



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Surrey Heath)

Devolved LTP & Local Allocation Programmes 2009/10

26th February 2008

KEY ISSUE

To approve the 2009/10 Devolved Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Local Allocation programmes for Surrey Heath.

SUMMARY

The devolved LTP budget for 2009/10 has been confirmed at £160,000 for Surrey Heath. It is also anticipated that a local allocation budget of £100,000 will be made available to the Committee as in previous years.

Whilst the rate of progress of projects during the early part of 2008 was disappointing, due to a vacancy in the team, since October resources have been available with which to make progress. Consequently there are still projects to progress and it is suggested that the work on these continue through to 2009/10. It is suggested that no new schemes are added to the programme for 2009/10 at this stage but Members will be invited to review the programmes, in April, raise any emerging issues and to commence planning programmes for subsequent financial years.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) approves

- i. the programme for the 2009/10 Devolved LTP and Local Allocation Budgets as set out in the report and that the schemes be progressed within the available budgets and resources.
- ii. that all statutory processes required to implement the programme are undertaken.
- iii. that the management of the 2009/10 Devolved LTP and Local Allocation budgets be vested with the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. At the meeting in July 2008 Members received a budget outturn report for 2007/08 and which also set out the budget position for the progression of schemes during 2008/09.
2. The schemes approved for construction in 2008/09 were the A322 Pegasus crossing Bisley carried forward from 2007/08 and a scheme in the residential area of Yorktown looking at traffic management measures. Whilst the A322 Pegasus scheme is now complete the scheme proposal at Yorktown is still being progressed.
3. The devolved LTP budget for 2009/10 has been confirmed at £160,000 for Surrey Heath. It is anticipated that a local allocation budget of £100,000 will also be made available to the Committee as in previous years.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

Devolved LTP Budget

4. With the budget confirmed at £160,000 for the year it is suggested that no new schemes are approved, at this stage and that work continues for the scheme at Yorktown. An update on the scheme was given to the meeting of the Committee in October 2008.
5. It is possible that the level of devolved funding in 2009/10 could vary following the 2008/09 outturn. Whilst the actual outturn will not be known until May and not reported to the Committee in July, an idea of the actual level of funding available should be known during April. Therefore it is suggested that members meet in April to review any emerging issues and to commence planning programmes for the subsequent financial years.

Local Allocation

6. A local allocation budget of £100,000 is again expected in 2009/10 and is traditionally used to develop future schemes and undertake some small works.
7. The rate of progress during 2008/09 for projects funded from the local allocation has been disappointing, particularly earlier in the year due to staff vacancies. However, since October resources have been available with which to progress projects. Consequently there are still many projects to progress and it is suggested that the work on these continue through to 2009/10.
8. These projects were prioritised during October 2008 with members and it suggested, at this time, not to add any new proposals. However, in April, as referred to above members will be invited to review the programme where any emerging issues or changes in priority may be considered. For reference the current list of projects for progress are:
 - Continuation of the speed poster programme
 - The possible conversion old VAS units to be used as permanent units
 - Crawley Hill/Church Hill - Pedestrian Improvements
 - 20mph speed limit in Bagshot High Street & Guildford Road, Lightwater
 - Frimley Green Road j/w Henley Drive - Visibility & access problems
 - Martindale Ave, Heatherside - Possible pedestrian crossing outside Heatheridge School.
 - A319 Chertsey Road, Chobham - Footway between Kalima & village.

- Buckingham Way - Road Safety measures Buckingham Way,
- Lucas Green Road, West End - Footpath & traffic management
- The Green, Frimley Green - Pedestrian Safety & traffic management measures
- A322 M3 Junction 3 - Feasibility for future improvement
- High Street/Chertsey Road, Chobham – Junction Improvement
- Windsor Road/Burrow Hill/W'sham Road – Junction Improvement
- Holy Trinity School West End - to match financial contribution of Sustrans
- Lightwater Village - Traffic Management - Park Street – Pedestrian Crossing
- Burma Road – Traffic Management
- Deepcut Bridge Road – Traffic Signals at Rail Bridge
- Various locations for consideration of new vehicle activated signs.

CONSULTATION

9. 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

10. Close financial management of the local and devolved budgets will be continued in order to maximise use of the limited funds available.
11. There may be the need to further adjust budgets within the financial year. As there are only three Committees a year it is suggested that any further variations be delegated to the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

12. Surrey has embraced the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of the County Council's Local Transport Plan, and it is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

13. 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

14. 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.

CONCLUSION & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

15. The programme reflects the priorities agreed by members after taking account of the funding constraints for next financial year. The schemes and projects included in the local allocation budget will also enable worthwhile projects to be implemented and for others to be progressed to a stage where members can consider them for future construction programmes.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

16. The programme will be progressed within the available budgets and resources.

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