



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

HIGHWAYS UPDATE 5 JULY 2012

KEY ISSUES

To report on the progress of ITS and capital maintenance schemes in the 2012-13 financial year.

To report on the Committee revenue budget position.

To determine whether to divide Community Pride funds equally between County Councillor Committee Members, or retain these funds in one sum.

SUMMARY

This report records the list of ITS schemes approved by Local Committee on 19th April 2012, the agreed capital maintenance schemes list for 2012/13, and provides an up to date account of revenue maintenance spend.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note that a further Highways update report is to be brought back to the next meeting of this Committee.
- (ii) Approve the equal division of Community Pride funding between County Council Committee Members, and agree the cut-off mechanism proposed.

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

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 agreed by Committee on 19th April 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 – 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. In design.
Upper Chobham Road speed limit assessment	£10k	To assess concerns raised by local schools and the County Councillor. In design.
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. In design.
Crawley Hill/Church Hill pedestrian crossing	£100k	Delivery of pedestrian crossing following Committee's previous approval of this scheme. In design.
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. In design.

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. In design.
Queen's Road, Bisley, TRO for existing speed limit	£2k	Formalising of existing 40mph speed limit over MOD stretch of Queens Road. With Area Team for completion.

3.0 Capital Maintenance Budget

- 3.1 The purpose of this budget is to enable Committees to directly fund resurfacing and major maintenance schemes.
- 3.2 Following Committee approval on 19th April 2012, the list of Localised Structural Repair sites was agreed, and is now in progress.

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. A further £16,635 of revenue funding has been carried forward from 2011/12, resulting in a total allocation of £243,160.

Table 2 – Revenue Maintenance Expenditure Plan for 2012-13

Item	Allocation	Comment
Drainage / ditching works	£40,000	£2967 committed as at 18 th June.
Carriageway and footway patching works	£93,160	£3497 committed as at 18 th June. The additional revenue carry forward has been allocated to this category to support the capital maintenance LSR programme.
Vegetation works	60,000	£8500 committed as at 18 th June.
Parking	10,000	No spend to date.
Signs and Road makings	£30,000	£10,615 committed as at 18 th June.
Low cost measures	£10,000	£5563 committed as at 18 th June.
Total	£243,160	£31142 committed as at 18th June

5.0 2012/13 COMMUNITY PRIDE EXPENDITURE

- 5.1 The total 2012/13 Community Pride allocation for Surrey Heath is £30,000. As per last year, it is necessary for Committee to formally determine whether to keep these funds pooled, or equally divide this money between each County Councillor Committee member.
- 5.2 The mechanism for managing and spending this fund remains unchanged, and the local Maintenance Engineer, Peter Sheppard, will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates, and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.
- 5.3 However, to ensure that this fund is effectively spent, and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, it is proposed that a cut-off date of the 31st December is introduced, so that in the event of no firm spending decisions being made, approval is given for the Maintenance Engineer to determine suitable works and organise their delivery.

6.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Proposed ITS schemes 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.
- 6.2 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.

7.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 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.

8.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

9.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

10.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

11.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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

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