



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

19 APRIL 2012

KEY ISSUES

To formally approve the list of ITS schemes for progression in the 2012-13 financial year and to highlight the new capital maintenance fund made available to the Committee.

SUMMARY

This report records the list of Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) provisionally agreed in the Surrey Heath Local Committee private meeting held on 21st March 2012, and is presented for Local Committee to formally approve. This report also sets out the 2012/13 capital maintenance fund and revenue allocations, and makes recommendations about the use of these budgets.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the list of ITS shown in Table 1 of this report for progression in the 2012-13 financial year, and delegate to the North West (NW) Area Team Manager the authority to promote and progress any necessary Traffic Regulation Orders or other items associated with the progression of these schemes, and the authority to resolve any objections that may be received through the consultation period on these schemes together with the Divisional Member, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee.
- (ii) Delegate to the NW Area Team Manager (in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee) approval of the 2012/13 capital maintenance schemes for Surrey Heath following consultation with Committee Members.
- (iii) Approve the provisional split of 2012/13 revenue funding shown in Table 2 and delegate approval to the NW Area Team manager to

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adjust the split of this funding in response to operational need throughout the course of the financial year, subject to consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) aims to improve the highway network for all users. In general terms it aims to reduce congestion, improve accessibility, reduce the frequency and severity of road casualties, improve the environment, and maintain the network so that it is safe for public use.

2.0 2012-13 ITS PROGRAMME

Proposed 2012/13 Integrated Transport and Developer Funded Schemes

- 2.1 The Committee 2012/13 ITS capital budget for Surrey Heath has been set at £153,351. Table 1 below records the schemes Members agreed in principle on 21st March 2012 for delivery in the 2012-13 financial year.
- 2.2 It is noted that the overall Committee capital commitment is significantly greater than the £153,351 allocation. This over-commitment of schemes allows for a certain amount of flexibility should any problems be encountered with the delivery of any of these items, and is in accord with the desire for 2 year ITS forward planning.

Table 1 – Proposed ITS and Developer Funded Schemes for 2012-13

Project	Budget estimate	Details
Implementation of The Maultway speed limit change	£20k	Implementation of the speed limit reduction following Committee's decision to reduce the speed limit at this location to 50mph.
Upper Chobham Road speed limit assessment	£10k	To assess concerns raised by local schools and the County Councillor.
Bagshot High Street enhancement feasibility/design	£15k	Local desire for enhancement and changes to area, accounting for various issues raised through the County Councillor, Parish Council and local business.
Crawley Hill/Church Hill pedestrian crossing	£100k	Delivery of pedestrian crossing following Committee's previous approval of this scheme.
A322/M3 congestion management study	£15k	Recognised significant congestion in peak flows on A322 approaching junction Northbound. Only approach not signalised. Funding to allow modelling and assessment of options to aid dialogue with Highways Agency.

A319 Chertsey Road (Chobham to Ottershaw) speed limit assessment & implementation	£20k	To carry out speed limit assessment following request from County Member in response to history of personal injury accidents.
Queen's Road, Bisley, TRO for existing speed limit	£2k	Formalising of existing 40mph speed limit over MOD stretch of Queens Road.

3.0 Capital Maintenance Budget

- 3.1 Following presentation of a report entitled 'Discussion paper for Local Committee Highways Budgets' to the Local Committee Chairman's meeting of 28th February 2012, a new Countywide capital maintenance fund has been made available, with £153,351 allocated to Surrey Heath Local Committee.
- 3.2 The purpose of this budget is to enable Committees to directly fund resurfacing and major maintenance schemes. In the report presented, it was stated that Officers will be able to make suggestions of suitable sites and approximate scheme costs to aid Member decisions.
- 3.3 To ensure that works are programmed and delivered it is necessary to ensure that schemes are formally decided by Committee in advance of the summer recess.

4.0 Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2012/13

- 4.1 The 2012/13 revenue maintenance allocation for Surrey Heath has been increased to £226,525. Table 2 below suggests a recommended split of these funds.

Table 2 – Revenue Maintenance Expenditure Plan for 2012-13

Item	Allocation	Comment
Drainage / ditching works	£40,000	
Carriageway and footway patching works	£76,525	
Vegetation works	£60,000	
Parking	£20,000	
Signs and Road makings	£20,000	
Low cost measures	£10,000	
Total	£226,525	

5.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Proposed ITS are prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. So far as is practicable, Officer proposals follow the Countywide scheme assessment process (CASEM) and the prioritisation order determined by this.
- 5.2 The Committee Revenue Maintenance budget is used to target the most urgent sites where a specific need arises, to keep up with general maintenance activities that reduce the need for expensive repairs in the future, and to support local priorities. The nature of these works is such that spend may vary slightly from the split as shown.

6.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact Assessment is undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

7.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder.

8.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Officer recommendations are recorded on the front page of this report.
- 8.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update report is presented at the next Committee meeting.

9.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all Committee highway-related schemes and works.

10.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 Officers will progress delivery of capital maintenance schemes, revenue works and ITS and developer funded schemes.

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