

Item 22

2007/08 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SURREY HEATH**

8th March 2007

KEY ISSUE:

To approve revisions to the 2007/08 Integrated Transport programme following a meeting of County Council members on Monday 29th January 2007.

SUMMARY:

The Local Committee approved the 2007/08 scheme programme at its meeting on 9th March 2006 but recently it has become necessary to review this programme due to changes to proposals relating to the Blackwater Valley Quality Bus Partnership.

County Council members met on Monday 29th January 2007 to undertake the review. This also allowed the opportunity to recommend specific proposals for the Safe Routes to Schools allocation and a scheme to provide cycle and pedestrian facilities along Gibbet Lane was recommended by members for inclusion as part of the Safe Routes to Schools programme. Members recommended that the remaining budget be used to install new street lighting along the public bridleway at The Hatches, Frimley Green.

In addition members wished to fund the scheme to provide a zebra crossing in High Street, Bagshot. Both Surrey Heath Borough Council and Windlesham Parish Council have agreed to contribute funds toward this scheme, which is estimated to cost £30,000. This expenditure would over allocate the devolved LTP allocation based on the other commitments but the scheme could be constructed in 2007/08 using funding from the local allocation budget.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee in Surrey Heath approve the revised programme for the 2007/08 Integrated Transport Programme, as set out in the report and that the schemes be progressed within the available budgets and resources.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The Local Committee approved the 2007/08 scheme programme at its meeting on 9th March 2006.
2. This programme was reviewed by a task group on the 16th February 2006 and advised, at that time that, the 2007/08-programme settlement for Surrey Heath's

devolved integrated transport budget would be £440k. The task group were informed of the methodology for assessing schemes, introduced to improve consistency across all Districts and ensure promoted schemes were meeting Surrey's new Local Transport Plan targets and objectives.

3. More recently it has become necessary to review the approved 2007/08 programme.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

4. The actual value of the devolved integrated transport budget for 2007/08 has still to be confirmed but indications are that it will remain at £440,000 for Surrey Heath.
5. It has been necessary to review the programme to take account of changes relating to the Blackwater Valley Quality Bus Partnership. Regrettably, the roll out of 'real time' information in the Blackwater Valley has been delayed due to compatibility issues with the various operating systems in Hampshire and Surrey. Therefore, the Local Committee's budget for this work needs to be re-allocated. Should the devolved allocation vary from that reported a further review of schemes may be necessary.
6. The 2007/08 programme approved on 9th March 2006 is listed below.

Safe Routes to School	£100,000
A322 Pegasus Crossing & Cycle route	£150,000
Blackwater Valley Quality Bus Partnership	£ 40,000
Yorktown Residential Traffic Management	£150,000
7. The County Council members met on Monday 29th January 2007 to review the previously approved programme. This also gave the opportunity to recommend specific proposals for the Safe Routes to Schools budget allocation.
8. Members agreed to retain the schemes at the A322 Pegasus Crossing/Cycle Route and Yorktown Residential traffic management in the programme.
9. A scheme to provide pedestrian and cycle facilities along Gibbet Lane was recommended by members for inclusion as part of its Safe Routes to Schools programme. Gibbet Lane is heavily used by School Children and the scheme will provide improvements for pedestrians and also benefit cyclists, allowing them to use Gibbet Lane legally in both directions. Currently, Gibbet Lane is one way for vehicular traffic, including bicycles and an amendment to the existing traffic order will be required to permit this. Gibbet Lane forms part of the Deepcut to Camberley cycle route, which was identified by the cycle forum as an important route. The proposal also seeks to mitigate motoring offences as frequent complaints are received that motorists travel up Gibbet Lane in the wrong direction. The scheme is estimate to cost £68,000.
10. Members recommended that the remaining budget be used to install new street lighting along the public bridleway at The Hatches, Frimley Green. This is a heavily used path leading from Frimley Green to Farnborough North Station, which currently has no lighting. The provision of lighting has been sought by the local Community for some time and is estimated to cost £75,000.

11. In addition members wished to fund the scheme to provide a zebra crossing in High Street, Bagshot. Both Surrey Heath Borough Council and Windlesham Parish Council have agreed to contribute funds toward the scheme, which is estimated to cost £30,000. This expenditure would over commit the devolved LTP allocation based on the other commitments above but the scheme can be constructed in 2007/08 using funding from the local allocation budget. The 2007/08 local allocation budget has been confirmed at £100,000.

CONSULTATION

12. There are many differing views with regard to Integrated Transport scheme proposals and many in relation to individual schemes. These views are noted and are important, receiving due consideration. The review relates to the whole District with schemes relating to the targets and objectives of Surrey's new Local Transport Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Close financial management of the local and devolved budgets will be continued in order to maximise use of the limited funds available.
14. The allocations for 2007/08 referred to above assume a neutral outturn position. The outturn position will not be available until May and a full financial report will be presented to the Committee at its meeting in July.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

15. Surrey has embraced 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 budget will be expended on projects and schemes in line with this vision whilst fulfilling its key commitments.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

16. The promotion of quality schemes and projects that improve Surrey's highway infrastructure will assist in reducing the fear of crime and decrease the potential for injury accidents.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

17. Across the range of transportation issues and problems to be addressed the needs of all highway users require equal consideration. Proposals may benefit a particular group or individuals but it is important to consider and address how one impact may worsen others

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None