

Supplementary Agenda

6.30 pm

Monday, 18 July 2022

Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames

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Items

- **Decision Tracker - updated**
- **Written Public Questions**

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| 5 | DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) | (Pages 3 - 6) |
| | To review any outstanding decisions and actions from previous Joint Committee meetings. | |
| 8 | WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS | (Pages 7 - 10) |
| | To answer any questions from residents or businesses within Spelthorne borough area in accordance with Standing Order 14.2. Notice should be given in writing or by email to the Partnership Committee Officer by 12 noon four working days before the meeting. | |



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

Updated version for Supplementary Agenda

Spelthorne Joint Committee Decision & Action Tracker

This tracker monitors progress against the decisions and actions that the Joint Committee has made. It is updated before each committee meeting.

- Decisions and actions will be marked as '**open**', where work to implement the decision is ongoing by the Joint Committee.
- When decisions are reported to the committee as '**complete**', they will also be marked as '**closed**'. The Committee will then be asked to agree to remove these items from the tracker. For some decisions the Committee and public will be able to monitor the progress through Surrey County Council website. A link to the webpage will be included on the item when marked as complete.
- Decisions may also be '**closed**' if further progress is not possible at this time, even though the action is not yet complete. An explanation will be included in the comment section. In this case, the action can remain on the tracker should the Committee request.

	Meeting Date	Decision	Status (Open / Closed)	Officer	Comment or Update
1	30 Nov 2020	<u>Petition 1</u> To write to the Leader of Hounslow Council to establish available funding/resources for the Ashford to Bedfont Lakes pedestrian and cycle facilities on Clockhouse Lane.	Closed	Spelthorne Borough Council (SBC) Leader	8/11/21 - Meeting with LB Hounslow took place on Tuesday 19 th October 2021. See item 5 below. Recommend remove from list.
2	30 Nov 2020	<u>Petition 2: Road Safety Changes to Long Lane, Stanwell.</u> Work with agencies to look at and address the situation.	OPEN	Highways Engagement and Commissioning mgr (E&CM)	28/2/22 – Feasibility near completion. 28/06/22 – Feasibility complete. Detailed Design in progress. Construction to be programmed for late 2022/23
3	30 Nov 2020	<u>Petition 3: Road safety improvements to Laleham Road (Commercial Road and Wheatsheaf Lane)</u> Include a scheme for a pedestrian crossing on the list for prioritisation on future schemes.	OPEN	E&CM	28/2/22 – Detailed design complete for a pedestrian refuge island on Laleham Road (south of Carlyle Road). Construction to be programmed for 2022/23 28/06/22- No confirmed construction date as yet. Sometime in 2022/23
4	30 Nov 2020	Ashford Road speed limit restrictions included in the feasibility study for Laleham Village proposed 20mph scheme.	OPEN	E&CM	28/2/22 – Feasibility near completion. 28/6/22 – Feasibility complete. Officers in discussion with Divisional Member over options. Consultation to take place September. Construction early 2023.

5	09 March 2021	Clockhouse Lane suggested improvements. AHM to investigate land ownership issues relating to construction of a safer road layout.	OPEN	E&CM	28/2/22 – Feasibility in progress – now to include investigations for traffic signals solutions. 28/6/22 – Feasibility complete. Officers to arrange a meeting with the members to discuss the next steps.
6	28 July 2021	Advertisement of a legal order for a 20mph speed limit in Stratton Road and associate roads in Lwr Sunbury.	OPEN	E&CM	28/2/22 – In progress, TRO, to be advertised imminently. 28/6/22 – As Above
7	28 July 2021	Installation of appropriate signs and road markings, to enable buses to proceed straight ahead from the nearside lane of London Road, on its approach to Kingston Road from the Crooked Billet.	OPEN	E&CM	28/2/21 – In progress. No requirement for TRO. Signs and road markings to be installed early 2022. 28/6/22 – Signs and Lines on programme for delivery 2022/23
8	22 November 2021	Refer traffic light concerns at Staines Rd W./School Rd/Ashford Rd junction to road safety audit team	OPEN	E&CM	28/2/22 - Road Safety Audit Stage 3 completed January 2022. A package of works to address raised issues to be completed imminently. 28/6/22 - Some works completed, other works to be completed 2022/23
9	21 March 2022	To supply additional background information about the Cemex quarry in Stanwell to the local Member.	Closed	Partnership Committee Officer	Information provided 22/3/22. Recommend remove from list.
10	21 March 2022	To provide written response to Cllr Bateson re Buckland School scheme.	Closed	E&CM	Information provided March 2022. Recommend remove from list.
11	21 March 2022	Advertisement of the intention to publish TROs for the proposed parking restrictions from the most recent 21/22 Parking Review.	Open	Parking Engineer	30/6/22 – advertisement is expected in summer 2022.



SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE – 18 July 2022

AGENDA ITEM 8

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1:

Mrs Kath Sanders, Sunbury-on-Thames

Regarding Item 9 of the agenda for 18th July 2022, under Section 5 ("Financial and Value for Money Implications"), the report states in 5.2 that:

"Forecasting has been undertaken to ensure the Council has sufficient CIL funds to commit the requested amount of money to each scheme. It has been confirmed that the Council can commit to funding the above schemes whilst maintaining a £1 million reserve. Please see CIL Progress Report (Appendix 4) for projections and charts."

Having studied Item 9, Appendix 4, please could the Committee confirm if the £1m reserve which needs to be maintained under the CIL Terms of Reference need only be a "cash" reserve or the balance after commitments? To help understand this better, please could the figures behind the Strategic CIL projection graphs in Appendix 4 also be provided in tabular form along with a graph showing the projected balance after commitments?

BACKGROUND

The purpose of my question is to better understand the phasing assumptions of the proposed Strategic CIL Expenditure - the phasing of the expected future Strategic CIL Income* is clear (assuming 80% of £1m per annum). My concern is that the red line on both the current graphs looks to be showing the projected financial cashflow position (i.e. based on receipts and payments) rather than a prudent financial position done on an accruals (or "commitments") basis.

In practical terms, this means that the committed expenditure isn't matched to the income generated to cover it. It means that decisions can be made on Strategic CIL which aren't fully funded (as it looks like there's more money in the pot than there would be when all the liabilities are paid). Funding would then rely on the generation of uncertain future revenue. This could lead to undue pressures to deliver CIL in future to cover current liabilities. At a

minimum, as more long-term projects came on-stream, the cash pot would get bigger and more complicated to track.

For example, as at 1st July 2022, the Strategic CIL Balance was said to be £6,358,619. The total of Strategic CIL commitments made however and yet to be paid is said to total £6,191,760. This gives an "uncommitted" balance of only £166,859 and yet the total amount of CIL to consider at this meeting is a further commitment of £916,637.

The Terms of Reference might only stipulate that £1m of Strategic CIL needs to be maintained in "cash" terms. However, for risk management purposes, I believe the "uncommitted" balance should also be tracked in a way that non-financial managers can understand.

It would obviously be better to have a policy to only plan to spend the money which hasn't yet been committed. In any event, and at a minimum, an additional graph to track it would be desirable. The red line would then show the balance after commitments (rather than merely the balance after payments).

* I'm assuming the blue line in both graphs is the Forecast "Income" and the red line is the "Balance" as per the label (rather than "Expenditure" as per the graph title). I believe the chart titles and labels are inconsistent and the blue line is actually a bit of a distraction and will change the scaling over time as its just the cumulative income. It could give the impression that there is lots more money available (especially as the "Forecast" is not clearly noted as just the "Income").

Officer response:

Please see wording relating to the £1m reserve from the Strategic CIL Terms of Reference –

- To monitor receipts and expenditure of CIL monies, including the maintenance of reserves in the fund of approximately £1 million

As CIL is continuously accruing, and as payments are not made until completion of projects, forecasting has been undertaken and charts compiled to best illustrate the £1m reserve whilst at the same time allowing the Task Group to make important CIL funding decisions.

I have attached part of the tables where the chart data is pulled from, as you have requested.

***Please note** the figures used in the table are subject to change.

The following table shows the CIL commitments, as well as collected and spent:

	Admin (5%)	Local (15%)	Strategic (80%)	OVERALL TOTAL
Collected	£420,709.62	£1,262,128.87	£6,731,353.98	£8,414,192.48
Spent	£420,709.62	£0.00	£365,000.00	£785,710
Committed	£0.00	£185,898.87	£6,191,760.00	£6,377,658.87
Balance	£0.00	£1,076,230.00	£174,593.98	£1,250,823.99

The CIL spending regime cannot be effectively managed based on the balance after commitments. Currently the 'balance' after commitments for Strategic CIL is under £200k, meaning there would be insufficient funding available to make important decisions on the future usage of CIL funding, and towards important infrastructure projects in the Borough.

The CIL Task Group are aware of the workings of CIL, how it is based on ongoing and upcoming development in the Borough, and therefore the 'pot' is continuously being replenished. Based on past trends we are able to assume we will be in receipt of £1m per annum.

As CIL is not spent until completion, this also has to be considered. All projects that have been committed CIL monies are required to submit a schedule along with estimated completion dates which are entered into the projection spreadsheet.

The red line on the chart shows the balance over time – this is a projection into the future based on estimated CIL receipts per annum against the estimated completion dates for commitments already made.

The blue line show accruals over time and is on the chart as a visual aide to provide confidence in the predicted forecast based on past trends.

Forecasting of CIL is based on assumptions of what can expect to be generated through development over the coming years. This is done on past trends, but also keeping in mind that there are likely to be a number of large developments that will come forward identified by the emerging Local Plan. Furthermore, as CIL is paid on completion, the timeframe of a project must be factored into the forecasting. Please be aware the majority of projects that are of a 'strategic' nature would take usually take two financial years to complete from when the CIL monies have been committed. We have projects that are possibly going to take 3+ years to complete, this must be taken into account.

Officers and Members have discussed the expenditure of CIL in great extent and detail. The CIL balances, commitments and receipts are discussed at each CIL Task Group meeting, and a CIL Progress Report is provided at every Joint Committee meeting.

The allocation of Strategic CIL is key to support infrastructure in Spelthorne and is the fundamental purpose of the CIL regime.

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