



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

### **HIGHWAYS UPDATE 27 JUNE 2012**

#### **KEY ISSUES**

To report progress with the delivery of highway schemes.

To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes, revenue maintenance and Community Pride expenditure.

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

To agree the provisional split of Revenue funding and determine how to use the new Capital Maintenance fund.

#### **SUMMARY**

This report records the progress made with the delivery of proposed highways schemes, developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works this financial year.

This report also discusses Community Pride funding and the new Capital Maintenance fund.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes;
- (ii) Approve the equal division of Community pride funding between County Councillors on the Committee, and agree the cut-off mechanism proposed.
- (iii) Note that a further Highways update report is to be brought back to the next meeting of this Committee.

- (iv) Approve the capital maintenance schemes list, or to authorise the NW Area Team Manager together with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee to agree and approve the capital maintenance schemes for Woking following consultation with Committee Members.
- (v) Approve the provisional split of 2012/13 Revenue funding shown in Table 2 and authorise the NW Area Team manager to adjust the split of this funding in response to operational need throughout the course of the financial year, subject to consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee.
- (vi) Approve the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Highways Act 1980 detailing the proposed introduction of a new speed table on Sythwood as described in Table 1 subject to no objections being maintained agree that the measures be constructed and that any objections received should be considered and resolved by the Area Team Manager for Highways in consultation with the Divisional Member and Chairman, and that this issue only be returned to Committee if any objections prove insurmountable.

## 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 ANALYSIS

### Progress of 2011/12 Integrated Transport and Developer Funded Schemes

- 2.1 The 2011/12 Committee ITS capital budget for Woking was set at £146,081. A further £25,000 was carried forward from the previous financial year, giving an overall available budget of £171,081. As agreed by Committee on 9 February 2011, schemes for progression in the 2011/12 financial year were selected from the schemes list presented at that meeting as Annex 1 in consultation with Local Committee Members.
- 2.2 Where available, monies derived from developer funding have been matched to Committee schemes to enable more to be afforded than would otherwise be possible.
- 2.3 Progress of schemes is shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1 – Selected ITS and Developer Funded Schemes for 2011-12**

Project	Budget estimate	Comment	Risk
<b>Woking on street parking review</b>	<b>£16k</b>	Continuation of review work. Funding carried forward.	N/A
<b>Egley Road j/w Acacia Avenue traffic signals</b>	<b>Up to £200k</b>	Now superceded by LSTF scheme, and will appear on the LSTF programme.	N/A
<b>Denton Way j/w Lockfield Drive, pedestrian crossing points</b>	<b>£25k</b>	Completed.	N/A
<b>Sythwood pedestrian crossing</b>	<b>£75k</b>	Design complete and shows that due to level differences between carriageway and footway, the crossing needs to be placed on a raised speed table, otherwise gradients will be too steep for pedestrians to use the crossing. The table will be mid-way between the school's access and the footpath leading to Kestrel Way. The table will be 75mm high with a 7m flat top. Local Committee approval required to advertise this additional feature. Cost estimates pending.	None identified

<b>Lockfield Drive traffic management</b>	<b>£15k</b>	Reduce two lanes to one at the junction with Well Lane. Design complete. Awaiting construction date.	None identified
<b>Bagshot Road to Knaphill Road speed limit reduction</b>	<b>£6k</b>	Developer funded reduction from 50mph to 40mph. Ties in with speed limit reduction in Guildford Borough, which has recently received approval.	Funding delay, objections
<b>Build-out outside Marjorie Richardson Ctr</b>	<b>£10k</b>	Developer funded. Completed.	N/A
<b>Adhoc accessibility works</b>	<b>£4k</b>	Developer funded. To be completed.	N/A
<b>Old Woking Road (Marist School) ped. crossing</b>	<b>£100k</b>	Developer funded crossing. Now forms part of LSTF programme and will appear on that list.	N/A

### 3.0 Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2012/13

3.1 The 2012/13 revenue maintenance allocation for Woking has been increased to £220,420. In addition, £51,322 of revenue funding has been carried forward from 2011/12, providing a total revenue maintenance budget of £271,742. Table 2 below suggests a recommended split of these funds.

**Table 2 – Proposed Revenue Maintenance Expenditure Plan for 2012-13**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Drainage / ditching works	£30,000	
Carriageway and footway patching works	£111,322	
Vegetation	£90,000	
Signs and Road makings	£30,420	
Low cost measures	£10,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£271,742</b>	

#### 4.0 COMMUNITY PRIDE FUND

- 4.1 The total 2012/13 Community Pride allocation for Woking is £35,000. 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.
- 4.2 The mechanism for managing and spending this fund remains unchanged, and the local Maintenance Engineer, Chris Higgs, will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates, and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.
- 4.3 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 31<sup>st</sup> December is introduced, so that in the event of no firm spending decisions being made, approval is given for the Maintenance Engineer for Woking to determine suitable works and organise their delivery.

#### 5.0 2012-13 ITS PROGRAMME

##### 2012/13 Integrated Transport and Developer Funded Schemes

- 5.1 The Committee 2012/13 ITS capital budget for Woking has been set at £146,081. Table 3 below records the schemes agreed on 26 March 2012 by the Local Committee for delivery in the 2012-13 financial year, in addition to those already in progress as shown in Table 1.
- 5.2 It is noted that the overall Committee Capital commitment is significantly greater than the 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 3 – ITS and Developer Funded Schemes for 2012-13**

Project	Budget estimate	Details
<b>Woodham Lane/Martyrs Lane junction safety improvements</b>	<b>£40k</b>	Using £25k developer deposits plus £15k Committee capital to provide safety improvements at this junction. Preliminary meeting with residents taken place.
<b>Heathside Road /Whiterose Lane zebra crossing</b>	<b>£55k</b>	Using £45k of developer deposits plus £10k of Committee capital to deliver zebra crossing pedestrian improvements. In design.
<b>Maybury Hill/Old Woking Road junction improvement study</b>	<b>£20k</b>	Using £20k of developer deposits if possible, otherwise Committee funded. In design.

<b>Barleymow Lane – traffic management and safety improvements</b>	<b>£20k</b>	In design.
<b>Parvis Road/Oyster Lane – pedestrian crossing facilities at roundabout junction</b>	<b>£200k</b>	Using £110k of developer deposits and £90k of Committee funding. In design.
<b>Egley Road – proposed speed limit reduction</b>	<b>£10k</b>	In design.
<b>Blackhorse Road – junction improvements (initial speed limit assessment)</b>	<b>£5k</b>	Speed survey commissioned.
<b>Lower Guildford Road pedestrian improvements</b>	<b>£40k</b>	Using £18k developer deposits and £22k Committee capital to deliver pedestrian improvements on the roundabout crossings at junction with Lower Guildford Road and Hermitage Road. In design.
<b>A320 Victoria Way traffic management study</b>	<b>£30k</b>	£30k of Committee capital to conduct traffic surveys and modelling to determine improvements to reduce congestion and vehicle delays. In design.
<b>Albert Drive Traffic Management feasibility study</b>	<b>£20k</b>	£20k of Committee capital to conduct a feasibility study of traffic management options to control vehicle speeds and improve safety. In design.

## **6.0 Capital Maintenance Budget**

- 6.1 Following presentation of a report entitled ‘Discussion paper for Local Committee Highways Budgets’ to the Local Committee Chairman’s meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012, a new Countywide capital maintenance fund has been made available, with £146,081 allocated to the Woking Local Committee.
- 6.2 The purpose of this budget is to enable Committees to directly fund resurfacing and major maintenance schemes. In the report presented, it was stated that Officers will be able to make suggestions of suitable sites and approximate scheme costs to aid Member decisions.
- 6.3 To ensure that works are programmed and delivered it is necessary to ensure that schemes are formally decided by Committee in advance of the summer recess.

- 6.4 As per the discussion of this subject during the private Member's meeting held at Merrow, it is proposed that these funds are used for LSR work (Localised structural repair), as this is proper resurfacing that targets the worst areas on the network, compliments the core resurfacing programme, and means that all of the funds are more equally spread across the Borough.

Chris Higgs, the Maintenance Engineer for Woking, has drawn up a provisional list of LSR sites which has been distributed to all Committee Members for comment, and is attached as Appendix 1.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The £100k 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 in Table 2.

## **8.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 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.

## **9.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress with the ITS Highways and developer funded schemes.
- 10.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update report is presented at the next Committee meeting.

**11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**12.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

12.1 Officers will continue to progress delivery of all schemes, Community Pride and revenue maintenance works.

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