

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Runnymede)

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

10 October 2011

KEY ISSUES

To report progress with the delivery of highway schemes.

To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes, revenue maintenance and Community Pride expenditure.

SUMMARY

This report records the progress made with the delivery of proposed highways schemes, developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works this financial year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes;
- (ii) Note the Community Pride budget spend position;
- (iii) Note that a further Highways update report is to be brought back to the next meeting of this Committee.

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 that it is safe for public use.

2.0 ANALYSIS

Progress of 2011/12 Integrated Transport and Developer Funded Schemes

- 2.1 The 2011/12 Committee ITS capital budget for Runnymede has been set at £133,285. As agreed by Committee on 7 February 2011, schemes for progression in the 2011/12 financial year have been selected from the schemes list presented at that meeting as Annex 1 in consultation with the LC Chair and Vice Chair.
- 2.2 Where available, monies derived from developer funding have been matched to Committee schemes to enable more to be afforded than would otherwise be possible.
- 2.2 Progress of schemes is shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Selected ITS and Developer Funded Schemes for 2011-12

Project	Budget estimate	Progress	Any risks
A30 London Road j/w St Judes Road controlled pedestrian facilities	£15k	Feasibility and detailed design for future implementation. Due to the accident history this site is included on the County Council Safety Improvement scheme list, and may allow collaborative funding. In design.	None identified
Queen Mary Drive Zebra crossing	£50k	In design.	None identified
Stonehill Road, Ottershaw, safety scheme	£15k	Signs and road markings only. In design.	None identified
Lyne Road width restriction relocation	£15k	Consultation completed.	None identified
Church Road, Addlestone, new antiskid at Zebra crossing	£10k	Safety improvement. With implementation engineer for completion.	None identified
A320 Staines Road, Chertsey, speed assessment	£5k	In progress.	None identified

Green Road and Village Road traffic management	£2k	Signs and road markings only. In progress.	None identified
The Causeway speed limit review	£5k	In progress.	None identified
Green Lane, Chertsey, speed limit reduction	£20k	Speed reduction measures to enable introduction of 30mph speed limit. In design.	None identified
Virginia Water to Thorpe cycleway	£170k	Developer funded pedestrian and cycle route improvements including crossing facilities. In design.	None identified
St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey	£15k	Developer funded. In-fill of a redundant bus lay-by on the A320 Guildford Road. In progress.	

2.4 In summary, this programme of works is progressing satisfactorily, and it is anticipated that all schemes will be successfully delivered by the end of this financial year.

Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2011/12

- 2.5 The 2011/12 revenue maintenance allocation for Runnymede is £100,000, and following prior approval from Committee has been split as shown in Table 2 below.
- 2.6 Progress on the parking item will be reported to Committee later in the year, as will any potential variance in the anticipated spend.

Table 2 - Revenue Maintenance Expenditure Plan for 2011-12

Item	Allocation	Comment
Drainage / ditching works	£20,000	£500 committed as at 21 September 2011.
Tree/vegetation works	£30,000	£8571 committed as at 21 September 2011.
Carriageway and footway patching works	£20,000	£12500 committed as at 21 September 2011.
Signs and Road makings	£5,000	No funds committed as at 21 September 2011.
Parking (CPZ and annual review)	£20,000	No funds committed as at 21 September 2011.

Total	£100,000	£21726 total committed as at 21 September 2011
Low cost measures	£5,000	£155 committed as at 21 September 2011.

3.0 PROGRESS OF 2011/12 COMMUNITY PRIDE EXPENDITURE

- 3.1 The total Community Pride allocation for Runnymede is £30,000, equally divided as £5,000 per County Councillor.
- 3.2 To date, no Community Pride funds have been committed, although Members are actively engaged in drawing up spending plans with the Maintenance Engineer for Runnymede.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Proposed ITS schemes are prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. So far as is practicable, Officer proposals follow the Countywide scheme assessment process (CASEM) and the prioritisation order determined by this.
- 4.2 The £100k Committee Revenue Maintenance budget is used to target the most urgent sites where a specific need arises, to keep up with general maintenance activities that reduce the need for expensive repairs in the future, and to support local priorities. The nature of these works is such that spend may vary slightly from the split as shown in Table 2.

5.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact Assessment is undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder.

7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress with the ITS Highways and developer funded schemes.
- 7.2 It is recommended that the Committee note the Community Pride spend position.
- 7.3 It is recommended that a further Highways Update report is presented at the next Committee meeting.

8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all Committee highway-related schemes and works.

9.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

9.1 Officers will continue to progress delivery of ITS and developer funded schemes, Community Pride and revenue maintenance works.

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