	Being held as contingency as additional patching works are anticipated to be necessary.
Total	£100,000	

Table 1 – Proposed Revenue Maintenance allocations for 2010-11

2.15 It is likely that additional carriageway and footway patching works will be needed, and therefore it is proposed to hold the Low Cost Measures allocation as a contingency to cover this eventuality.

3.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is intended to prioritise the list of approved ITS schemes to provide a quantitative indication of the value for money offered by each scheme.
- 3.2 The recommended allocations for the available capital funding are intended to deliver schemes that achieve significant benefit for the limited funding available.
- 3.3 Committees £100k Revenue Maintenance budget is used to target the most urgent sites where a specific need arises, and also to keep up with general maintenance activities that reduce the need for expensive repairs in future.

4.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding. It is intended that an Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

5.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A well-managed highway network can reduce fear of crime and allow the Police greater opportunity to enforce speed controls.

6.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 There has been modest progress in the development of ITS schemes this Financial Year, despite the withdrawal of Committee's LTP and LA budgets.
- 6.2 There is limited funding available to deliver capital highways schemes this Financial Year, and recommendations have been made to target schemes that provide significant benefit for relatively low cost.
- 6.3 A list of approved and prioritised ITS schemes is needed to enable Surrey County Council to request developer contributions.
- 6.2 Committee's Revenue Maintenance budget enables local priorities to be addressed and general maintenance activities enhanced. Flexibility is essential to be able to manage unforeseen circumstances.

7.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The rationale for the recommendations is to enable Committee's Revenue Maintenance budget to be targeted to local priorities, and to allow ITS schemes to move forward where possible in the current budgetary context.

8.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 Officers will commission revenue maintenance works, and progress ITS schemes where possible.

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