



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

**Local Sustainable Transport Fund (Travel SMART)  
Annual Report 2011/12**

**6 September 2012**

**SUMMARY**

This report reflects the first year of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (Key Component) that was awarded to Surrey County Council in July 2011 focusing on Woking, Guildford and Reigate & Banstead, with some countywide measures.

The results of the consultation are contained within this report.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Woking) is asked to NOTE this report.**

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Department for Transport's (DfT) awarded Surrey County Council £3.93 million in July 2011 for its Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid (Key Component), which is branded as Surrey Travel SMART.
- 1.2 The funding covers the financial years 2011/12 to 2014/15. However, this Annual Report focuses on the progress of projects that have been undertaken within the financial year of 2011/12, further items on this agenda consider the projects for the coming year.

## **2 Progress**

- 2.1. The DfT provided £213,000 revenue and £305,000 capital for the financial year 2011/12 and this was generally focused on Woking and Guildford, with a smaller element on Reigate & Banstead (Bike It) and countywide Traffic and Transport information.
- 2.2. As some schemes were 'ready to go' the County Council managed to obtain forward funding from the DfT, to the value of £107,000 for these schemes, as at least one authority had under spent in that year.
- 2.3. Surrey County Council and other successful bidders are required to report to the DfT on the progress of the agreed projects and the DfT rules on expenditure are strict. If an authority under spends, it loses that funding as it cannot be carried forward.
- 2.4. The full Annual Report of the achievement of these schemes is attached as Annex A. (sections A to C).

## **3 CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1. An overall consultation of the LSTF (Travel SMART) programme was held during April and May 2012 (the results of which are set out in Item 5 of this agenda) and local consultations on specific schemes were carried out, where required, during 2011/12.

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

- 4.1 The need to ensure value for money was central to developing the Local Sustainable Transport Fund submission, which included a Financial Case as part of the overall Business Case, which is a requirement of the guidance. The LSTF programme is being developed so that future funding is sustainable within existing and projected budgets allowing for future savings or is self-financing in the longer-term.

## 5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Equalities impacts have been assessed as part of the development of each of the transport schemes that underpin the successful project, and it is considered that there are negative equalities impacts arising from the proposals.

## 6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report. However, the planned improvements may well reduce the potential for serious injury collisions, improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and improve traffic flow.

## 7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1. The Annual Report for the 2011/12 financial year indicates a positive start to the completion of the programme for Surrey County Council and its partner Borough Councils 'together with local businesses and the local community.
- 7.2. This report is for noting.

## 8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 A programme of works approved by this Local Committee on 26 March 2012 (minute ref 11/12 refers), has provided the 2012/13 Surrey Travel Smart Key Component programme for Woking, which is being considered by the Committee at Item 6 of this agenda.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid – Surrey Travel SMART (December 2010).