



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Runnymede)**

### **HIGHWAYS UPDATE 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

#### **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.

To determine whether to divide Community Pride funds equally between County Councillor Committee Members, or retain these funds in one sum.

To agree the provisional split of revenue funding and determine how to use the new Capital Maintenance fund.

#### **SUMMARY**

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

This report also discusses Community Pride funding and the new Capital Maintenance fund.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes;
- (ii) Determine whether the Community Pride funding should be retained as one budget or equally divided between County Councillors on the Committee, and agree the deadline proposed.
- (iii) Note that a further Highways update report is to be brought back to the next meeting of this Committee.
- (iv) Authorise the NW Area Team Manager, together with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee to agree and approve the capital maintenance schemes for Runnymede, following consultation with Committee Members.

- (v) Approve the provisional split of 2012/13 Revenue funding shown in Table 2 and authorise the NW Area Team manager to adjust the split of this funding in response to operational need throughout the course of the financial year, subject to consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman 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 2012-13 ITS PROGRAMME

### 2012/13 Integrated Transport and Developer Funded Schemes

2.1 The Committee 2012/13 ITS capital budget for Runnymede has been set at £133,285. Table 1 below records the schemes agreed on 20 February 2012 by the Local Committee for delivery in the 2012-13 financial year.

2.2 It is noted that the overall Committee Capital commitment is significantly greater than the allocation. This over-commitment of schemes allows for a certain amount of flexibility should any problems be encountered with the delivery of any of these items, and is in accord with the desire for 2 year ITS forward planning.

**Table 1 - ITS and Developer Funded Schemes for 2012-13**

Project	Budget estimate	Details
<b>A30 London Road j/w St Judes Road controlled pedestrian facilities</b>	<b>£100k</b>	Subject to completion of a feasibility study and the presentation of a further report to Committee following this study, to promote the provision of controlled pedestrian facilities at the junction of A30 London Road with St Judes Road.
<b>Stroude Road safety improvements</b>	<b>£25k</b>	Introduction of a double white line system and installation of vehicle activated signs to manage driver behaviour and reduce overall speeds in a 40mph section of Stroud Road. This scheme is funded by a mixture of Member allocation and developer contributions, and £10k of Local Committee capital.
<b>Simplemarsh Road pedestrian crossing improvements</b>	<b>£20k</b>	Junction amendments and/or provision of a central pedestrian island to improve crossing facilities for pedestrians. This scheme is part funded from developer monies and £5k of Local Committee capital.
<b>A317 St Peters Way traffic</b>	<b>£5k</b>	Traffic surveys and feasibility study to assess the potential of introducing a

<b>management</b>		dedicated lane for vehicles turning left onto the M25.
<b>Lyne Crossing Road jct with Lyne Lane road safety measures</b>	<b>£10k</b>	Measures to improve safety and reduce accidents at this junction.

### 3.0 Capital Maintenance Budget

- 3.1 Following presentation of a report entitled 'Discussion paper for Local Committee Highways Budgets' to the Local Committee Chairmans' meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012, a new county-wide capital maintenance fund has been made available, with £133,285 allocated to the Runnymede Local Committee.
- 3.2 The purpose of this budget is to enable Committees to directly fund resurfacing and major maintenance schemes. In the report presented, it was stated that Officers would be able to make suggestions of suitable sites and approximate scheme costs to aid Member decisions.
- 3.3 To ensure that works are programmed and delivered it is necessary to ensure that schemes are formally decided by Committee in advance of the summer recess.

### 4.0 Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2012/13

- 4.1 The 2012/13 revenue maintenance allocation for Runnymede has been increased to £210,025. Table 2 below suggests a recommended split of these funds.

**Table 2 – Revenue Maintenance Expenditure Plan for 2012-13**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Drainage / ditching works	£40,000	
Carriageway and footway patching works	£100,000	
Vegetation works	30,000	
Signs and Road makings	£20,000	
Low cost measures	£20,025	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£210,025</b>	

### 3.0 COMMUNITY PRIDE FUND

- 3.1 The total 2012/13 Community Pride allocation for Runnymede is £30,000. As per last year, it is necessary for Committee to formally determine whether to keep these funds pooled, or equally divide this money between each County Councillor Committee member.
- 3.2 The mechanism for managing and spending this fund remains unchanged, and the local Maintenance Engineer, Ian Paterson, will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates, and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.
- 3.3 However, to ensure that this fund is effectively spent, and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, it is proposed that a cut-off date of 31 December 2012 is introduced, so that in the event of no firm spending decisions being made, approval is given for the Maintenance Engineer for Runnymede to determine suitable works and organise their delivery.
- 3.4 The Local Committee agreed to divide the 2011/12 Community Pride allocation equally between each County Councillor Committee member. A summary of how this funding was spent is attached as **Annex 1** to this report.

#### **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 £210k 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 2012/13 ITS Highways and developer funded schemes.
- 7.2 The Committee is asked to determine how the Community Pride fund is to be managed.
- 7.3 The Committee is asked to approve the suggested split of Revenue Maintenance funding and approve the recommended means of deciding what Capital Maintenance schemes to progress.
- 7.4 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 and capital maintenance works.

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