

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR GUILDFORD

DATE: WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2013

LEAD OFFICER: JOHN HILDER, SCC AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER SW

SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report provides an update on the 2013/14 programme of minor highway works funded by this committee as well as Section 106 (developer funded) and Casualty Reduction Group (CRG) schemes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note progress.
- (ii) Agree that £10,000 be allocated towards professional services to develop the High Street setts scheme, particularly refining the cost estimate.
- (iii) Agree to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit to replace the current 30mph limit in Shere village.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is asked to allocate funding to progress preparation of the High Street setts schemes, and authorise the introduction of a lower speed limit in Shere village as part of a safety scheme that incorporates traffic calming measures.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:
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1.1 Budgets available to this committee in 2013/14 are as follows.

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Capital ITS (Improvement) Schemes	263,000
Capital Maintenance	263,000
Revenue Maintenance	317,000
Total	843,000
And in addition	
Community Enhancement Fund	50,000

1.2 At the meeting of 13 March 2013 the committee agreed that this funding should be allocated as follows:-

General Revenue Works

New signs, bollards etc by Guildford team	£20,000
'Community Gang' for 48 weeks	£96,000
Jetter for 5 weeks	£25,000
Ad-hoc maintenance work by the Guildford team	£20,000
Reserve funding for the Lengthsman scheme	£15,000
Sub total	£176,000
ITS (improvement) schemes	£424,000
Market Street Refurbishment	£120,000
Total	£720,000

1.3 The committee agreed the residual **£123,000** (843k – 720k) should be held in reserve against potential increases in costs since estimates made before design has commenced are indicative at best. Any surplus could be directed to LSR (surfacing) work later in the year. The Guildford Maintenance Engineer has priced a number of LSR schemes that can be ordered at short

notice should there be a risk of underspend towards the end of the financial year.

- 1.4 At the meeting of 18 September the committee agreed that an additional £10,000 be directed towards the Lengthsman scheme, bringing the total to £25,000

2. SCHEME PROGRESS:

LENGTHSMAN INITIATIVE

- 2.1 The committee agreed to fund the following Lengthsman (or localism) bids from the £15,000 set aside in March for this initiative:-

Ash Parish Council	£4,800
Pirbright Parish Council	£864
Shere Parish Council	£3,500
Worplesdon Parish Council	<u>£5,000</u>
	£14,164

- 2.2 Worplesdon PC has withdrawn its bid.

- 2.3 'The Horsleys' (up to six parishes to the east of Guildford town) had expressed interest in the initiative back in March, though they made no formal bid at that time. These parishes have been in discussion with the local member and area team, and intend to make a bid shortly.

MARKET STREET REFURBISHMENT

- 2.4 Market Street refurbishment in block paving had been included in the 2012/13 LSR programme funded by this committee. However it was agreed it should be substituted with 'blacktop' surfacing schemes in view of the risk that the complexity of the scheme would mean that it would not be delivered by the end of that financial year, and funding has been allocated in 2013/14.

- 2.5 Market Street has been combined with North Street refurbishment Phase 2, which will see the steps and market/parking areas in North Street remodelled. Works in Market Street are now substantially complete, and the contractor will return in January following the 'Christmas embargo' which prohibits works in town centres. The North Street scheme is expected to complete in February.

CONSTRUCT 3 SCHEMES DEFERRED FROM 2012/13

- 2.6 The estimated cost for all three schemes is **£180,000**.

2.7 Pirbright Village Safety scheme

- Public exhibition held in November, awaiting final comments from PC, install Feb/March.

2.8 Gole Road in Pirbright

- The local committee meeting in June considered a petition from residents of Gole Road in Pirbright for measures to reduce vehicle speeds, and agreed this should be included as part of the village safety scheme. The design team recommend that a 30 speed limit is introduced in Gole Road (currently 40mph) from the junction with the A243 Dawney Hill to a point approximately 1/2km to the west, and that village gateways are installed at this location.

2.9 Shere Village Safety Scheme

- Exhibition in Shere first week of September, install Feb/March. The Parish Council has asked that making Upper Street one-way or no-entry is not progressed at present.
- The scheme includes introducing traffic calming measures aimed at reducing speeds, which are already low in the centre of the village, and was developed with the intention of reducing the current 30mph limit through the village to 20mph. The police have been consulted and are satisfied that once the traffic calming is installed a 20mph limit would be appropriate. The committee is asked to agree to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit to replace the current 30mph limit in Shere village.

2.10 Pedestrian refuge in Portsmouth Road, Ripley

- The Parish Council has agreed preferred location at the village hall. Design being refined to accommodate lorries turning for access, install Feb/March.

CONSTRUCT FURTHER SCHEMES AGREED AT 13 MARCH LC MEETING

2.11 Road table at Warren Road, Charlotteville

- Design complete, install Nov/Dec. Estimated cost £15,000.

2.12 Safer pedestrian crossing at rail bridge, Salt Box Road, Whitmoor Common

- Design being developed by area team in consultation with countryside officers since located on common land. Install Feb/March. Estimated cost £20,000.

2.13 Bus stop platform at The Street, Albury

- Design complete, SCC structures team checking. Install Jan/Feb. Estimated cost £10,000.

2.14 Anti-skid and bollards Queen Eleanor's Road, Dennisville

- This road will be re-surfaced in 2014/15 under the project Horizon programme so anti-skid not necessary, focus on safety in the vicinity of the school. Install December. Estimated cost £15,000.

2.15 Traffic calming Wodeland Avenue, Guildford

- Design in progress. Install Feb/March. Estimated cost £45,000.

2.16 Zebra crossing Kings Road, Shalford

- Completed in Oct. Estimated cost £50,000 – awaiting final costs.

2.17 Feasibility only, Hill Road level crossing, Brook

- Design in progress. Estimated cost £2,000.

2.18 Feasibility only safer pedestrian crossing points BVR/Aldershot Road Interchange slip roads

- Feasibility complete. New signs, road markings and clear vegetation. Estimated cost £2,000.

2.19 Zebra crossing serving schools, Aldershot Road Westborough

- Design complete. Install January. Estimated cost £50,000.

DESIGN ONLY 3 SCHEMES (FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2014/15)

The estimated cost for designing all three schemes is £35,000

2.20 Woking Road j/w Jacobs Well Road junction improvement

- Design in progress.

2.21 Jacobs Well Road j/w Clay Lane, junction improvement

- Design in progress.

2.22 Chertsey Rd j/w North Street, pedestrian amenity/environmental enhancement scheme

- Design in progress.

SECTION 106 SCHEMES

2.23 Zebra crossing New Inn Lane

- Complete.

2.24 Pedestrian safety improvements A25 Epsom Road, Merrow

- Upgrade pedestrian refuges and introduce road table at Horseshoe Lane West. Design in progress, install Jan/Feb.

CASUALTY REDUCTION GROUP SCHEMES

The central Road Safety Team fund low cost schemes at sites with clusters of accidents.

2.25 Signs & anti-skid Ash Road j/w Guildford Road, Fox Corner

- Design complete, install Nov/Dec.

2.26 Dropped kerbs in Dorking Road in the vicinity of Chilworth Infants School, Chilworth

- Design complete, install Dec/Jan.

HIGH STREET SETTS

- 2.27 In June the committee agreed a strategy for the future maintenance of Guildford High Street setts, which is to re-lay them in their entirety with work commencing in 2014/15.
- 2.28 A Steering Group has been established and met initially at the beginning of August. The meeting focussed on funding streams and opportunities, possible construction techniques and whether work should be carried out continuously or in stages.
- 2.29 Cores have been taken throughout the High Street which established that the road has a mass concrete foundation over chalk sub-soil.
- 2.30 Thames Water have been asked to replace the water main running under the High Street which is the source of regular leaks requiring the road to be excavated to effect repairs. SCC has not yet had a response to this request.
- 2.31 A second meeting of the Steering Group in November recognised that a more refined estimate of works costs is need to form the basis for discussions with potential contributors (the current working figure is £1.5m). The group recommended that professional quantity surveying services are engaged to produce such an estimate and the committee is asked to allocate £10,000 from the current years' budget towards this purpose.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 As discussed with members.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Appropriate consultation will be carried out for all schemes.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Works will be carried out by SCC's term highways contractor, May Gurney, who won the term contract in a competitive tender process.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 None

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 Works and schemes are designed to improve and make safer the facilities for local communities in the borough.

7.2 The Lengsthman initiative allows parish councils to undertake enhanced maintenance of the public highway.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

8.1 None

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 As set out in the body of the report.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Officers will continue to progress the programme of schemes agreed by the committee.

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Consulted:

As described within the report

Annexes:

None

Sources/background papers:

Local Committee for Guildford Wednesday 13 March 2013 Item 10: 'Highways Update & Budget Allocations for 2013 2014'
Local Committee for Guildford Wednesday 13 March 2013 Item 11: 'Localism in Highways: An Update on Devolved Highways Delivery'

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