



**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN  
SPELTHORNE**

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS  
PROGRAMMES**

**25 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**KEY ISSUE:**

To consider the updated programmes of works for 2006 / 2007 and 2007 / 2008.

**SUMMARY:**

The Safe Routes to School (SRS) Initiative has operated within Spelthorne since 2000. Updated programmes of works for 2006/ 2007 and 2007/2008 are set out in this report to further progress SRS Initiative.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The committee is asked to:

- (i) Note this report; and to approve:
- (ii) The updated programme of works for 2006 / 2007; and

(iii) **The programme of works for 2007 / 2008.**

**1. INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Safe Routes to Schools (SRS) schemes and projects have been undertaken in Spelthorne for several years and aim to:
- i) Assist people who already walk, cycle, use the bus, train or other alternative modes of transport.
  - ii) Reduce the number of cars making the school trip by promoting alternative modes of travel and making them more attractive than the motor car.
  - iii) Avoid collisions and accidents and improve skills and confidence in dealing with traffic.
- 1.2 Members may recall the results of the Safe Routes to Schools consultations with children, parents, teachers and other interested parties from schools on their ideas to improve children's journeys to and from schools were reported to this Local Committee for Spelthorne in June 2003 and July 2004 when outline SRS programmes for the 2003/04 to 2006/07 financial years were agreed.

**2. ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

- 2.1 The feasibility, design, consultation and implementation of schemes and projects have continued and the schemes at **Annex A** show those implemented during 2005/06.
- 2.2 The schemes at **Annex B** show the schemes underway during the current financial year and those at **Annex C** show the proposed forward programme for 2007 / 2008.

**3. CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 Consultation is undertaken on specific schemes when a justified need has been established.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Members may recall the SRS budget within the Local Transport Plan allocation for the current financial year is £160,000. The majority of this funding is proposed to be used on schemes and projects previously identified and approved by this Committee.

**5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Surrey County Council embraces the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of Surrey's Local Transport Plan and is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place. Funding from the integrated transport scheme budget continues to support this vision whilst fulfilling its key commitments.

**6. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Safe Routes to School attempts to address the fear of crime from the responses to the questionnaire with schemes, education and awareness training.

**7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no implications.

**8. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The 2006 / 2007 proposed works programme is based on the available funding under SRS with an indicative forward programme for 2007 / 2008.
- 8.2 Efforts continue to reduce the number of school trips being made by car, especially where the overall distances from home to school are short.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee Reports on Safe Routes to School, Staines & Laleham dated 19 July 2004 & Local Action Plan dated 21 March 2005**

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