

Item 22

DEVOLVED LTP, LOCAL ALLOCATION 2008/09 OUTTURN & 2009/10 PROGRAMME

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SURREY HEATH

9th July 2009

KEY ISSUE:

To advise members of the 2008/09 Capital Outturn and agree changes to the 2009/10 programme.

SUMMARY:

The Executive has agreed that last years under spends can be carried forward. This impacts on this year's budget, this being added to the 2009/10 allocations. As a result the 2009/10 devolved allocation is £179,592 and the Local Allocation budget is £124,526.

The February 2009 Committee meeting agreed the devolved LTP programme, continuing with the work at Yorktown, which is budgeted at £160,000. It is suggested that the remaining £19,592 available as a result of the under spend is utilised to undertake design work, this year, so that schemes are ready to construct the following year. Members will be invited to review scheme priorities in September 2009.

A local allocation programme was also approved at the February Committee meeting, which the local office and resource pool has programmed and are working through. Members also reviewed emerging issues at a meeting on the 23rd April 2009 and also agreed funding for a number of other projects. These are listed in the main report.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) note the 2008/09 outturn position as reported, and
- ii) agree the programme additions for 2009/10.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The 2008/09 budget outturn has recently been confirmed and the combined figure for Surrey Heath's Devolved LTP and Local Allocation budgets is £631,982 giving an under spend of £44,118. This includes:
 - a) expenditure on the devolved LTP allocation of £549,508 against a budget of £569,100 and represents a £19,592 under spend.
 - b) expenditure on the locally determined capital allocation of £82,474 against a budget of £107,000 and represents a £24,526 under spend.

The devolved allocation outlined in (a) above includes the addition of £353,000 of capital allocated in August 2008 as part of the Executive allocation of £5,000,000 to Surrey Highways.

2. The Local Committee received a report in February 2009, which approved the 2009/10 devolved LTP and local allocation programmes.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. The Executive has agreed that last year's under spends can be carried forward. This impacts on this year's budget, this being added to the 2009/10 allocations. As a result the 2009/10 devolved allocation is £179,592 and the Local Allocation budget is £124,526.

Devolved LTP Programme

4. The February 2009 Committee meeting agreed the devolved LTP programme, continuing with the work at Yorktown, which is budgeted at £160,000. It is suggested that the remaining £19,592 available as a result of the under spend is utilised to undertake design work, this year, so that schemes are ready to construct the following year. Members will be invited to review scheme priorities in September 2009, which should allow enough time to commence any design work for construction in 2010/11.
5. Some schemes from the 2008/09 programme may still provide surplus expenditure this year for the Committee to reallocate. This may happen if the final expenditure for schemes is less than the allowances made in the accruals at the end of last financial year. Accruals are based on an estimate of 'costs to pay' for works undertaken and completed in that financial year but which will not be paid until the following financial year. These costs are still being finalised with Surrey's constructor partner but at this stage it may make available further capital of up to £11,900 for the Committee to allocate. Once confirmation is received that all costs have been applied members will be notified so that any surplus can be reallocated. The potential surplus is attributable to maintenance schemes and if the funding does become available then it is suggested that it should be allocated back to this area.
6. Scheme estimates and actual costs will be updated throughout the remainder of the year and further adjustments to the programme can be made later during the year if appropriate.

2008/09 Local Allocation Programme

7. As reported in paragraph 3 the 2008/09 local allocation outturn position is expenditure of £82,474 against a budget of £107,000, resulting in an under spend of £24,526. The 2009/10 budget available is therefore £124,526.
8. The outturn figure for the changes to parking controls in the Borough last year has been challenged with Surrey's constructor partner and at the time of writing it is anticipated that a credit will be made. Once confirmation is received that all costs for this scheme have been applied correctly, members will be notified so that any surplus can be reallocated.
9. A work programme was approved at the February Committee meeting, which the local office and resource pool programmed and have been working through. Members should soon receive information for the projects at Henley Drive,

Frimley Green; A319 Chertsey Road, Chobham; High Street/Guildford Road, Bagshot and Lucas Green Road, West End. Members also reviewed emerging issues at a meeting on the 23rd April 2009 and also agreed funding for:

- A322 Queens Road/Church Lane – Ped. crossing modifications - £3,000 (£3,000 also required from revenue).
 - Cross Lanes Frimley Green – School Warning signs - £400
 - Queens Road Bisley – Pedestrian Warning signs - £400
 - New dropped Crossings – various locations throughout Surrey Heath - £8,000
 - Upper Chobham Road – New dropped crossing and footway - £3,000
 - Gilbert Road – Posts to assist control of parking - £500
 - No Parking on verge signs – to be deployed as required to reduce verge parking - £100
 - Bridge Road & High Street Bagshot – New dropped crossings - £1,750
10. A further £1,750 was agreed to undertake road-marking changes that would introduce a double white line system along part of Guildford Road, Frimley Green. Central finance has instructed that this proposal cannot be charged to capital and that budget provision will need to be made available from local revenue. This also applies to part of the work related to the A322 pedestrian crossing modifications. Members will be asked soon to allocate local revenue and these two projects will need to be considered as part of that budget. Further revenue provision of £500 is also required in order to provide Keep Clear markings at The Maultway as outlined in another report this evening.

CONSULTATION

11. The management of the devolved LTP and local allocation budgets are delegated to the Local Highways Manager and consultation is undertaken with the Chairman and local member on issues affecting budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. It is anticipated that further budget adjustments will be required during the financial year.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no direct sustainable development implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

CONCLUSION & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

15. The programme reflects the current priorities agreed for 2009/10.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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

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