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THE 16 SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of the
Reigate AND BANSTEAD LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 2.00 pm on 17 June 2013
at Reigate Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0SH.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin (Chairman)
- * Mrs Kay Hammond (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mrs Natalie Bramhall
- * Mr Jonathan Essex
- * Mr Bob Gardner
- * Mr Michael Gosling
- * Dr Zully Grant-Duff
- * Mr Ken Gulati
- * Mr Nick Harrison
- * Ms Barbara Thomson

Borough / District Members:

- Borough Councillor Victor Broad
- Borough Councillor Adam De Save
- * Borough Councillor Julian Ellacott
- * Borough Councillor Ms Sarah Finch
- * Borough Councillor Norman Harris
- * Borough Councillor Roger Newstead
- * Borough Councillor Graham Norman
- Borough Councillor David Powell
- * Borough Councillor John Stephenson
- * Borough Councillor Mrs Rachel Turner

24/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Broad, De Save and Powell.

25/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 2]

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

26/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest.

27/13 PETITIONS (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 4]

None.

28/13 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 5]

One formal public question was received. A response was tabled and is attached to the minutes as **Appendix A**.

[Mr Long asked a supplementary question. He wished to know why the police felt it was appropriate for the speed limit to remain unchanged. The Area Highways Manager responded that the police would not advise a reduction in the speed limit if there was no means of enforcing it; the nature of Rocky Lane meant that there was no safe place to position a police car to monitor speeds. However, signage and other safety measures, such as vehicle activated signs could be considered. The Chairman advised the Local Member for Merstham and Banstead South to discuss this with the Area Highways Manager.]

29/13 FORMAL MEMBER QUESTIONS (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 6]

None.

30/13 LOCAL COMMITTEE TASK GROUP REPRESENTATION 2013-14 (NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 7]

Resolution:

The Local Committee **AGREED:**

- (i) The terms of reference of the Youth Task Group and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund Task Group as set out in Annexes 1 and 2 of the report submitted.
- (ii) To establish a Redhill Parking Task Group according to the terms of reference set out in Annex 3 of the report as tabled (attached to the minutes as **Appendix B**).
- (iii) The membership of these task groups for 2013-14 as follows:
 - Youth Task Group – Mr Jonathan Essex, Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, Ms Barbara Thomson, Cllr Ms Sarah Finch, Cllr Mrs Rachel Turner plus one Borough Council vacancy.
 - Local Sustainable Transport Fund Task Group – Mrs Natalie Bramhall, Mr Jonathan Essex, Mr Bob Gardner, Dr Zully Grant-Duff, Cllr Julian Ellacott, Cllr Ms Sarah Finch plus one Borough Council vacancy.
 - Redhill Parking Task Group – Mrs Natalie Bramhall, Mr Jonathan Essex, Cllr Julian Ellacott, Cllr Ms Sarah Finch.
 - The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be ex-officio Members of each task group (where they are not an ordinary Member).

31/13 LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK - TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: Jeremy Crouch, Contracts Performance Officer, Services for Young People

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- Dr Zully Grant-Duff, Chairman of the Youth Task Group 2012-13, explained that the Task Group had met with officers from Surrey County Council and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, along with three young people from the borough, to listen to presentations by the shortlisted organisations. Each bid was scored following a question and answer session, and the Task Group unanimously agreed that Reigate and Redhill YMCA was the preferred bidder, based on the variety of activities offered, including an outreach service, and the level of innovation demonstrated. She also noted the contribution of the young people to the discussion and the interesting and effective questions they asked.
- Clarification was sought regarding the areas of Horley covered, as “Horley East and West and Court Lodge” effectively covered the whole town. The officer replied that this was a recognition of the fact that young people in Horley moved around more than young people in other parts of the borough, and a need to make bidders aware that they would need to deliver in all parts of Horley. Court Lodge Road had been identified as a specific area of need for focused work.
- Members wished to know the criteria against which the bids had been scored. The officer highlighted paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5 of the report submitted, which set out the salient parts of the needs specification. He explained that bidders were asked to complete a logical framework, demonstrating the outcomes of the work offered. They also needed to meet the National Youth Agency Quality Mark.
- Mr Michael Gosling, speaking as Cabinet Member for Public Health, noted that the Public Health department had a contract with Virgin Care to provide support and advice on teenage pregnancy, and that the Health and Wellbeing Board had asked all providers to look at mental health needs; he stated that the Local Prevention Framework needed to be in alignment with this work. It was also noted that the borough council had provided core funding to an organisation providing counselling services in schools. The officer reported that a start-up pack was being produced for all providers, including details of other work taking place which they would need to be aware of. He expected that Local Prevention Framework providers would speak to other local providers to ensure that work is joined up and not duplicated.
- Clarification was sought regarding the current provider of the Local Prevention Framework. The officer informed Members that Redhill and Reigate YMCA currently delivered work in the borough alongside other providers as part of the Surrey Youth Consortium.

Resolution:

The Committee **APPROVED** the Youth Task Group recommendation to award a funding agreement for a twenty-four month period from 1 September 2013 to the following provider:

- Reigate and Redhill YMCA for 100% of the contract value (£139,500 p.a.) to prevent young people from becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) in Reigate and Banstead.

32/13 SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - COMMISSIONS IN REIGATE & BANSTEAD 2012-13 (INFORMATION ITEM) [Item 9]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Jeremy Crouch, Contracts Performance Officer, Services for Young People and Mike Abbott, Chief Executive, Surrey Youth Focus (reporting to Members on the contract to deliver the Youth Small Grants Scheme on behalf of Services for Young People)

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- Clarification was sought regarding some of the figures in Annex 1 under Key Achievements for the Year. The officer explained that the first bullet point referred to Services for Young People as a whole (including the Youth Support Service), and the second bullet point referred specifically to the Local Prevention Framework. It was also emphasised that these figures are not static as young people are constantly moving in and out of the NEET cohort.
- Members requested further information on the work taking place with young people who are difficult to engage with. The officer reported that they would receive intensive support and a package would be created around the young person. Some young people required up to two years of intensive work.
- Concerns were raised regarding the transition to adulthood post-18. The officer explained that services did continue post-18, and that the raising of the compulsory education age to 18 would have an impact on young people in that age category.
- Discussion took place regarding the provision of services in Redhill. It was noted that the Redhill Youth Consortium currently provided a voluntary-sector funded youth club in Redhill, and that Reigate and Redhill YMCA would be working intensively in Redhill under the Local Prevention Framework. Services for Young People would explore options for providing a statutory service, but budgetary constraints may be an issue. The officer agreed that Redhill was an area of need, and this had been reflected in the local specification for the Local Prevention Framework. Members representing Redhill requested that future funding be secured.
- Concerns were raised regarding the status of Merstham's youth centre, the Oakley, which had not received a Level 1 grading. The officer responded that the Oakley had been declared unfit for purpose, and youth work was currently taking place at St Nicholas School and in the community. This, together with the recent arrival of the lead youth worker for Merstham, had meant that the assessment had been

postponed until September. It was also noted that the number of youth work hours delivered in Merstham had increased since the data in the report had been produced.

- Concerns were raised that the report did not include data on non-SCC provided services. The officer replied that there was no mechanism for reporting for voluntary-run groups, and that it was not possible to ask them to deliver to the National Youth Agency standard. There was a possibility that Raven Housing Trust could provide information on the Redhill Youth Club and he would follow up on this. The Vice-Chairman added that SCC did contribute to the funding of youth work in Redhill, including the Redhill Youth Club and Youth Cafe via the Community Safety Partnership.

Resolution:

The Committee **NOTED** the progress Services for Young People has made during 2012/13 to increase participation for young people in Reigate and Banstead, as set out in the report submitted.

33/13 OPERATION HORIZON - 5 YEAR MAINTENANCE PLAN (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 10]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Mark Borland, Projects and Contracts Group Manager, Surrey Highways, Jane Young, Carriageway Team Leader, Surrey Highways and Lloyd Allen, Construction Manager, May Gurney.

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- The Chairman thanked officers for working with Members on the formulation of the list, particularly regarding the re-prioritisation of Linkfield Lane, Redhill.
- Clarification was sought as to the funding for repairs to the A25 between Reigate and Redhill and whether this was separate from the Highways budget for the following year. Officers confirmed that it was.
- Concerns were raised regarding the inclusion of Charlesfield Road and Montfort Road, Horley, as Charlesfield Road had already been repaired and Montfort Road was on the list for Local Structural Repair. Officers explained that Charlesfield Road may require surface treatment in the future, otherwise it would be removed from the list. An alternative use for the funding set aside for Montfort Road could be discussed.
- A query regarding the prioritisation of Pound Road, Banstead was raised. Officers reported that all roads had been assessed for need but individual roads could be discussed with Members as necessary.
- The issue of footpaths and kerbs was discussed. Officers reported that footpaths had been captured under Operation Horizon and kerbs would be replaced as necessary.
- Concerns were raised regarding works by utility companies and the possibility of introducing a road pricing scheme. Officers noted that a permit scheme would be introduced from December 2013, and the

success of this would be assessed before a road pricing scheme could be explored.

- Members wished to know why the A23 had not been included in the same way as the A25 as this was also a major route through Surrey. Officers explained that, due to funding constraints, the A25 had been prioritised as it was in greater need of repair. The A23 and A217 would be looked at in future, and it was emphasised that all roads would continue to be made safe as necessary.
- Members wished to know if the programme for the A25 included the section under the railway bridge at Redhill Station. Officers confirmed that it did.

Resolution:

The Committee:

- (i) **NOTED** the decision made by the Cabinet on 26 March 2013 to allocated capital monies to Operation Horizon as detailed in the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- (ii) **APPROVED** the Operation Horizon programme for Reigate and Banstead, and that the 70km of road across the defined scheme list detailed in Annex 1 to the report submitted, is resurfaced over the investment period.
- (iii) **AGREED** that Surrey Highways produce an annual report in March 2014 confirming to Local Committee the programme's progress and success to date.

**34/13 REDHILL BALANCED NETWORK - UPDATE (EXECUTIVE DECISION)
[Item 11]**

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: Paul Fishwick, Local Sustainable Transport Fund Project Manager

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- The Chairman congratulated the officer on the news of the successful bid to the Department for Transport Local Pinch Point Fund, which she felt was an excellent example of partnership working between the County Council and Borough Council. The Local Member for Redhill West and Meadvale concurred, and added that Luci Mould, Policy and Regeneration Manager for Reigate and Banstead Borough Council had also been instrumental in helping to achieve this.
- Concerns were raised regarding the need for taxis to be aware of pedestrians and cyclists in Station Road. The officer noted that it was proposed that the areas highlighted in the eastern part of Station Road would join up, and details would be brought to the next meeting of the LSTG Task Group.

- Members wished to know if cycle parking would be provided at the new station car park, as there was currently no cycle route proposed at area 5 on the map in Annex A. The officer stated that the proposal for area 5 was no longer going ahead as this formed part of Solum Regeneration's plans for the Redhill Station redevelopment.

Resolution:

The Committee:

- (i) **NOTED** the decisions made by delegated Members.
- (ii) **NOTED** the announcement made by the Department for Transport on 31 May 2013 that the Redhill Balanced Network bid was successful.
- (iii) **AGREED** the additional shared (segregated) cycle links as indicated in Annex A to the report submitted.

35/13 TRAVEL SMART LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND PROGRAMME (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 12]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: Marc Woodall, Travel SMART Engagement Team Manager and Harris Vallianatos, Engagement Officer

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- A question was asked regarding the provision of a toucan crossing across London Road. Officers confirmed that the existing pelican crossing would remain in place. There were no plans to convert this to a toucan crossing at this stage, as the costs were disproportionate to the need.
- Further detail on Routes 1A and 1B was requested, as well as information on how the cycle route would navigate the Holmethorpe Industrial Estate. Officers reported that further details would be brought to the LSTF Task Group in July.
- Concerns were raised that the northern part of the borough was not being considered. Officers highlighted some of the measures which would benefit the whole borough, including the Bike It programme which was particularly popular in the Banstead area.
- A question was asked regarding the ongoing maintenance costs of the proposed information screens. Officers reported that a five year maintenance package had been included in the deal, after which the costs would be subsumed into the countywide information screens programme.
- Concerns were raised regarding the proposed use of private land at the end of Alpine Road for Route 1B. Officers reported that no objections had been received from residents, and the plans only involved the installation of signage (*Post meeting note – officers have confirmed that the 2 metre wide footway along the length of the western side of Alpine Road is adopted highway, and therefore enjoys*

full legal public access, and has been converted to shared-use for pedestrians and cyclists).

- Members wished to know if it was possible for a smaller Brompton Cycle dock to be installed at Reigate Station. Officers reported that they were still in discussions regarding the installation of a dock at Redhill Station. No funding had been allocated for Reigate Station, but there is a possibility of the Business Forum funding this.
- A question was asked regarding bus corridors and whether further bus lanes would be installed. Officers confirmed that this was not planned due to lack of road space, but journey times could be improved via other measures, such as the installation of bus priority at traffic signals.
- It was suggested that funding electric scooters may help in encouraging people back to work. Officers replied that this was being looked into, and it was noted that a scheme called “Wheels to Work” was being operated by East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership.

Resolution:

The Committee:

- (i) **NOTED** the overview of the Travel SMART programme and progress made in 2012-13.
- (ii) In respect of Route 1A (via New Battlebridge Lane):
 - a) **APPROVED** conversion to shared pedestrian and cycle use at the northern footway of New Battlebridge Lane and a short section of London Road between the service road and New Battlebridge Lane, as detailed in paragraphs 2.17 to 2.23 of the report submitted.
 - b) **APPROVED** a highway widening line of 1.0m on the vacant site at the north-east corner of London Road and New Battlebridge Lane for the purposes of increasing the footway from its current 2.2m width to 3.2m.
- (iii) In respect of Route 1B (via Alpine Road):
 - a) **APPROVED** conversion of the footways adjoining the A23 London Road and a short section of Alpine Road to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists, as detailed in paragraphs 2.24 to 2.28 of the report submitted.
 - b) **APPROVED** the widening of the footpath linking London Road with Alpine Road, and permitting the link to be used by pedestrians and cyclists.

36/13 HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE (INFORMATION ITEM) [Item 13]

[The Vice-Chairman took the chair for this item.]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: John Lawlor, South East Area Team Manager, Surrey Highways

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- Members wished to know if new signs from the A217 to the Albert Road North Industrial Estate in Reigate were planned. Officers confirmed that they were liaising with the central team at County Hall regarding this.
- A question was asked regarding progress at Woodhatch Road. Officers reported that work was due to start soon.
- Clarification was sought as to whether the bus gate works at Frenches Road included safety measures. Officers reported that this was yet to be programmed. The £10,000 budget included safety measures, but works on the barrier should not come from the Local Structural Repair budget.
- Officers noted a request that works on Montfort Rise be completed within one year.

Resolution:

The Committee **NOTED** the report for information.

37/13 REIGATE & BANSTEAD SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT - A217 DOVERS GREEN ROAD / REIGATE ROAD (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 14]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: John Lawlor, South East Area Highways Team Manager, Surrey Highways

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- Members noted that the A217 was a major route to Gatwick Airport, and that concerns about speed had been raised on a number of occasions. The police were unable to monitor speeds on the road due to the lack of a safe location to park a vehicle. The road has many entrances to residential properties, and is an undulating road with dips.
- Members noted that a new roundabout was planned at the proposed entrance to the Horley North West Sector housing development. The speed limit on approach to the roundabout would be 40mph. Members discussed the merits of reducing the speed limit to 40mph along the entire road and were generally in support, noting that the Chairman would need to write to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Highways to request this since this went against official guidance from the Department for Transport (recommendation (iii) was amended accordingly).

Resolution:

The Committee:

- (i) **NOTED** the results of the speed limit assessments undertaken.
- (ii) **AGREED** that, based upon the evidence, the speed limit between the existing 30mph terminal at Dovers Green Road and the southern boundary of Fir Tree Cottage, approximately 100m south of Ironsbottom, be reduced to 40mph.
- (iii) **AGREED** that the Chairman write to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment requesting that the speed limit be decreased from 50mph to 40mph from the southern boundary of Fir Tree Cottage southward to the Reigate and Banstead Borough boundary with Mole Valley.
- (iv) **AUTHORISED** the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit changes and revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement changes, and subject to no objections received in connection with the proposals; and
- (v) **AUTHORISED** delegation of authority to the Area Team Manger in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the relevant local Divisional Members to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

38/13 YEW TREE BOTTOM ROAD, EPSOM DOWNS - PROPOSED FOOTWAY (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 15]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: John Lawlor, South East Area Highways Team Manager, Surrey Highways

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- Concerns were raised regarding the slope, which may require regarding, and the loss of trees. Officers agreed to look into these issues as part of the final design.

Resolution:

The Committee **APPROVED** the proposed new length of footway outside nos. 9, 11 and 11A Yew Tree Bottom Road and associated realignment of the carriageway, subject to funding in full by Adult Social Care and consultation with those residents directly affected by the scheme.

39/13 COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD 2013-14 (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 16]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: Sarah Quinn, Community Partnership and Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- Whilst agreeing with the Community Safety Partnership's priorities for 2013-14, Members raised concerns that the Community Safety Plan did not accurately reflect the full contribution made by Surrey County Council to the delivery of community safety in the borough, for example via its centralised budgets for services for young people, domestic abuse outreach services and drug and alcohol work. They requested that a more realistic recognition of the contribution of all partners, including Surrey County Council, be included in the 2014-15 Plan (and amended recommendation (i) accordingly).

Resolution:

The Committee:

- (i) **NOTED** the Reigate and Banstead Community Safety Partnership's priorities for 2013-14, but requested that a more realistic recognition of the contribution of all partners, including Surrey County Council, be included in the 2014-15 Community Safety Plan.
- (ii) **NOMINATED** Mrs Kay Hammond to represent the Local Committee on the CSP in 2013-14, with Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin as deputy.
- (iii) **AGREED** that the community safety budget of £3,226 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to the CSP.
- (iv) **AGREED** that the Community Partnerships Manager manages and authorises expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with (iii) above.

40/13 CABINET FORWARD PLAN (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 17]

The Committee **NOTED** the report for information.

41/13 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 18]

The Committee **NOTED** the report for information.

42/13 LOCAL COMMITTEE CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS [URGENT ITEM] [Item]

[The Chairman agreed to take this as an urgent item due to the fact that the applicant requires funding by mid-July 2013 in order to progress with works. The report was tabled and is attached to the minutes as **Appendix C.**]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: Sandra Brown, Community Partnerships Team Leader (East)

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points:

- The officer emphasised the fact that in future, capital bids would be discussed privately at informal meetings. However, due to the timescales associated with this bid, the Chairman agreed to bring this to the formal meeting in order to gain Members views.
- Members welcomed the annex outlining the capital allocations made by the Local Committee since 2009, which demonstrated a good spread of projects across the borough.
- Members expressed their support for the bid.

Resolution:

The Committee:

- (i) **AGREED** that the sum of £9,650 be allocated towards the refurbishment of the 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group's building.
- (ii) **NOTED** the projects funded from the Local Committee's capital allocation between 2009 and 2013 as set out in Annex A to the report submitted.

Appendix A

Appendix B

Appendix C

Meeting ended at: 4.43 pm

Chairman

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)**

DATE: 17 JUNE 2013
LEAD OFFICER: JOHN LAWLOR, AREA TEAM MANAGER
SUBJECT: PUBLIC QUESTIONS
DIVISION: MERSTHAM & BANSTEAD SOUTH

**QUESTION 1****Rocky Lane, Gatton Park – Mr & Mrs Long**

"We have lived at Whitehall House, Rocky Lane, Gatton Park (opposite the entrance to the Royal Alexandra and Albert School) for the last seven years and have witnessed several accidents and damage to our property during this period, the most recent being Wednesday 27 May 2013. This is the third time a car has ploughed through our garden fence after losing control on a dangerous bend, on a lane with no speed limit. The current weather conditions did not affect this accident and we have also helped a motorcyclist who skidded on this bend last year.

The police and fire brigade have been called to each incident, and we are currently in contact with the police regarding traffic calming and monitoring.

I reported this problem to Surrey County Council three years ago and a promise this would be looked into never materialised. The only time I have found Highways officials to be concerned regarding this narrow lane is prior to the annual London to Brighton bike race. I personally approached these officers and was told to contact the Highways department – again, unsatisfactory as two further accidents since this was reported three years ago.

Last summer we were delighted to see new signage erected at the entrance to Rocky Lane and hoped this would be a 30 mph limit – unfortunately the sign was to indicate no speed limit on Rocky Lane and on the reverse 50 mph limit on Gatton Bottom which is too fast. The only signage is a partly concealed black and white chevron, hidden by the foliage of the garden of Thatched Lodge which is visible in only one direction.

Surrey promotes a "Safe Routes to Schools" policy and my children walk twice a day in this lane, along with other children from a state school with approximately 1,200 pupils. There is a morning and afternoon rush of school traffic on this narrow quiet lane, yet no triangular "School" sign, speed restrictions, "Slow Down Children Crossing" sign or "Dangerous Bend" sign. I have previously spoken to the headteacher of Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Mr Spencer-Ellis, who informed me he had asked Surrey County Council for traffic calming to no avail.

The lane is used as a cut through from Gatton Bottom at one end (no speed limit sign) and from the A23 London Road at the other end (unsuitable for heavy goods

vehicles) and is extremely busy during the rush hours. We live in a hamlet and there is only one property and one farm on the rest of this lane.

Please can the Local Committee look into addressing this problem?"

The Chairman responds on behalf of the Local Committee:

Rocky Lane links the A23 to the south with Gatton Bottom to the north. The national speed limit applies to Rocky Lane. Rocky Lane is a narrow, rural road with a number of bends. Drivers that are driving with due care and attention should be driving at an appropriate speed to negotiate both the narrow road and the bends.

Analysis of recorded personal injury accidents over the three year period January 2010 to March 2013 shows that there were 6 slight, and 1 serious injury accidents on Rocky Lane. None of these accidents involved pedestrians, 4 involved pedal cyclists and occurred on dates of the London to Brighton cycle ride in 2010 and 2011. Speed was recorded by the police as a possible factor in one of the slight injury accidents that did not involve pedal cyclists.

Mr and Mrs Long's concerns have been discussed with officers from Surrey Police. Both council officers and police officers are mindful of pedestrian safety at all times. The police have advised that they would not support a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph.

Officers would not recommend a reduction in the speed limit or traffic calming measures. However it is proposed that investigations are carried out into improving the signing and lining on the section of Rocky Lane in the vicinity of the entrance to the Royal Alexander and Albert School.

Contact Officer:

John Lawlor, Area Team Manager, South East Area Highways Team, 03456 009 009

REDHILL PARKING TASK GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Objective

The Task Group will advise and make recommendations to the Local Committee about on street parking restrictions, including residents parking provision in Redhill.

Membership

The Task Group will consist of four Members of the Local Committee; two County and two Borough Councillors, appointed by the Local Committee at its first meeting of the municipal year.

General

- The Task Group will meet in private.
- The Task Group will keep a record of its actions.
- The Task Group has no formal decision-making powers. Officers supporting the Task Group will write reports to the Local Committee as necessary to put forward the Task Group's proposals and recommendations.

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)****DATE:** 17 JUNE 2013**LEAD OFFICER:** SANDRA BROWN, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TEAM
LEADER**SUBJECT:** LOCAL COMMITTEE CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS**DIVISION:** HORLEY**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Local Committee is asked to consider whether or not it wishes to fund the 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group's building refurbishment project from the Local Committee's Capital Allocation of £35,000. This is being considered as an urgent agenda item.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The sum of £9,650 is approved from the Local Committee's Capital Allocation towards the refurbishment of the 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group's building.
- (ii) To note the projects funded from the Local Committee's Capital Allocation between 2009 and 2013 detailed at Annex A.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Funding from the Local Committee will enable the Scout Group to undertake the necessary refurbishment work during the 2013 summer break. The building work is required to enable the Group to meet a growth in demand across all of its sections and to have a building that is fit for this purpose.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 Each Surrey County Council Local Committee receives £35,000 to enable it to respond to local needs in accordance with the County Council's General Power of Competence (as set out within the Localism Act 2011) or other relevant statutory powers.

1.2 As in previous years, the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) has decided to continue to pool its Capital Allocation and to make a collective decision regarding which local projects should be funded from it.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group has growing numbers in all of its sections and would like to accommodate more young people. However, its building is old and was not designed to absorb the levels of noise that the increased demand for its services and activities bring.
- 2.2 The planned refurbishment will provide a new ceiling (£3000), new flooring (£3950) and new blinds, as well as upgrading of the boys' toilets and other additional repairs to the porch and parts of the building (£2,700). This work will increase the use of the hall for young people providing the opportunity for them to attend movie nights and potentially, sleepovers in the hall, for which blinds would be necessary. If the hall is made a more welcoming place, it would be more attractive to older Scouts and Explorer Scouts enabling them to feel more comfortable in its modern environment.
- 2.3 The Local Committee has funded Guide and Scout activities in the past, as detailed in Annex A of this report.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Local Committee can choose to either fund this project (in full or in part) or to reject the application outright.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Consultations have been undertaken with the Divisional member, the Reigate and Banstead District Scout Council and the parents who form the Scout Group's Executive Committee.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The cost of the project is £9,650, all of which is being requested from the Local Committee. Quotations have been sought and provided for the cost of this work.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The Local Committee's Capital Allocation exists to meet local needs. All sections of the community are able to apply to the fund and each project is judged on its own merit.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The Local Committee's Capital Allocation exists to meet local needs in accordance with the County Council's power of general competence as detailed in the Localism Act 2011.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report/ Set out below.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The committee should consider the approval of the 1st and 2nd Horley Scout Group’s refurbishment project bid for funds.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Following its decision, the Community Partnership Team Leader (East Surrey) will either approve or reject the application for funding. If the Committee wishes to fund the project, once approved, payment will be made to the bidder.

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Divisional Member

Annexes:

Annex A: Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) Capital Allocations 2009/10 – 2012/13

Sources/background papers:

- Financial Framework for Members’ Allocations and Local Committees.
- Local Committee Capital Funding Application form

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ANNEX A: LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD) CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS 2009/10 – 2012/13

2009-10 (£35,000 capital budget)

Strawson Hall, Horley – Refurbishment - £20,000

Funding was sought to contribute towards the cost of refurbishing and re-cladding of Strawson Hall, a wooden building owned by Surrey County Council and leased to Strawson Hall Management Committee. The hall is used by a number of Horley-based community groups, including Horley Community Preschool, which has submitted a separate bid to Early Years for accessible toilets and an extension to the building for their sole use. The proposed refurbishments funded by the Local Committee included replacement of external doors and frames, replacement of internal walls and insulation and replacement of roofing material. The hall aims to provide accommodation to small community groups at affordable rents, and is used by groups including Horley Allsorts Social Group for elderly people, and Horley History Society. It is also used for police liaison meetings and rentals for fundraising events.

Reigate Methodist Church – Community Centre Project - £15,000

Funding was sought to contribute towards the cost of building Phase I of the new community centre at Reigate Methodist Church. The aim of the project was to provide a community building that is accessible and well served by public transport and roads, which is attractive and modern and fully meets the needs of the local community. Phase I of the development included an atrium style entrance serving as an open, light and spacious informal meeting area; five additional meeting room of various sizes; an office for a centre manager/youth leader; kitchen facilities; storage for user groups. It would also be available as a meeting or seminar facility to promote local networking and business. Consultation took place with user groups and other interested parties, and a user-led programme of potential activities was developed in conjunction with a range of voluntary, community and statutory organisations.

2010-11 (£30,000 capital budget)

Merstham Cricket Club – Additional Changing Rooms and Refurbishment of Existing Clubhouse to provide Disabled Toilets - £10,000

Merstham Cricket Club undertook a project to add three new changing rooms to its existing clubhouse. The existing clubhouse was refurbished to include disabled toilets and officials' changing area. The club had expanded its junior section over the previous six years, to over 200 junior members including girls and disabled people ranging from under eight to under 17. The existing changing and toilet arrangements did not allow for a safe environment with the male toilets and showers being co-located. New guidelines stated that under 18s should not change in the same area as adults, and with several under 18s playing in the club's senior sides, the existing provision did not allow for this guideline to be met. The existing clubhouse had no provision for disabled toilets. The club sought £10,000 from the Local Committee to cover the cost of the toilets, including facilities for the disabled in the existing clubhouse building, plus the cost of rewiring.

Age Concern Merstham, Redhill and Reigate - The Merstham Centre Improvement Project (£9,800.22)

Funding was sought to fund the Merstham Centre's improvement project. This consisted of three parts: building a partition in the hall to provide a separate room for those learning IT, allowing greater privacy and confidentiality to those requiring information and advice; building a porch over the front entrance to allow members using the minibus to be kept dry in inclement weather and affixing handrails to assist those with mobility problems, and placing

a strong secure storage shed for the equipment used by volunteer gardeners and centre gardener, relieving space in the centre storage area.

St Luke's Church, South Park – Community Project (£5,000)

Funding was sought towards the capital works forming part of the church's community project. This consisted of external lighting on the path to the main entrance, a ramp to the main entrance to provide level access, accessible toilet facilities and a baby-changing unit. The total cost of the capital works is £9,220, with the remainder coming from church funds and internal fundraising.

2nd Reigate Scouts – “Raise the Roof” (£2,000)

Funding was sought to contribute to the cost of repairing the roof of the Earlswood Scout Hut to enable the continued successful running of the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Groups there. The Earlswood Scout Hut offers a place for local groups to meet and is very popular. All the groups using the hut have waiting lists. The Scout Movement engages young people and their parents in the local community and helps to teach them about the importance of their local environment and the people in it.

Sovereign Centre, Woodhatch – Redecoration and Lighting (£2,000)

Funding was sought to contribute towards the redecoration and lighting within the Sovereign Centre to create a bright, modern and welcoming environment for the local community to enjoy. The centre provides local young people with somewhere to go and something to do with their time, reducing the likelihood of anti-social or risk-taking behaviour by young people in the local community. The aim was to make the centre a modern and fully accessible building for use by youth clubs, training and volunteering for young people not earning, learning or working, sports sessions, activity sessions, after school and holiday programmes, and to host sporting and celebratory events. The total cost of the project was £1,020,491, with the remainder being met by grants from the Surrey County Council Aiming Higher for Disabled Children programme and from other local organisations.

Banstead District Guides Headquarters (£1,000)

Funding was sought to contribute to a new headquarters for Banstead District Guides. The existing building was to be demolished and a new building erected in its place with a new position. The existing building, whilst still serviceable, was in a state of collapse, as the building had shifted due to having exceeded its expected life by some 20 years. The building is the headquarters for the whole of Banstead District Guiding and is also the home of the Little Haven Nursery. The new building will benefit all the current users, namely Girlguiding Banstead District, with 6 units operating here, and Little Haven Nursery being the other main user. The hall is also used by local members supporting guiding and will act as another venue for activities focussing on youth within the area. The total cost of the project was approximately £160,000 based on an estimate for building works and looking at likely costs for new fencing, garden works, removal of existing buildings and allowing a small contingency. The remainder of the funding was promised already but the organisation also had over £30,000 in the bank and continued to fundraise. (NB – this was an interim amount and further funding was granted in 2011-12 – see below).

2011-12 (£35,000 capital budget)

St Mark's Church Centre, Reigate (£10,000)

Funding was sought to contribute to the cost of refurbishment of the ladies', men's and disabled lavatories, heating system in the small hall, foyer and toilet block and complete decoration. This was to address the needs of thousands of people who use the Centre for

many community activities and a variety of organisations. The total cost of the project was £52,135, with the rest of the money coming from donations and fundraising. The parish had made a pledge to cover all, or as much as possible of the cost.

Banstead District Guides Headquarters (£25,000)

Funding was sought to contribute to the cost of replacing the existing pre-fabricated structure with a new, permanent building for the Headquarters for the Banstead District Guides. The building would also serve as the home of Little Haven Nursery and also be used for other youth-related activities in the area. Planning permission for the building had already been granted. The cost of the building works for the project was estimated at £160,000 but the Guides had set a target to raise £200,000 to pay for other associated costs such as equipment, furniture and fittings. £50,000 had already been raised through various fundraising activities and a further £50,000 was expected from a land swap with a local company.

2012-13 (£35,000 capital budget)

Pathfinder Scout Group, Horley – Renovations to Scout Hall (£26,300)

An application for funding was received from Pathfinder Scout Group to renovate and refurbish the Scout Hall to enable it to be fully utilised and benefitted by the community. This project sought to replace the main roof that was leaking and contained asbestos, causing a Health and Safety issue. It also sought to replace the old kitchen and its appliances providing new cupboards and worktop and a fridge/ freezer and cooker so it could become fully functional again. This would enable the user groups to prepare drinks and meals as required. Modern and safe facilities would allow young people to be taught basic cooking skills. The toilets would be modernised, refurbishing the ceilings damaged by heavy rain water and also replacing the rotten main and side fire exit doors to improve security and safety. This work would ensure that the building was water tight and reduce the risk to health and safety by disposing of the asbestos. The possibility of introducing insulated sheet tiles would also be explored to improve the thermal efficiency of the building. The geographical area covered by the Hall is Salfords and the neighbouring villages. The main users of the hall are young people aged between 6 and 24 years of age belonging to the Salfords and NV Youth Club, Scout groups including Beavers and Cubs and Young Farmers. In addition the hall is used for training adults in scouting to provide activities to young people across the Reigate and Banstead Area. Currently the hall is used on 3 nights a week with approximately 70-80 young people attending weekly. By improving the facilities and condition of the hall, Pathfinder Scout Group would be able to allow access to a wider range of people from the community, with young people having somewhere to go it will benefit the wider community by involving the young people. The building is owned by the Scout Association and there are no plans to close the hall. Pathfinder Scout Group has consulted with Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council, Scouts Group, Youth Club and Young Farmers, as well as neighbours and occasional users of the hall. The total cost of the project was estimated to be £28,440, broken down as follows:

- £10,440 Main Roof
- £7,200 Kitchen replacement and appliances
- £8,400 Toilet refurbishment and new ceilings
- £2,400 Entrance and fire door replacement

Estimates were received from local builders to carry out the work including a full re-plaster and the renovation of rooms. Some work would be undertaken by volunteers, such as stripping out the kitchen and painting to help keep costs down. The kitchen would be

secured at cost from a local kitchen supplier. The remainder of the funding was coming from Scout Group funds. The ongoing costs would be met through fees and charges for the hall, as well as subscriptions from Scouts, the Youth Club and Young Farmers.

3rd Banstead Scouts – Increase of Meeting Room Capacity at Scout Ridge (£8,700)

An application was received to increase the meeting room capacity at Scout Ridge by applying additional sound attenuation to the Sports Hall and converting a store area to an additional meeting room. This would enable them to cope with the increasing demand for scouting in the area. This would be Phase 1 of the enlargement of Scout Ridge. Phase 1 is estimated to cost £8,000. The Group had £2,000 and planned to raise the additional £1,000.