



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(WAVERLEY)**

**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL
BUDGET 2010/11**

17 SEPTEMBER 2010

KEY ISSUE

To report progress and costs for the 2009/10 programme of Integrated Transport Schemes (or improvement schemes: ITS), and agree how residual funding available in 2010/11 should be used.

SUMMARY

This report details committed expenditure in the current financial year, and discusses how available residual funding should be used.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree that the residual budget of £60,000 be directed towards minor surfacing schemes as described below in view of the need to complete capital expenditure by November, since the current contract with Ringway Highway Services is drawing to a close.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 **Annex 1** shows the Local Committee's programme for 2009/10. Expenditure is shown for the last financial year 2009/10, and costs to complete schemes are forecast for the current financial year 2010/11. Typically current year costs are to undertake post-construction safety audits and implement minor adjustments or, in the case of the Godalming parking review, to meet construction costs where the work ran into April and May.

2. ANALYSIS

- 2.1 At its meeting on 18 June 2010 the Committee considered a report on ITS scheme progress. The financial position reported at that time is summarised as follows:-

Available Budget for 2009/10	+ 485,660	
Expenditure in 2009/10	<u>- 381,492</u>	
Underspend/Carry Forward	=104,168	
Committed expenditure in 2010/11	<u>- 68,000</u>	estimated
Residue available in 2010/11	= 35,000	estimated

- 2.2 As in previous years it was anticipated that the underspend (£104,168) would be carried forward. The majority of this (£68,000) would be needed to complete schemes from the 2009/10 programme, leaving an expected residue of around £35,000 to fund 'new' projects. No further capital allocation was expected for ITS schemes in 2010/11, as County Council budgets were being severely reduced, and funding for highways was directed towards maintaining the existing road network rather than building new schemes.
- 2.3 The Committee supported the County Council's focus on maintenance, and decided that the anticipated £35,000 residue of carry forward should be spent on a range of small projects rather than a single larger project.
- 2.4 In July the Leader of the Council announced that additional funding would be directed towards highways. While at the same time there would be no carry- forward of the underspend from 2009/10, an additional £1 million was made available in 2010/11. This funding would be distributed to the 11 districts in Surrey based on respective lengths of road network and population. As a result Waverley was allocated £131,000.

2.5 The net effect of losing the carry forward (£104,168) but gaining the new allocation of £131,000 is the anticipated residue available for new schemes actually now increases from £35,000 to around £60,000. The announcement has enabled the schemes from 2009/10 totalling £68,000 (see para. 2.2 above) to be completed. Given the challenging financial climate for the County Council, this is nonetheless welcome news.

3. HOW SHOULD THE FUNDING BE USED ?

3.1 The Head of Surrey Highways wrote to all County Councillors in every district at the beginning of August announcing the additional funding. However, she also stressed the need for it to be spent quickly, since the contracts with Carillion and Ringway are coming to an end, and the County Council has committed to complete all significant capital expenditure by November.

3.2 Given this timescale there is no time to go through the design process for new improvement schemes, which means that the bulk of the additional money will have to be spent on capital maintenance work; this needs almost no design, no consultation with residents and other parties, and work is quick to complete on the ground.

3.3 Officers suggest that the following minor surfacing schemes are nominated for funding;

Ride Way, Cranleigh	£7,000
Northcote Lane, Shamley Green	£28,000
The Hart, Farnham	<u>£10,000</u>
	£45,000

3.4 With £60,000 residual funding available, this would leave a £15,000 contingency to react to requests for bollards, additional signs, etc. through to the end of the financial year.

4. CONSULTATIONS

4.1 Where appropriate, local consultations have been carried out for individual schemes.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As above.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific equalities or diversity implications for this report.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications for this report.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 As above.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 As above.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

10.1 Outstanding work on the 2009/10 programme of schemes will be completed, and residual funding will be directed towards minor surfacing schemes as described in this report.

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