

Minutes of the meeting of the
Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 6.30 pm on 24 February 2022
at The Chamber, Surrey Heath Borough Council. Knoll Road, Camberley.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee at its next meeting.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Edward Hawkins
- * Paul Deach (Chairman)
- * Richard Tear
- * Rebecca Jennings-Evans
- * Trefor Hogg (Deputy Chairman)
- * David Lewis

Borough / District Members:

- * Borough Councillor Vivienne Chapman
- * Borough Councillor Josephine Hawkins
- * Borough Councillor Valerie White
- * Borough Councillor Victoria Wheeler
- Borough Councillor Helen Whitcroft
- * Borough Councillor Graham Alleway

* In attendance

1/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Cllr Helen Whitcroft.

2/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21 October 2021 were agreed.

3/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest made.

4/20 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Jason Gosden, Highways Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: One, as detailed

At the last meeting a petition response was presented to the Committee regarding a speed limit reduction through the village of Bagshot. Further speed monitoring was agreed and an update report was presented to the Committee. The update outlined the findings of the surveys. Members thanked the Highways Officer for listening and taking this forward and welcomed the further surveys proposed.

The Local Committee noted that:

- (i) A series of speed surveys have been undertaken along the A30 London Road through Bagshot.
- (ii) The results of these surveys are shown in Table 1 above and all indicate a good general level of compliance with the existing speed limit.
- (iii) The results of the surveys indicate that, in accordance with the county council's "Setting Local Speed Limits" policy, a 30mph speed limit could be introduced over the length of the A30 London Road highlighted in Annex 3. A proposal to introduce a 30mph speed limit over this length has therefore been added to programme of road safety schemes to be delivered during the 2022/23 financial year. The proposal also includes the introduction of vehicle activated signs to help encourage compliance with the lower limit.
- (iv) Further surveys are to be undertaken to assess the following:
 - Over what length the existing 50mph speed limit on the A30 London Road, which starts approximately 250m north east of the junction with Station Road and Bridge Road, could potentially be reduced to 40mph.
 - Over what length the existing 50mph speed limit on the A30 London Road, which starts approximately 200m south east of Lupin Close, could potentially be reduced to 40mph.
 - Any additional reductions in speed limit determined to be appropriate by the further surveys would be progressed in conjunction with the proposed introduction of the 30mph speed limit.

5/20 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

There were no written public questions received. There was no public forum, but 8 members of the public attended and 2 people asked questions regarding Bus stops (see Major Projects update) and the A322 (see Highways Budget Report).

6/20 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]

One question was received from Cllr Helen Whitcroft, regarding installation of yellow lines agreed in the last parking review.

The question and answer were published in the supplementary agenda.

7/20 HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2022/23 [Item 7]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Jason Gosden, Highways Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

The Highways Officer outlined the Highways Budget report. SHBC Councillor Mark Gordon asked whether there would be any chance of getting a crossing point installed on the A322. It was outlined that this was an SCC responsibility and that it was on the list, but that the cost of the project was high and beyond the Local Committee budget. Alternative funding methods continued to be sought and Cllr Gordon was advised to continue to talk with the Divisional Member on this. It was also noted that a scheme for 20mph at Windlesham had not been promoted onto this years list but still remained a priority.

Members were delighted to agree the schemes recommended, which included Ravenscote Crossing and a scheme in Chobham. Thanks were given to Naomi, who had campaigned for changes in Chobham and to Cllr Hawkins who had worked tirelessly to progress the Ravenscote scheme.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed to:

General

- (i) Note that, subject to approval by cabinet, the Local Committee's devolved highways budget for capital works in 2022/23 is £537,034.
- (ii) Agree that, subject to approval by cabinet, the devolved capital budget for highway works be used to progress both capital improvement schemes and member capital allocation as detailed in section 1.
- (iii) Authorise that the Highway Engagement & Commissioning Manager in consultation with county members to be able to reallocate budget to reserve schemes should there be a need to change the programme.
- (iv) Authorise that the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager in consultation with county members, be able to allocate any additional funding for schemes, in accordance with any guidance issued surrounding that funding.

Capital Improvement Schemes

- (v) Agree that, subject to approval by cabinet, the capital improvement schemes allocation for Surrey Heath be used to progress the Major Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) programme set out in Annex 1.
- (vi) Authorise that the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager be able to vire money between the schemes agreed in Annex 1, if required.
- (vii) Agree that Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager, in line with the Scheme of Delegation, is able to progress any scheme from the Major Integrated Transport Schemes programme, including consultation and statutory advertisement that may be required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for completion of those

schemes. Where it is agreed that a scheme will not be progressed, this will be reported back to the appropriate county member.

Member Capital Allocation

- (viii) Note that, subject to approval by cabinet, £50,000 per divisional member is allocated, and up to £15,000 could be allocated to minor ITS, or all £50,000 on capital maintenance (recommended option). The schemes are to be agreed by county members in consultation with the Stakeholder Engagement Officer.

Revenue Maintenance

- (ix) Note that the members, subject to approval by cabinet, will continue to receive a Member Local Highways Fund (revenue) allocation of £7,500 per county member to address highway issues in their division; and
- (x) Agree that revenue works are to be managed by the Highway Maintenance team on behalf of and in consultation with county members.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

To agree, subject to approval by cabinet, a programme of highways works in Surrey Heath for 2022/23, funded from budgets available to enable schemes and works to progress.

8/20 SAFETY ASSESSMENT FOR ROADS AROUND RAVENSCOTE, TOMLINSCOTE AND ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOLS [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Jason Gosden, Highways Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

The Highways Officer outlined the report. Members thanked Louise Grainger and everyone who had worked hard to push this forward and make it happen.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted:

- (i) The findings and recommendations of the safety assessment.
- (ii) That the following items have been added to Surrey Heath scheme list and will be assessed, alongside other proposals on the list, for inclusion in future Surrey Heath Local Committee programmes of work.
 - a proposal to introduce a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing at the existing speed table adjacent to the Ravenscote school gate in Upper Chobham Road.

- a feasibility study into the provision of improved pedestrian crossing facilities in Old Bisley Road (near its junction with Upper Chobham Road and Chobham Road).
 - a feasibility study into the introduction of a 20mph zone in the area around the schools (with appropriate supporting features such as traffic calming and parking management measures)
- (iii) The above proposals have also been added to the Road Safety Outside Schools scheme list to be considered for inclusion in works programmes promoted by the county council's road safety team.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

The highway measures recommended by the assessment would help to reduce vehicle speeds and make it safer and easier for parents and children to walk, cycle and scoot to school. Encouraging an increase in these sustainable modes of transport would help contribute towards a reduction in car journeys and congestion.

9/20 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE BRIEFING [Item 9]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Kevin Ratnasingham, SCC Projects Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

The Projects Officer outlined the major schemes that were being undertaken in Surrey Heath – namely the A30 London Road improvements and the Gold Grid Bus project.

The A30 improvements project had been delivered on time and to budget and this success might lead to further funding becoming available. The bus improvement project also involved the introduction of bus stop clearways which did have some impacts on residents parking.

Rachel Woodward, Kings Ride resident stated that the bus stop clearway works had been undertaken without any consultation and asked whether they could therefore be reversed. Cllr Hogg apologised that full consultation had not taken place before the lines were put in place and that this had been raised with Officers and changes made. Work was ongoing to look at future proposed works and these would be fully consulted upon prior to any installation.

The Project Officer also stated that processes and procedures would be followed in future and that SCC would take onboard the comments and feedback.

10/20 DECISION TRACKER [Item 10]

The decision tracker was noted.

11/20 FORWARD PLAN [Item 11]

The forward plan was noted.

Meeting ended at: 8.00 pm

Chairman