

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)****DATE:** 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**LEAD OFFICER:** NICK HEALEY, AREA TEAM MANAGER (NE)**SUBJECT:** HIGHWAYS UPDATE**DIVISION:** ALL**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report summarises progress with the Local Committee's programme of Highways works for the Financial Year 2013-14.

Preparations are well advanced to deliver the Local Committee's programme of Highways works for the Financial Year 2014-15.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:**

- (i) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s) to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Programmes of work for each Division have been agreed with Divisional Members. Committee is asked to provide the necessary authorisation to deliver those programmes of work in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) aims to improve the highway network for all users. In general terms it aims to reduce congestion, improve accessibility, reduce the frequency and severity of road casualties, improve the environment, and maintain the network so that it is safe for public use.

1.2 The Local Committee in Elmbridge has been delegated Highway budgets in the current Financial Year 2013-14 as follows:

- Local Revenue: £266,620
- Community Enhancement: £45,000
- Capital Integrated Transport Schemes: £202,084
- Capital Maintenance: £202,084
- Capital underspend carried forward from 2012-13: £59,030
- **Total: £774,818**  
(2013-14 budget £715,788 + 2012-13 carry forward £59,030)

1.3 The funds delegated to the Local Committee are in addition to funds allocated at a County level to cover various Highways maintenance and improvement activities, including inspection and repair of safety defects, resurfacing, structures, vegetation maintenance, and drainage.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### **Annual Local Revenue and Capital Programmes**

2.1 In November 2012 Committee approved the 2013-14 budget allocations shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1 Approved allocation of budgets for 2013-14**

| Approved allocation    | Amount                             |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pooled Revenue         | £175,000                           |
| Street Smart           | £40,000                            |
| Divisional Allocations | £500,788<br>(£55,643 per Division) |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>£715,788</b>                    |

2.2 The Pooled Revenue has been used to fund the following activities:

- Ditching programme in partnership with Elmbridge Borough Council: £40,000
- Community Gang (1 week in 3): approximately £50,000
- Extra jetting (6 weeks spread through the FY): £30,000
- Contribution to Annual Parking Review: £10,000
- Signs and road markings
- Other reactive maintenance works

2.3 Table 2 below summarises progress with last Financial Year's Integrated Transport Schemes that have been carried forwards into 2013-14.

**Table 2 Progress with carried forward Capital Programme**

| Scheme                                     | Description   | Progress  | Cost   |
|--|---|---|--|
| Weybridge Station                          | Review of highway network in the vicinity of Weybridge Station Feasibility only this FY | In feasibility – on completion will need to review with Divisional Member | Feasibility fees only this FY                  |
| Oxshott Speed Management Package           | Phase 1: Extension of speed limit<br>Phase 2: Hard standing for mobile enforcement      | Phase 1 completed in 2012-13  | No funding to implement phase 2.               |
| Cleves School                              | New pedestrian crossing   | Complete  | Costs to be covered by developer contributions |
| Fairmile Lane safety improvements          | Casualty reduction scheme at junction with Miles Lane                                   | Detailed design complete. Construction cost would be approx £45,000.      | Design fees only this FY                       |
| Church Street, Cobham – Weight Restriction | New weight restriction.   | Power supply connections to illuminated signs now complete.               | £5,300   |
| Ashley School                              | Improved pedestrian crossing facilities   | Stage 3 Road Safety Audit works   | £2,000<br>(Possible developer funding)         |
| Ockham Lane                                | New weight restriction  | Contribution to joint scheme with Guildford Local Committee               | £1,000   |

**2013-14 Divisional Programmes**

2.4 The Divisional Programmes have been developed in consultation with Members to invest the nine £55,643 Divisional Allocations in maintenance and improvement schemes across the Borough. Although it is not possible to spend precisely £55,643 in each Division, the Divisional Programmes have been designed to provide as even a share in each Division as is reasonably practical.

2.5 Table 3 details progress with this Financial Year's Divisional Programmes.

**Table 3 Progress with 2013-14 Divisional Programmes**

| Location                      | Proposed works      | Cost    | Status  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---|
| New Road, West Molesey        | New Traffic Island  | £22,900 | Complete.   |
| St Peter's Road, West Molesey | New drainage system | £48,600 | Programmed to start construction on 10 <sup>th</sup> March. <i>Risk of delay due to flooding.</i> |
| Limes Road, Weybridge         | LSR, whole road     | £13,000 | Complete.   |

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| Location                     | Proposed works   | Cost   | Status  |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Old Avenue, Weybridge        | LSR, from bellmouth to outside Clevedon  | £26,500  | Complete.   |
| Mulberry Close, Walton       | Footway slurry   | £4,300   | Complete.   |
| Churchfield Place, Weybridge | Footway slurry, one side only, 3no. Gullies and reprofile to prevent ponding at junction | £400 plus revenue funding for the drainage works | Complete.   |
| Devonshire Road, Weybridge   | LSR  | £25,100  | Ordered, awaiting programming. <i>Risk of delay due to flooding. Part funded from Cllr Mahne's non-Highways allocations.</i>        |
| Coveham Crescent, Cobham     | LSR, whole road  | £34,600  | Complete.   |
| Coveham Crescent, Cobham     | Verge parking  | £10,000  | Complete. <i>Funded from Cllr Lewis's non-Highways allocations.</i>   |
| Stoke Road, Cobham           | Speed limit feasibility  | £5,000   | See comments below in paragraph 2.8.  |
| Westcar Lane, Hersham        | LSR, at junction with Burwood Road and other needy sections                              | -  | Complete. Costs now covered by Project Horizon.   |
| Pratts Lane, Hersham         | LSR, whole road  | £7,300   | Complete.   |
| Linfield Close, Hersham      | LSR, whole road  | £20,500  | Complete.   |
| Burwood Road, Hersham        | School safety measures feasibility study   | £6,000   | Feasibility complete. New signs to be implemented this FY. <i>Signs to be funded from Cllr Hicks's non-Highways allocation.</i>     |
| Meadow Road, Claygate        | LSR, whole road  | £95,100  | Complete. <i>Torrington Road was resurfaced at the same time as part of Project Horizon Year 1 programme.</i>                       |
| Wrens Hill, Oxshott          | LSR, bellmouth only  | £5,700   | Complete. <i>£2,000 contribution from Cllr Bennison's non-Highways allocation. £1,800 contribution from Residents' Association.</i> |

| Location                               | Proposed works                                  | Cost     | Status   |
|--|---|----------|--|
| Trystings Close and Oakhill            | LSR   | £19,800  | Complete.  |
| Danes Hill, Oxshott                    | Pedestrian crossing and improved warning signs. | £5,400   | Feasibility in progress for pedestrian crossing. Signs ordered.<br><i>Funded by Danes Hill School.</i>   |
| Winterdown Road and Garson Road, Esher | LSR, whole road                                 | £112,000 | Complete.<br><i>£3,888 contribution from Cllr Selleck's non-Highways allocation. Garson Road now funded from Winter Damage fund (£30,000).</i> |
| Manor Road jw Arnison Road             | LSR, junction only                              | £23,000  | Completed as single scheme with Vine Road jw Church Road.  |
| Vine Road jw Church Road               | LSR, junction only                              | -        | Completed as single scheme with Manor Road jw Arnison Road.  |
| Long Ditton Schools                    | School safety measures feasibility study        | £5,000   | See separate report.   |
| Windmill Lane, Thames Ditton           | LSR, Effingham Road end only                    | -        | Due to be treated as a retread site. Delayed due to contractual issues.  |
| Victoria Avenue                        | LSR   | £7,900   | Ordered. Programmed for March 2014.<br><i>Risk of delay due to flooding.</i>   |
| Thames Meadow                          | LSR   | £7,400   | Ordered. Programmed for March 2014.<br><i>Risk of delay due to flooding.</i>   |
| Carlton Road, Walton                   | Footway slurry                                  | £30,600  | Complete.  |
| Mayo Road, Walton                      | LSR   | £23,400  | Complete.  |
| Rydens Road                            | New pedestrian crossing                         | £4,000   | Feasibility / detailed design only this Financial Year.<br><i>Funded from Cllr Lake's non-Highways budget.</i>                                 |
| Anderson Road, Weybridge               | LSR   | £18,000  | Complete.  |
| Oatlands Drive, Walton                 | Cycle lanes and traffic calming                 | £38,000  | Ordered. Programmed for March 2014.<br><i>Risk of delay due to flooding.</i>   |

| Location  | Proposed works                 | Cost   | Status  |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Oatlands Chase  | New footway and mobility ramps | £64,000  | Ordered. Programmed for March 2014.<br><i>Risk of delay due to flooding.</i><br>£14,000 from Member Capital and Revenue contributions. £30,000 from monies released from Garson Road by Winter Damage funding contribution. £20,000 PIC contribution. |
| <b>Total programme value, including carried forward Capital Schemes</b> |                                | <b>£683,500</b><br><i>Including approximately £106,000 contributions</i> |   |

- 2.6 The total value of the capital programme exceeds the £500,788 total value of the Divisional Allocations by approximately £182,712. The total value of contributions from Members' non-Highways allocations and other sources is approximately £106,000. Taking into account the the £59,030 carried forward from last Financial Year, the programme is approximately £18,000 over allocated.
- 2.7 At the time of writing many of the Council's Highways resources are being directed to flood related activities. The Leader announced on 11<sup>th</sup> February that flood prevention work was the main priority, and that some non-urgent highways works would pause where there is a need to tackle flooding. In this context it is likely that some of Committee's schemes will be delayed into next Financial Year 2014-15. Officers will identify these schemes and request that funds be carried forward from this Financial Year 2013-14 to enable these schemes to be completed.
- 2.8 The feasibility study for Stoke Road, Cobham was reported to Committee in November 2013. Since November 2013 officers having been developing further an option based on traffic islands. However in the context of the current speed limit policy officers are unable to recommend a reduction in speed limit to 30mph. Members may be aware that the Council's speed limit policy is currently under review. In anticipation of a change in speed limit policy, officers are in discussion with Surrey Police as to whether they would support a change in speed limit under the proposed new policy. In the context of this discussion, fresh speed surveys have been commissioned to inform the discussion. Officers will keep the Divisional Member and Chairman up to date as this discussion progresses with Surrey Police.
- 2.9 The feasibility study for the Long Ditton Schools is reported separately.
- 2.10 Officers will keep the Chairman, Vice Chairman and appropriate Divisional Member updated as the remaining schemes are delivered, taking decisions as necessary to ensure the programmes are delivered, and cost variations managed. It is recommended to authorise the Area Team Manager to identify and prioritise additional schemes as necessary to ensure the remainder of this Financial Year's budgets are fully invested in the road network in Elmbridge, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s).

### Programme Monitoring and Reporting

- 2.11 Officers will update Committee with progress in the delivery of its works programmes at each Committee meeting. In addition Committee Chairmen are provided with detailed monthly finance updates, which detail all the orders raised against the various budgets, as well as the works planned for each of the budgets.

### Priorities for 2014-15

- 2.12 Table 4 shows next Financial Year's budget allocations that were approved by Committee in September 2013.

**Table 4 Approved allocation of budgets for 2014-15**

| Approved allocation  | Amount                             |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Pooled Revenue</b><br>To cover various revenue concerns across the Borough for example: drainage and ditching, patching and kerb works, parking, minor safety schemes, extra vegetation. The Community Gang would be funded from this allocation. | £175,000                           |
| <b>Street Smart</b>  | £40,000                            |
| <b>Divisional Allocations</b>  | £500,788<br>(£55,643 per Division) |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>£715,788</b>                    |

- 2.13 Officers have agreed with Divisional Members priorities for their respective Divisional Allocations for next Financial Year 2014-15. These are detailed in Table 5.

**Table 5 2014-15 Divisional Programmes**

| Location                      | Proposed works                                  | Cost            | Status   |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Eastcote Avenue, West Molesey | LSR, whole road                                 | £53,300         | Need to walkthrough with Kier.   |
| Fleetside, West Molesey       | Mobility Ramps                                  | £tbc            | Need to confirm locations and estimate costs. Officers to investigate whether any PIC money is available for this. |
| TBA in West Molesey           | Mobility Ramps                                  | £2,000 per pair | Need to confirm locations with Divisional Member.  |
| Holstein Avenue, Weybridge    | LSR, whole road                                 | £14,850         | Need to walkthrough with Kier.   |
| Weybridge Station             | Drainage investigation and repair               | £21,500         | Need to arrange drainage investigation.  |
| Heath Road, Weybridge         | Improve cycle route from Station to Town Centre | £20,000         | Feasibility to be included in Weybridge Station feasibility study in 2013-14.                                      |

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| Location                               | Proposed works  | Cost    | Status   |
|--|---|---------|--|
| Stoke Road, Cobham                     | Reduce speed limit to 30mph                           | £55,000 | Subject to ongoing feasibility, the proposed new speed limit policy, Surrey Police's support, and public consultation.   |
| Fairmile Lane, Cobham                  | Casualty reduction scheme at junction with Miles Lane | £45,000 | Detailed design already complete.<br><i>Reserve scheme if Stoke Road speed limit reduction proves unfeasible, or in the event that under the proposed new speed limit policy it is possible to reduce the speed limit without costly engineering measures.</i> |
| Heath Ridge Green, Cobham              | LSR, entrance plus first 25m                          | £5,000  | Need to walkthrough with Kier<br><i>Reserve scheme if Stoke Road speed limit reduction proves unfeasible, or in the event that under the proposed new speed limit policy it is possible to reduce the speed limit without costly engineering measures.</i>     |
| Links Green Way, Cobham                | LSR, entrance plus first 25m                          | £5,000  | Need to walkthrough with Kier<br><i>Reserve scheme if Stoke Road speed limit reduction proves unfeasible, or in the event that under the proposed new speed limit policy it is possible to reduce the speed limit without costly engineering measures.</i>     |
| Blundell Lane, Cobham, near Stoke Road | Extend footway  | £15,000 | Funded from PIC contributions.<br>Need design brief.   |
| Fairmile Park Road, Cobham             | Speed Limit Review                                    | £5,000  | Need design brief<br><i>To be funded from Cllr Lewis's non-Highways allocation.</i>  |
| Burwood Road, Hersham                  | Safety Improvements                                   | £55,000 | Need to complete detailed design.<br>Need public consultation.   |
| Blakeden Drive, Claygate               | Treatment TBC, whole road                             | £47,000 | Need to walkthrough with Kier.<br><i>Cllr Bennison to decide between this and Brookfield if cannot afford both</i>   |
| Brookfield Gardens, Claygate           | Treatment TBC, whole road                             | £tbc    | Need to walkthrough with Kier<br><i>Cllr Bennison to decide between this and Blakeden if cannot afford both</i>  |



| Location   | Proposed works              | Cost           | Status   |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| The Roundway, Claygate                               | Micro Asphalt, whole road   | £32,500        | Need to walkthrough with Kier  |
| TBA in Oxshott, Claygate and Hinchley Wood           | Mobility Ramps              | £4,000         | Provisional on cost of Blakenen or Brookfield and The Roundway.  |
| Wolsey Road, Esher                                   | LSR, extent TBC             | £51,000        | Need to walkthrough with Kier<br><i>Need to confirm programme in East Molesey and Esher once costs fully known</i> |
| Wolsey Grove, Esher                                  | LSR, extent TBC             | £11,000        | Need to walkthrough with Kier<br><i>Need to confirm programme in East Molesey and Esher once costs fully known</i> |
| Esher Park Avenue                                    | New parking space(s)        | £tbc           | Need to confirm costs.   |
| Walton Road / Bridge Road / Esher Road, East Molesey | LSR, extent TBC             | £tbc           | Need to walkthrough with Kier<br><i>Need to confirm programme in East Molesey and Esher once costs fully known</i> |
| Long Ditton Schools                                  | School safety measures      | £48,000        | Need to complete detailed design.<br>Need public consultation.   |
| Thames Ditton Fountain                               | Overrun protection measures | £7,000         | Need to coordinate / walkthrough with Kier and Skanska.  |
| Pound Close, Thames Ditton                           | Minor repairs               | Revenue funded | Need to agree extent.  |
| Rydens Road, West Molesey                            | New pedestrian crossing     | £55,000        | Subject to feasibility study due to be completed in 2013-14.   |
| Millbrook, Weybridge                                 | LSR, whole road             | £12,000        | Need to walkthrough with Kier  |
| Lindley Road, Walton                                 | Footway                     | £20,000        | Need to walkthrough with Kier  |
| Castle Road, Weybridge                               | Footway                     | £12,000        | Need to walkthrough with Kier  |
| Cedar Grove, Oatlands Park                           | Footway                     | £4,000         | Need to walkthrough with Kier  |

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| Location                         | Proposed works | Cost                          | Status                                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| TBA in Walton South and Oatlands | Mobility Ramps | £7,000                        | Need to agree locations with Cllr Samuels. |
| <b>Total programme value</b>     |                | <b>Approximately £605,000</b> |  |

- 2.14 Officers will keep the Divisional Members informed of progress with their respective Divisional Programmes, and will report progress formally to the Local Committee. The total value of the Divisional Programmes will reduce as Members make decisions regarding provisional schemes.

### **Drainage update**

- 2.15 The Surrey County Council website includes pages relating to Highway drainage: <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-maintenance-and-cleaning/drainage-and-flooding/drain-cleaning> These pages give an overview of the Council's drainage activities and answer the most frequent questions.
- 2.16 The Elmbridge Drain Cleaning Schedule for 2013-14, which lists all the roads in Elmbridge by post-town, and gives the month(s) in which the gullies in these roads are due to be cleaned, is also available on the Council's website: <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-maintenance-and-cleaning/drainage-and-flooding/drain-cleaning/drain-cleaning-schedule/drain-cleaning-in-elmbridge> Unfortunately this is listed by post-town rather than by Electoral Division. Officers are working to change this for future schedules.
- 2.17 Officers receive a detailed spreadsheet from our drainage sub-contractor on a regular basis. Due to the sheer size of this spreadsheet it is not practical to publish it. Officers would gladly send the spreadsheet to Members by e-mail if required. The level of detail available gives the name of each road where gullies have been cleaned, the dates of the cleaning, and also all gullies found to have blocked connections or other defects. Gullies with defects are listed individually with their grid reference, to enable defects to be followed up. Officers use this detailed information both to monitor performance of our sub-contractor and to assess follow up works. For example blocked connections will now need to be prioritised for further attention alongside the other reported problems.
- 2.18 At the end of January 2014, 6,591 gullies had been cleaned in Elmbridge as part of this year's cycle, and a further 10,443 were outstanding. 386 were inaccessible due to parked vehicles, 20 were obstructed, 45 had jammed covers, 81 were simply not found, and 156 had blocked outlets.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 None at this stage. Officers will revert to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, or indeed the Committee as appropriate, whenever preferred options need to be identified.

**4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 Officers have consulted Divisional Members to identify schemes for their respective Divisional Programmes for 2014-15.

**5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 The financial implications of this paper are detailed in section 2 above.

**6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding.

**7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 The Local Committee prioritises its expenditure according to local priorities.

**8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

- 8.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples' perception of crime.

**9. CONCLUSION:**

- 9.1 This Financial Year's programmes are being delivered.
- 9.2 Preparations are well advanced for next Financial Year's programmes.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 10.1 The Area Team Manager will work with Divisional Members, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deliver this Financial Year's Divisional Programmes, and to prepare for next Financial Year's Divisional Programmes.

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**Consulted:** Divisional Members, in the identification of schemes for their respective Divisional Programmes.

**Annexes:** 0

**Sources/background papers:** None.

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