



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

**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME  
FOR 2008 to 2009**

**23 JUNE 2008**

**KEY ISSUE:** This report recommends a revised programme of Local Transport Plan (Integrated Transport) Schemes to be implemented in 2008/09.

**SUMMARY:**

A report was presented to this Committee on the 20 February 2008 (minute 15/08 refers). That report was based on a Local Transport Plan (ITS) budget of £450,000 with a possible reduction to £225,000. The revised budget for Woking has now been confirmed as £160,000.

The Local Committee will now need to agree the priorities based on the revised budget. For future years, beyond the 2008/09 financial year, a report will be presented to the February 2009 Local Committee meeting.

The Local Allocation remains unchanged at £100,000, but it is recommended to focus 'on works on the ground' rather than design.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Committee is asked to agree:**

- (i) That the detailed programme for 2008/09 Annex A is approved.**
- (ii) That officers be authorised to proceed with any necessary actions including traffic orders, advertisements and notices of intent in order to deliver these projects.**
- (iii) That the officers hold 'round table' meetings with the Chairman and Electoral Division Member(s) at appropriate times to progress Initial Design and Detailed Design processes to enable the schemes to progress to the next appropriate stage (subject to funding).**
- (iv) That the Local Committee sub group meet during September 2008 to review progress of the 2008/09 programme and November 2008 to review the possible 2009/10 programme by touring the district similar to November 2007.**

## 1 INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The LTP programme is continually reviewed on an annual basis to ensure a flexible and equitable approach to the needs of the community within the objectives of the LTP.
- 1.2 The first Local Transport Plan for Surrey covered the 5-Year period 2001/02 to 2005/06. Much work has been achieved within the Woking area during this period and the second Local Transport Plan covers the period 2006/07 to 2010/11.
- 1.3 The Local Committee approved the first 5-Year programme for Woking in the second Local Transport Plan series covering the period 2006/07 to 2010/11 on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and this was reviewed and a revised and an extended 5-year programme was approved at the Local Committee meeting on 28 February 2007 (minute 11/07 refers).
- 1.4 The Local Committee has been updated on a monthly basis using the 'traffic light system' of progress on the 2007/08 programme. Overall, there has been good progress made on the schemes, with four schemes brought forward from future years and constructed during 2007/08. However, some have been the subject of delay for a number of reasons.

## 2 ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

- 2.1 **Annex A** indicates the 2008/09 programme for the Local Transport Plan (ITS) and the Local Allocation. The Local Transport Plan (ITS) funding concentrates on the construction side with the funding allocated to 'getting the job done on the ground' and therefore making life easier for the County Council's customers living, working or visiting the Woking area. The Local Allocation funding has been allocated to the Initial and Detailed design so that schemes will be ready for construction in future years, plus some other areas of important work that fulfil the Local Transport Plan Objectives and Targets.

### Local Transport Plan (ITS)

- 2.2 Several of the Local Transport Plan (ITS) schemes have remained with similar funding to the schedule presented to the Local Committee on the 20 February 2008, however with a reduced budget and an 'high priority scheme' there has inevitably been some schemes that must now await funding in future years. The list below is a summary of the schemes that were coloured 'green' that were included in the schedule presented to the meeting of this committee on the 20 February 2008 that are not included in Annex A. None of the 'amber' coloured schemes have been allocated funding.
- Westfield Road - Puffin Crossing (Woking South) – Complete detailed design and await funding or approve for funding.
  - Denton Way / Lockfield Drive – Pedestrian crossing facilities (Knaphill) – Complete detailed design and await funding.

- Denton Way Pedestrian Crossing - (Woking Central / Knaphill) – complete detailed design and await funding.

- 2.3 At the last Local Committee meeting held on the 20 February 2008, the Committee were presented by two Petitions relating to the White Rose Lane / Heathside Crescent junction and in particular the approach to the west zebra. The Safety Auditors concluded that, in order to reduce potential conflict between pedestrians using the crossing and drivers turning left out of White Rose Lane, the kerblines on the south-west corner of the junction, and the splitter island in the mouth of White Rose Lane should be redesigned. This will increase the distance between the zebra crossing and the western kerblines of White Rose Lane. Drivers will therefore be able to complete their turning manoeuvre before deciding whether or not they need to stop for a pedestrian at the zebra crossing. These modifications to the scheme will be designed and constructed during the current financial year (subject to approval of this committee).
- 2.4 Following the Road Safety Audit Stage 4 it has been recommended that the junction of White Rose Lane and Heathside Crescent be modified at an estimated cost of £50,000. With this in mind there has been no funding allocated for these modifications, therefore if the Local Committee wish for this scheme to go ahead during 2008/09 the Westfield Road Puffin scheme will be delayed.

### **Local Allocation**

- 2.5 There are a number of suggested amendments to the Local Allocation funding as it is recommended to reduce the initial / detailed design and focus on works on the ground, with a reduced Local Transport Plan (ITS) budget. Therefore, the following schemes have not been allocated funding.
- Arthurs Bridge Road / Well Lane – cycle route amended and signed scheme completed (Horsell)
  - Church Street East – Zebra crossing design (Woking Central) – await funding
  - Addison Road / Locke Way Cycle Route design – (Woking Central) – cycle route signed scheme completed.
  - Beechwood Road Speed reduction design – (Knaphill) – await funding
  - Horsell High Street package incl Meadway Drive design – (Horsell) – await funding
  - Egley Road / Blackbridge Road Toucan crossing design – (Woking South) – await funding
  - West Byfleet Access Study Accessibility improvements design - (Byfleets) – await funding

- Barnes Wallis Drive Pedestrian Crossing design – (Byfleets) – await funding
- A320 Victoria Way / Goldsworth Road convert Pelican to Toucan design – Woking Central – await funding.
- Cycle improvements to the existing network (whole district) awarded funding as works ready to go.

### **3 CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 No additional consultations have taken place with Local Committee members since the last Local Committee meeting on the 20 February 2008 when it was reported that the Local Committee sub-group met on the 23 July 2007 to review the 2008/09 programme and were briefed on the Objectives and targets of the Local Transport Plan and how to bid for new projects.
- 3.2 To ensure that the schemes would continue to enter the LTP 'Assessment Pool' and be promoted into the 5-Year programme, each Electoral Division members was asked to submit up to 2 new schemes per Electoral Division by 15 October 2007.
- 3.3 The sub group met again on the 12 November 2007 and had a tour of the district in a Pegasus coach stopping off at potential 2008/09 sites, ongoing works as well as recently completed schemes.
- 3.4 Apart from the 2008/09 schemes schedule, the 93 schemes listed on the Local Transport Plan Programme will require the normal annual review and members will be consulted on the future years programme during the autumn of 2008.

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The allocation for the 2008/09 financial year has been confirmed as £160,000 for Local Transport Plan (ITS) and £100,000 for Local Allocation. However, overspends and under spends have not been taken into account as at the time of writing this report as a decision on this had not been taken.

### **5 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Surrey has embraced the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of Surrey's Local Transport Plan and is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place. Funding from this integrated transport budget will be expended on projects and schemes in line with this vision whilst fulfilling its key commitments.

### **6 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

## 7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The programme should raise no equality implications, as all the proposals will seek to eliminate any perceived and or actual inequalities.

## 8 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 In terms of prioritisation and funding, this review has taken into account the reduced funding available and recommends that the limited funding is used to carryout works 'on the ground' and reduce the initial and detailed design with future budgets uncertain.
- 8.2 In addition members should take account of the 'high priority scheme' at White Rose Lane / Heathside Crescent (Road Safety Audit Stage 4). If this scheme were approved, the Westfield Road Puffin crossing would not go ahead this financial year.

## 9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Now that the funding for the Local Transport Plan £160,000 and Local Allocation has been approved, the Local Committee will need to approve the schemes schedule for 2008/09. A draft programme of works has been submitted to Ringway, to enable a West Area programme to be agreed for the 2008/09 financial year. Some of the scheme work has already commenced on site as these were high priority / in phases over two financial years.
- 9.2 A key decision needs to be made by members on the inclusion (or exclusion) of White Rose Lane / Heathside Crescent in this years works programme.
- 9.3 The member sub-group proposed to have their next meeting in September 2008 to review the 2008/09 programme and a further meeting / tour during November 2008 to review the forthcoming 2009/10 programme.

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## Annex A

## Local Transport Plan – Schemes

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Anchor Hill – Pedestrian Phases at signals	Knaphill	£25,000	Scheme commenced – due for completion end of June
Victoria Road / Guildford Road – junction improvement	Knaphill	£24,000	Scheme commenced 9 June 2008 – due for completion end June 2008.
Heathside Road / White Rose Lane – Pedestrian crossing facilities	Woking South	£43,000	Scheme ready to start July 2008.
White Rose Lane / Heathside Crescent (Road Safety Audit Stage 4)	Woking South / Pyrford	£50,000	Road Safety Audit Stage 4 recommended amendments to the western zebra crossing and approaches
A245 Sheerwater Road Puffin Crossing (just to north of canal)	Horsell	£3,000	Outstanding work from 2007/08
Broadway zebra crossing	Knaphill	£3,000	Outstanding work from 2007/08
Redding Way / Tudor Way - Toucan	Knaphill	£3,000	Outstanding work from 2007/08
Smarts Heath Road – Traffic	Woking	£3,000	Outstanding work from 2007/08



signals and footway	South		
Boundary Road	Woking Central	£3,000	Outstanding work from 2007/08
		£160,000	

### Local Allocation

Scheme	Electoral Division	Estimated Cost	Comments
Kingfield Road - Toucan	Woking South	£10,000	Detailed design
Lower Guildford Road – Speed / Pedestrian Crossing	Knaphill	£10,000	Detailed design
Westfield Road - Puffin	Woking South	£1,000	Complete detailed design
Denton Way (o/s Waitrose) – Pedestrian Crossing	Knaphill / Woking Central	£6,000	Complete detailed design
Langmans Drive – Street Lighting	St Johns & Brookwood / Woking	£500	Detailed design

	Central		
Lauriston Close – Street Lighting	Knaphill	£500	Detailed design
Blackbridge Road – Pedestrian / Cycle facilities	Woking South	£6,000	Detailed design
Basingstoke Canal (Phase 2) (Monument Road bridge to Wey Navigation).	Woking Central / Horsell / Byfleets	£31,000	Construction (Funding increased)
Cycle Improvements to the Woking Cycle Network	Whole district	£10,000	Construction (Funding increased)
Parking Management	Whole district	£10,000	Design (Funding increased)
Carhouse Lane – Road Safety	Horsell	£6,000	Outstanding work from 2007/08
A245 Parvis Road / Camphill Road – Junction improvement	Byfleets	£3,000	Initial design
Old Woking Road – Speed Limit	Byfleets / Pyrford	£1,000	40mph Speed Limit, approved 20 February 2008. Traffic Order now advertised.
		£95,000	