

Item 22

DEVOLVED LTP, LOCAL ALLOCATION 2005/06 OUTTURN & 2006/07 PROGRAMME

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SURREY HEATH

19th October 2006

KEY ISSUE:

To advise members of the 2005/06 Capital Outturn and adjust the 2006/07 programme accordingly.

SUMMARY:

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath received a report in December 2005, which approved the devolved LTP programme for 2006/07. The Local Allocation programme was approved in March 2006.

The budgets previously reported for 2006/07 were subject to confirmation of the outturn and this was confirmed earlier in the financial year. A number of queries existed with the outturn figures and this has taken time to investigate. Whilst some queried expenditure still remains unresolved it was considered appropriate to report the current position.

Following the outturn the revised devolved LTP budget for 2006/07 is £378,968. The revised programme, suggested, is based on this and funding priority has been given, in the first instance, to those schemes that have a current financial commitment. The remaining budget has been allocated based on the ability to construct schemes within the financial year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) note this outturn report and the actions being taken to resolve the outstanding financial queries,
- ii) agree the revised scheme priorities for 2006/07, as set out in the report and progress these within the available budgets and resources,
- iii) that the management of the 2006/07 devolved LTP budget be vested with the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee or in their absence by their delegated representatives.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Local Committee in Surrey Heath received a report in December 2005, which approved the devolved LTP programme for 2006/07. The Local Allocation programme was approved in March 2006.
2. The budgets previously reported for 2006/07 were subject to confirmation of the outturn and this was confirmed earlier in the financial year. A number of queries existed with the outturn figures and this has taken time to investigate. Whilst some queried expenditure still remains unresolved it was considered appropriate to report the current position.
3. The out turn figure for Surrey Heath's Devolved LTP and Local Allocation budgets is £1,051,203 giving an over spend of £84,988. This includes:
 - a) expenditure on the devolved LTP allocation of £955,591 against a budget of £822,465 and represents an £133,126 over spend. This was later amended to expenditure of £915,591 and which represents an overspend of £93,126. This was due to a journal transfer that had not been credited.
 - b) expenditure on the locally determined capital allocation of £95,612 against a budget of £143,750 and represents an £48,138 under spend.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

Devolved LTP

4. Clearly the over spend on devolved LTP is a concern because it impacts on the subsequent years budget, the overspend being deducted from the following years allocation. As a result the reported 2006/07 devolved allocation is £346,874.
5. It is not possible to construct all schemes in the approved 2006/07 programme from this budget. In addition the pressure on the budget is heightened, as the outturn does not include the expenditure for all schemes that were due for construction in the 2005/06 programme. However, the increased costs in 2005/06 for the Blackwater Valley bus infrastructure works does mean that the vast majority of sites planned for 2006/07 have already been completed and it logical that the amount set aside for this work in 2006/07 is reallocated.
6. Detailed below are the main areas of expenditure, which have resulted in the overspend for 2005/06. For those schemes that still have outstanding financial queries then these will continued to be pursued until resolution. These will be escalated to the Surrey Highways Partnership monitoring team should an agreement not be achievable locally.

A322 Bracknell Road Safety Fence

The outturn expenditure for this scheme is £321,869, subsequently corrected to £281,869 against an original allocation of £175,000. This level of expenditure has been queried with the constructor; Ringway and discussions are on going with regard to elements of the work undertaken. It was hoped that this would have been resolved in time for the outturn report.

Windsor Road/Bowling Green Road

The outturn expenditure for this scheme is £80,526 against a budget of £72,000. This level of expenditure for the scheme was queried with the constructor and was subsequently found to include other scheme costs coded to this schemes budget. As a result a credit of £32,094 has been made and this amount is now available as part of the 2006/07 budget.

Blackwater Valley Passenger Transport

The outturn expenditure for this scheme is £57,926 against a budget of £30,000. The level of expenditure was found to be correct when checked. Additional works were committed during the year on the basis of a supplementary budget provision from passenger transport. However due to a financial journaling error the additional costs were not transferred resulting in the full expenditure being charged to the local budget. Regretfully this error was not noticed until after the outturn figures were finalised and could not be changed.

Safe Routes to School Prior Heath School

The outturn expenditure was £95,638 against a budget of £65,000. This level of expenditure has been queried with the constructor; Ringway and discussions are on going with regard to elements of the work undertaken. It was hoped to have resolved this fully in time for the outturn report but has not been possible.

Speed Indicating Device

The expenditure incurred against this project was due to be offset against income. However, that income has yet to be received and subsequently non-budgeted costs of £6,736 were included within the outturn figures.

Constructor Overhead adjustments

At the end of the financial year adjustments were made by central finance to the overhead costs as part of the Surrey Highways Partnership contract. This resulted in additional costs of approximately £15,000 across the programme, which had not been anticipated.

2006/07 Devolved LTP Programme Adjustment

7. Following the outturn the revised devolved LTP budget for 2006/07 is £346,874. With the credit of £32,094 from the Windsor Road scheme the total available budget for 2006/07 is £378,968. However, as mentioned previously the 2005/06 outturn position does not take into account the full cost of works relating to the QBP Route 34/35 scheme in Lightwater, which was still under construction at the end of the financial year. As a result costs will be incurred in 2006/07 for completion of the scheme, which is anticipated to be approximately £45,000.
8. Similarly the proposed cycle route at Chobham Road, Frimley had not commenced and this scheme remains to be constructed. The scheme at Chobham Road if constructed is estimated to cost £43,500.

9. The programme agreed by the Committee in December 2005 is shown below. This was a total of £451,620 but based on the Surrey Heath base allocation of £440,000.

Approved 2006/07 Devolved LTP Programme		
Mytchett Road Ph 2	£ 20,000	Completed
A319 Bagshot Rd/ Benner Ln – Jnct. Imp	£120,000	Stats to commence in November. Main construction in January 07.
Upper Chobham Road - Footway	£100,000	Detailed design being undertaken.
Safe Routes to School	£100,000	Holy Trinity, Prior Heath, Pine Ridge, Ravenswood Schools.
Cycle Forum Priority 2 – Tomlinscote to Camberley	£ 60,000	Preliminary design done.
Blackwater Valley Bus Infrastructure	£ 51,620	

Revised Programme

10. The revised programme, suggested, is based on the budget of £378,968 and funding priority has been given, in the first instance, to those schemes that have a current financial commitment. These include the works at Lightwater, which commenced in 2005/06, Phase 2 of the Mytchett Road Safety scheme (of which phase 1 was carried out in 2005/06) and the scheme at A319 Bagshot Road/Benner Lane which is due to commence shortly, starting with statutory undertakers plant diversions.
11. The suggested programme is shown below and the remaining budget has been allocated based on the ability to construct schemes within the financial year. As mentioned before the increased costs in 2005/06 for the Blackwater Valley bus infrastructure works does mean that the vast majority of sites planned for 2006/07 have already been completed. Therefore, it is suggested that most of this budget can be reallocated with the exception of residual costs of £1500 used to complete the last of the works.

Revised 2006/07 Devolved LTP Programme		
Mytchett Road Phase 2	£ 20,000	Completed
A319 Bagshot Rd/Benner Lane - Junction Imp	£120,000	Stats to commence in November. Main construction in January 07.
QBP Route 34/35 Lightwater Village	£ 45,000	Only bus shelters and RSA3 works to complete.
Upper Chobham Road - Footway	£100,000	Detailed design complete currently at RSA2.
Safe Routes to School	£ 46,468	Prior Heath, Ravenswood, Crawley Ridge, Holy Trinity, Pine Ridge Schools.

Chobham Road, Frimley Cycle Route	£43,500	Designed and ready for construction.
Blackwater Valley Bus Infrastructure	£1,500	No further planned works.
Cycle Forum Priority 2 – Tomlinscote to Camberley	£ 0	Preliminary scoping undertaken but consultation still required.

Local Allocation Programme

12. The Local Allocation budget also requires adjustment following the outturn. The outturn figure of £148,138 is greater than the reported estimate of £139,000 at the Local Committee in March 2006 and therefore this additional budget needs to be allocated. Copied below are the suggested allocations, with the bold type being the new budget allocation.

A322/Grove End/New Rd/M3 J3	£ 10,000	Ongoing feasibility & Improvements to junction A322/Grove End/New Rd/M3J3.
Accident Working Group support	£ 25,000	To support emerging accident problems. This has been allocated to the remarking of the A331/M3 Junc. 4 roundabouts.
Decriminalised Parking/ Parking	£ 25,000	For completion of DPE
Lightwater Traffic	£ 5,000	Continuation from 2002/03 including consultation
Chobham Traffic	£ 5,000	To support Chobham Traffic initiatives
Burma Road Roundabout	£ 5,000	Linked to crime & Disorder
Upper Chobham Road footway	£ 5,000	Completion of design for 2006/07 scheme.
Tomlinscote to Camberley Cycle Route	£ 5,000	Completion of design for 2006/07 scheme.
Frimley Parking	£ 30,000	Subject to parking review
Cycle Parking	£ 5,000	New provision following requests
Heath Park Drive Traffic Island	£ 4,000	Accident remedial measure.
A322 Pegasus Crossing & Cycleway	£ 10,000	Design funding - 2007/08 devolved LTP budget.
Yorktown Residential Area	£ 10,000	Design funding – 2007/08 devolved LTP budget.
Speed Limit Assessments	£ 4,138	The assessment of speed limits in accordance with priority list.
Total	£ 148,138	

CONSULTATION

13. The 2006/07 devolved LTP programme was approved in December 2005 with Local Allocation programme approved in March 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. There may be the need to further adjust budgets within the financial year. As there are no further Committees until March it is suggested that any further variations be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no direct sustainable development implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

16. There are no direct equalities implications but each project will consider any implications in line with the relevant policies at the time.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

17. None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

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