Committee: Guildford Local Committee

Date of meeting: Wednesday, 19 June 2013

Note: Decisions in **bold** type indicate a decision differing from the recommendation in the report.

The following decisions were approved by the Guildford Local Committee on Wednesday, 19 June 2013 and will take effect on Tuesday 2 July 2013 unless the call-in procedure has been triggered. The call in procedure applies to executive functions of the local committee only. **CALL- IN DEADLINE: Monday 1st July 2013.**

The following represents a summary of the decisions taken by the Committee. It is not intended to represent the formal record of the meeting but to facilitate the call-in process.

[The alternative options considered and rejected by the Committee in taking the following decisions are set out in the reports circulated with the agenda for the meeting.]

To request a call-in on any of these matters, please contact Carolyn Anderson on 01483 517336.

8	OPERATION HORIZON - 5 YEAR MAINTENANCE PLAN	The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to
		(i) Note the decision made by Cabinet on the 26 th March 2013 to allocate capital monies to Operation Horizon as detailed in the Medium Term Financial Plan.
		(ii) Formally approve the Operation Horizon programme for Guildford and that the 85km of road, across the defined scheme list detailed in Annex One, is resurfaced over the investment period.
		(iii) Note that Surrey Highways will produce an annual report in March 2014 confirming programme progress and success to date.
		REASON:

		 17% of the County's roads are classified as "poor", requiring structural repair. Operation Horizon will seek to address this structural issue by rebuilding a minimum of 10% of the road network and over the investment period will realise £16m to £20m in savings, all of which will be fully re-invested in the highway network. The investment programme will not completely resolve the wider road maintenance backlog (estimated at £200m), however, it is intended to reduce the number of roads classified as "poor" by 50% and will be a significant step in improving the overall road network
9	GUILDFORD HIGH STREET SETTS MAINTENANCE STRATEGY	The Local Committee for Guildford agreed:
		 (i) the setts in Guildford High Street should be re-laid in their entirety, rather than repairing damaged sections only as has been the case in the past, with work commencing in 2014/15.
		(ii) The Area Highways Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and the Guildford Borough Council Lead Councillor for Town Centre Planning and Infrastructure, will establish a Steering Group (as described in paragraphs 4.1-4.4 of this report) to advise and consult on standards for installation, the manner in which work is carried out (with consideration of potential for disruption), the timescale for completion (with consideration of available funding) and future protection of completed work.
		(iii) the committee will explore sources of funding from 2014/15 onwards.
		(iv) Surrey County Council's central Asset Management Team is asked to contribute towards funding.
		 (v) Guildford Borough Council is asked to work in partnership with Surrey County Council on this project and direct funding as it becomes available.
		(vi) The Area Highways Manager will report back to the Local Committee on progress either through the standard Highways Update reports or separately as appropriate.

		REASONS: Guildford's steeply sloping High Street is perhaps the most iconic road in Surrey, contributing to the charm of a historic county town which attracts thousands of visitors from around the world. The road served as backdrop to the finish of the 2012 Tour of Britain cycle race, as it will again in 2013, and was part of the Olympic torch route. It is also one of the most successful high turnover retail streets in the country. Areas of the granite setts that form the carriageway in the High Street have been re-laid over the years, resulting in a patchwork appearance. Various areas remain in need of repair and ongoing deterioration can be expected through the length of the road. In order to bring this flagship road up to a good and uniform standard it is recommended that the maintenance strategy should be to re-lay the setts entirely, rather than continue to repair failed areas on an ad-hoc basis.
11	LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK - YOUTH TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION	 The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed: To approve the Youth Task Group recommendation to award a funding agreement for a twenty four month period from 01 September 2013 to the following provider: Guildford YMCA for 100% of the contract value (£246,000 for the twenty-four month period) to prevent young people from becoming NEET in Guildford. REASON: The recommendations will support the council's priority to achieve full participation; that is for 100% of young people aged 16 to 19 to be in education, training or employment.
14	NOMINATIONS TO TASK GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES	 The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed i. the terms of reference for the two Task Groups as set in <u>Annexes A and B</u> of the committee report. ii. The membership for the Task Groups be as set out in paragraphs 1.4 and 1.7 of the

committee report as follows:
Transportation Task Group County: ClIr Mark Brett-Warburton (C), ClIr Bill Barker, ClIr David Goodwin Borough: ClIr James Palmer, ClIr Tony Rooth, ClIr Tony Phillips
Youth Task Group County: CIIr Keith Taylor (C), CIIr Pauline Searle Borough: CIIr Caroline Reeves, CIIr Sarah Creedy
 To appoint members of the Local Committee to the outside bodies as listed in the report (paragraphs 1.9 – 1.10) as follows: 1.
Guildford Railway Station Re-development Working Group Two County delegates only: Cllr Mark Brett-Warburton, Cllr Bill Barker
Safer Guildford Partnership (CSP) County delegate only: CIIr Fiona White
Guildford Health and Well-being Board County delegate only: Cllr Pauline Searle 2.
REASONS
Member task groups have been created to enable focused attention on areas of work as required by the Local Committee. The task groups will undertake detailed consideration of matters and in turn advise the Committee of their findings in order to better inform the decision making process.
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15	GUILDFORD COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET 2013/4	The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed:
		 (i) To nominate County Councillor Fiona White to represent the Local Committee on the CSP in 2013-14.
		 (ii) the community safety budget of £3,226 having been delegated to the Local Committee should be transferred to the CSP.
		(iii) that the Community Partnerships Manager manage and authorise expenditure from the budget delegated to the Local Committee in accordance with the strategic aims of the CSP.
		REASONS The County Council is a statutory member of the Community Safety Partnership, known as the Safer Guildford Partnership. The Council values partnership working that will make a positive contribution to local projects and activities that will create a safer community for Guildford residents.