



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

**UPDATE OF LOCAL HIGHWAY PROGRAMME
7 JULY 2010**

KEY ISSUE

To update the Committee on the works programme and budgetary position.

SUMMARY

The paper outlines the latest position in relation to the Integrated Transport Scheme Programme, provides specific details of maintenance works planned in the Woking area in this financial year and gives details on the budgets available to this Committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee (Woking) is asked to

- a) Note the budgetary position in relation to the Integrated Transport Schemes programme (minor improvements programme).
- b) Note and approve the proposed local revenue spend, as detailed within the report
- c) Note the approved major maintenance, surface dressing, footway, local structural repair and drainage programmes.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This committee receives regular reports on the minor improvements programme. In February 2010 the Committee agreed a forward works programme for this financial year based on anticipated funding following the Members' tour that took place in January.
- 1.2 February's report mentioned that, at the time, budgets were subject to approval by the Council and that it may be necessary to adjust the programme should the funding level be less than was anticipated at the time.

2.0 Minor improvement budget

- 2.1 At February's committee Members approved a work programme that reflected the priorities agreed at the meeting following the bus tour on 5th January 2010. Members allocated the anticipated budget of £160k LTP funding together with a further £100k local capital allocation towards a mix of detailed design and construction of a number of schemes on the ITS programme. In addition a further sum of around £43k was identified as a likely underspend from 2009/10 budgets giving an predicted total budget of £293k that, it was anticipated, could be allocated for 2010/11.
- 2.2 Shortly after the last Local Committee in February the County Council announced that, as a result of the need to make substantial cost savings, there would be no dedicated funding allocated to the Integrated Transport Schemes programme for 2010/11. This situation is likely to continue for at least the next 4-year period.
- 2.3 Following the loss of the ITS budget for 2010/11 the programme is effectively on hold. In addition detailed design work scheduled to be undertaken towards the end of 2009/10 was aborted given that no funds would be available to construct these designed schemes for the foreseeable future. This cancellation of work resulted in £83k (£14k Devolved LTP + £69k Local Allocation) being available to be spent by the end of the March 2010.
- 2.4 A meeting was arranged with Members of the Local Committee on 18th February 2010 to determine how this remaining funding would be spent. Given the money had to be committed by the end of March Members agreed with the officer recommendation to allocate funding to 3 relatively straightforward schemes where minimal design and traffic management arrangements were required. Consequently this funding was spent on the installation of bollards at Brewery Road and Lockfield Drive and the resurfacing of a section of Lockfield Drive.
- 2.5 A residual sum of £10k was held in reserve to cover the costs associated with the installation of rising bollards in Chertsey Road but this figure has since been paid by Woking Borough Council. In previous years, there has been a carry forward of any underspends / overspends for LTP and LA

budgets. We are hopeful that this will be the situation for 2010/11, which would allow this figure to be recovered but at the time of writing this report the decision is yet to be considered by the Cabinet. The Committee will be advised of the Cabinet's decision in due course.

3.0 Alterations to the previous reported programme

- 3.1 Due to the loss of a dedicated ITS budget this programme is currently on hold. It should be noted that there is likely to be a need to reassess the list of potential schemes once funding does become available to ensure the items on the list are still valid and satisfy the objectives of the County Councils Local Transport Plan.

4.0 Local revenue spend

- 4.1 In 2009/10, £100,000 was available for local priorities. This was utilised as below:

£53,000	carriageway repairs
£35,000	ditching and drainage works
£12,000	sundry other, including tree works, signs and road marking.

- 4.2 It has been agreed that there will be £100,000 available in 2010/11 for similar purposes. This is for the Local Committee to determine.
- 4.3 Based on needs in relation to revenue budget availability for major and minor works, it is recommended that it is deployed as detailed below:
- £50,000 to supplement the capital and revenue works allocations, to enable more substantial works to be undertaken.
- £10,000 for additional road marking and sign maintenance
- £30,000 for ditching and drainage works
- £10,000 for sundry other works.

5. Major Maintenance and Surface Dressing

- 5.1 The total budget available for carriageway major maintenance road surfacing 2010/11 across Surrey is £5.3 m. This has been split as £1.5m for major repair works and £3.8m for preventative works (such as surface dressing). Roads have been assessed against the agreed revised prioritisation programme (approved by Executive). This includes all roads suggested by County Members. The roads within Woking are shown below (this list does not detail the exact lengths).

5.2 Surface Dressing / Microasphalt

- Connaught Road, St Johns/Brookwood

- Brookwood Lye, St Johns/Brookwood
- Lower Guildford Road, Knaphill
- Kettlewell Hill, Horsell
- Chertsey Road, Horsell
- Goldsworth Road, Woking Central

5.3 Major Maintenance

The following three roads had been provisionally selected for the 2010/11 County Major Maintenance Programme, but unfortunately have been casualties of the post-winter revision. They remain on the rolling programme for next year.

- Old Woking Road, East Hill to Blackdown Avenue. (Please note, £23,000 was spent on post-snow patching on this section)
- Station Approach, Woking.
- High Street & Broadway, Knaphill

6. Local Structural Repair

6.1 The County Council has allocated £1.5m for these works. Local structural repair is undertaken on sections of road, which are beyond routine patching works, but the extent of the defects does not merit full major maintenance works.

6.2 The programme is currently being finalised. The submissions for Woking were as follows:

- Lockfield Drive – part, dependant on cost and other programmes.
- Old Woking High Street – Pedestrian crossing and approaches
- High Road Byfleet – 2 mini roundabouts
- Lock Lane, Pyrford – Pyrford Road end
- Goldsworth Road – Roundabout by Morrisons
- Oriental Road, from Mosque to Maybury Hill
- Maybury Hill/College Road – from Oriental Road to Orchard Close

7. Winter Repair

7.1 Surrey County Council has obtained additional funding from Government for permanent works to rectify increased damage resulting from the severe winter, of which £100,000 has been allocated to Woking.

7.2 The selected locations are:

- Walton Road
- Lockfield Drive, east of Arthur's Bridge Road

8. Drainage works

- 8.1 The County Council has allocated £764,000 to target drainage problems. Sites are prioritised and added to a countywide “wet spot” programme. There are a number of schemes within Woking on this programme, but this year’s programme has not yet been finalised.
- 8.2 However, please note that Surrey Highways and Structures are working with the Borough Council and Environment Agency to support the Hoe Valley Flood Alleviation Scheme, which includes the diversion of the stream and replacement of the road bridge on Kingfield Road, and the bridge on the Right of Way path between Bonsey Lane and the Barnsbury Estate.

9. Footway programme

- 9.1 The footway programme is also subject to County-wide prioritisation. The total budget is £105,000
- 9.2 Woking roads on the provisional programme for 2010/11 are as follows:
- High Road Byfleet – both sides
 - Anchor Hill, Knaphill – south side
 - Lavender Park Road, West Byfleet
 - Hart Road, Byfleet
 - Hollybank Road, West Byfleet

10. OPTIONS

- 10.1 Whilst no budget has been allocated for Integrated Transport Schemes, Members would be consulted to establish priorities if any external or unexpected funding were to be made available.

11. CONSULTATION

- 11.1 Members, Police and residents as necessary would be consulted on proposals for individual schemes should any external or unexpected funding be made available.

12. VALUE FOR MONEY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The minor improvements works programme has been amended to reflect the reduction in available budget.

13. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 None

14. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

14.1 None

15. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 It is recommended the programme of highway maintenance works is noted and that the proposed split for the Members maintenance revenue allocation is agreed as detailed within the report.

16. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

16.1 The recommended allocation of revenue maintenance money has been split to achieve a balance between routine and more substantial works across the different maintenance disciplines of drainage, ditching, carriageway repairs, signing, lining and unforeseen defects.

17. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

17.1 Officers will work to deliver the maintenance programmes.

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