

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

HIGHWAYS SCHEMES UPDATE REPORT

17 June 2011

KEY ISSUES

To provide an update on the progress of highway improvement schemes (both Integrated Transport Schemes [ITS] and developer funded) and highway capital maintenance schemes in Waverley.

To gain approval for the deployment of the £100,000 highways revenue budget for Waverley.

SUMMARY

On 18 March 2011 the Committee approved the 2011/12 programme of highway improvement schemes. Earlier in the year the County Council announced the 2011/12 countywide programme of planned maintenance schemes.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:

- (i) Approve the suggested use of the £100,000 highway revenue budget for 2011/12.
- (ii) Note the planned capital maintenance programme for 2011/12.
- (iii) Note progress on highway improvement schemes.

1. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

- 1.1 The Committee approved the 2011/12 ITS programme at its meeting on 18 March 2011 and noted the intention to progress three highway improvement schemes specified in planning agreements and funded by developer contribution ('Section 106' schemes).
 - Annex 1 details progress on both ITS and S106 schemes.

2. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SCHEMES

- 2.1 Planned capital maintenance schemes are centrally determined in accordance with Surrey County Council's (SCC) prioritisation process. They are also centrally funded. The 2011/12 programme for Waverley is detailed in the annexes to this report:
 - Annex 2: Major Maintenance Schemes. These involve removing and replacing the surface of the road, a treatment reserved for where the road surface is very heavily damaged. Note the table includes 'Winter Damage Schemes' which were added to the programme in May and are funded from the £4.2m capital grant allocated to SCC by central government earlier in the year to repair roads that deteriorated over the severe winter of 2010/11.
 - Annex 3: Surface Treatment Schemes. The majority of these schemes will
 comprise surface dressing, commonly known as 'tar and chip'. This treatment
 is suitable for roads where the majority of the existing surface is sound. The
 road is pre-patched/repaired as necessary before the surface dressing is
 applied. This is an economic treatment which seals the surface, restores skid
 resistance, produces a uniform appearance and extends road life.
 - Annex 4: Footway and Drainage Schemes. Repairs to badly damaged sections of footway alongside the road and larger scale drainage schemes from the countywide 'Wetspot' programme.

3. HIGHWAY REVENUE BUDGET

- 3.1 The cost of day-to-day repairs of highway defects as they occur is classified as revenue expenditure. All such safety repairs are centrally funded under Surrey's Highway Safety Inspection (HSI) regime, and in response to enquiries and reports from the public.
- 3.2 The Committee is allocated a £100,000 highways revenue budget per annum. This is used to tackle minor repairs that do not constitute hazards, but are important to local communities. This funding stream is also used to meet the cost of implementing parking review recommendations, which will be reported to this committee in September.
- 3.3 The suggested deployment of the 2011/12 revenue budget is shown below.

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Drainage / ditching works	£60,000
Clear vegetation	£10,000
Carriageway or footway patching works	£10,000
Implement Parking Review	£20,000
Total	£100,000

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report provides an update on the ITS programme approved in March, for which the budget available in 2011/12 is £262,364. Costs are not assigned to programme elements at his stage since further scheme development is required before this can reasonably be done. However, as reported in March, it is likely when that costs will exceed the available budget and as estimates are refined through the year the programme will have to be adjusted to remain within budget. Such adjustments will be undertaken in consultation with the Chairman and appropriate local members.
- 4.2 From 28 April 2011 future highways works will be undertaken by our new contractors, coordinated by May Gurney who have been appointed following a rigorous tendering and selection process.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding.

6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 As above.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 As above.

9.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Officers will continue to progress delivery of ITS, developer funded schemes, and revenue maintenance works.

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