

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

DATE: 3 MARCH 2014
 LEAD OFFICER: JOHN LAWLOR, AREA TEAM MANAGER



SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SCHEMES 2013/14 – END OF YEAR UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL REIGATE & BANSTEAD DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:
To inform the Local Committee of the outcome of the 2013/14 Integrated Transport and highways maintenance schemes programmes in Reigate and Banstead.
RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to note the contents of the report.
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:
To provide the Local Committee with an end of year update of Local Committee funded highway works in the Borough.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In March 2013, Reigate and Banstead Local Committee agreed a programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) and revenue maintenance expenditure for 2013/14 in Reigate and Banstead. The £446,100 ITS capital budget was divided equally between improvement schemes and maintenance (local structural repair) schemes. The revenue maintenance budget was set at £284,110. In addition to this, each County Member was allocated £5,000 Community Enhancement funding to spend on improvements in their local area. The budgets for the above programmes were devolved to the Local Committee.
- 1.2 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved budget, there are Countywide capital budgets which are used to fund major maintenance (Operation Horizon), surface treatment schemes, footway schemes, drainage works and safety barrier schemes. Countywide revenue budgets are used to carry out both reactive and routine planned maintenance works.
- 1.3 Developer contributions and other external sources provide a further area of funding of highway improvement schemes.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 **Annex 1** provides an end of year update of the 2013/14 capital programme of Local Committee funded highway works in Reigate and Banstead. It also provides an update on schemes funded by the Road Safety Working Group and those being progressed using developer or other external contributions.

2.2 Two large footway schemes and the second phase of the safety scheme in Woodhatch Road have been completed. The legal processes have been completed to make permanent the suspension of the bus gate in Frenches Road, and the scheme will be completed in 2014/15 with the provision of a raised table within the road narrowing. A number of smaller schemes have been completed, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2.3 Nine Local Structural Repair (LSR) schemes have been completed in 2013/14, funded from the Local Committee ITS capital maintenance budget. Two schemes identified for LSR have been transferred to the Operation Horizon programme.

2.4 Table 1 below shows the revenue maintenance allocations for 2013/14, together with works carried out to date. This budget will have been spent in full by the end of the financial year.

Item	Allocation	Works Carried Out
Drainage / ditching works	£25,000	Hire of additional jetter to clean gullies where problems identified. Drainage repairs in Bonehurst Road and Chipstead Lane.
Tree works	£25,000	Verge repair and protection works.
Carriageway or footway patching works	£20,000	Carriageway and footway patching works in Starrock Lane, Pembroke Close, Lonesome Lane, Castle Drive, Slipshatch Road, Great Tattenhams, A217 Brighton Road and Yardley Close plus works on the London to Brighton cycle route.
Parking	£20,000	Contribution towards parking review in Reigate and Banstead
Signs and Road markings	£5,000	Provision of new signs at various locations across the borough.
Low Cost Measures	£5,000	Funding used to support the drainage works above.
Sub Total	£100,000	
Revenue Maintenance Gang	£100,000	Hire of Revenue Maintenance Gang to carry out minor works throughout the Borough
Small revenue works	£34,110	Funding used to supplement Vernon Walk ITS footway scheme.
Localism Initiative	£50,000	£5,000 per County Member to fund bids from Parish Councils and Residents' Associations for local revenue highway projects (see para 2.5 below)
Sub Total	£184,110	
TOTAL	£284,110	

Table 1 – Revenue Maintenance 2013/14

2.5 The Highways Localism Initiative was set up to allow Parish Councils and Residents' Associations to bid to the Local Committee for funding of local revenue projects. £5000 per County Member was allocated for localism initiative works in their divisions, with the proviso that if any of the funding had not been distributed by the end of November 2013, the money would revert to the relevant Member's Community Enhancement allocation. There have been discussions with residents' associations in some divisions regarding bids for localism funding with one late bid for £2,000 being received. The balance of the funding has reverted to the Community Enhancement allocation.

2.6 Reigate and Banstead Local Committee was allocated £50,000 Community Enhancement Fund, which equates to £5,000 per County Member, to pay for small highway improvements to benefit the local community. This budget is projected to be spent in full by the end of the financial year and has been used to fund works such as providing new grit bins, signing and drainage works.

2.7 Developer contributions have been used to carry out feasibility design on a number of schemes, as set out in Annex 1. Work has commenced on one externally funded scheme, to provide a new section of footway in Yew Tree Bottom Road, funded by the County's Adult Social Care Directorate, which will be completed by the end of this financial year. Annex 1 also sets out details of works in Reigate and Banstead funded by the Road Safety Team.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Not applicable.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Not applicable

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The key objective with regard to the 2013/14 budgets has been to manage to a neutral position. Final end of year figures are not yet available to determine if this objective has been achieved.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The Highways Service is mindful of the localism agenda and engages with the local community as appropriate before proceeding with the construction of any highway scheme.

7.2 Specific funding is allocated from the Local Committee's devolved budget which allows Parish Councils and Residents' Associations to bid to the Local Committee for the funding of local revenue projects.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

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

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder.

8.2 Sustainability implications

The use of sustainable materials and the recycling of materials is carried out wherever possible and appropriate.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 This report sets out highway works carried out in Reigate and Banstead in 2013/14, for Members' information.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The remaining budget for 2013/14 will be spent and the end of year outturn figures will be finalised.

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Consulted:

Not applicable

Annexes:

Annex 1: Summary of Progress

Sources/background papers:

- Report to Reigate and Banstead Local Committee, 4 March 2013

CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES			
Project: A2022 Croydon Lane, Banstead			
Detail:	Pedestrian refuge and localised road widening	Division:	Banstead, Woodmansterne and Chipstead
Allocation: £30,050			
Progress: Scheme not being progressed at the current time due to estimated cost of works. Agreed by Local Committee in September 2013.			
Project: A2044 Woodhatch Road, Redhill			
Detail:	Accident remedial measures	Division:	Earlswood and Reigate South
Allocation: £25,000			
Progress: Phase 2 of works at bend south of Dunlin Close. Scheme to include improvements to existing signs and road markings, and provision of anti-skid. Completed.			
Project: Garratts Lane/Holly Lane, Banstead			
Detail:	Safer Routes to School pedestrian improvements	Division:	Banstead, Woodmansterne and Chipstead
Allocation: £8,000			
Progress: Two options have been developed for improving the pedestrian facilities at the junction of Garratts Lane/Holly Lane. Preferred option to be agreed with divisional Member. Local Committee funding allocated towards implementation in 2014/15. There is also potential developer funding available from a site in the neighbouring division to contribute towards implementation, subject to discussion with the divisional Member.			
Project: B2036 Balcombe Road, Horley			
Detail:	Footway and accessibility improvements	Division:	Horley East
Allocation: £45,000			
Progress: Completed.			

CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES			
Project: Vernon Walk, Tadworth			
Detail:	Footway improvements	Division:	Tadworth, Walton and Kingswood
Allocation: £60,000			
Progress: Completed			
Project: Frenches Road, Redhill			
Detail:	Permanent suspension of bus gate	Division:	Redhill East
Allocation: £10,000			
Progress: Permanent revocation of Traffic Regulation Order covering bus gate advertised November 2013. Road Safety Audit has been carried out on design of raised table within existing kerb build-out and removal of equipment associated with rising bollard. Statutory Notice for raised table advertised August 2013. Local Committee funding allocated for implementation 2014/15.			
Project: Small Safety Schemes			
Detail:	To be identified	Division:	All
Allocation: £20,000			
Progress: Implementation of the A217 speed limit reduction between Dovers Green and Ironsbottom, as agreed by Local Committee in June 2013. Speed limit order advertised. Subject to making of the order, works to be completed by end March 2014.			
Project: Signs and Road Markings			
Detail:	To be identified	Division:	All
Allocation: £10,000			
Progress: Signing of HGV route to Albert Road North Industrial estate. Completed.			
Project: Stage 3 Road Safety Audits			
Detail:	To be carried out as required	Division:	All
Allocation: £5,000			
Progress: No stage 3 road safety audits required in 2013/14.			

CAPITAL ITS MAINTENANCE SCHEMES (LOCAL STRUCTURAL REPAIR)		
Project	Division	Update
Long Walk, Epsom Downs	Nork and Tattenhams	Completed
Maybury Close (extending into Ballards Green), Burgh Heath	Tadworth and Walton	Completed
Bourne Road, Merstham	Merstham & Reigate South	Completed
Redwood Mount, Reigate	Reigate	Completed
Montfort Rise, Salfords	Horley West	Moved to Operation Horizon programme for 2013/14. LSR funding transferred.
Rosemary Lane, Horley	Horley East	Completed
Priory Drive, Reigate	Earlswood & Reigate South	Completed
Hillfield Road, Redhill	Redhill East	Completed
Linkfield Lane, Redhill	Redhill West	Moved to Operation Horizon programme for 2013/14. LSR fund used to treat Fairlawn Drive.
Pound Road, Banstead	Banstead & Woodmansterne	Completed
Fairlawn Drive, Redhill	Redhill West	Completed

POTENTIAL DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES		
Project: Bletchingley Road, Merstham		
Detail: Pedestrian crossing facility improvements	Division: Merstham and Banstead South	
Progress: Feasibility design of measures to improve the existing zebra crossing under the railway bridge. Draft proposal to be discussed with divisional Member. Local Committee funding allocated for implementation in 2014/15.		
Project: A217/Smithy Lane/Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood		
Detail: Junction signalisation	Division: Merstham and Banstead South	
Progress: Safety Audit on detailed design been carried out. Drawings amended to take into account comments made. Scheme has been placed on Intermediate Schemes list.		
Project: Chequers Lane, Walton on the Hill		
Detail: Priority give-way	Division: Tadworth, Walton and Kingswood	
Progress: Investigation of previous proposal to install measures to slow traffic entering the village from the west. Divisional Member to be consulted on requirements for this location.		
Project: Tadworth Street, Tadworth		
Detail: Localised road widening	Division: Tadworth, Walton and Kingswood	
Progress: Localised road widening to provide additional traffic lane on approach to A217 Brighton Road roundabout. Utilities equipment identified as requiring diversion at budget estimated cost of £129,110. Still awaiting detailed estimate from utilities. Scheme on hold until detailed estimate received. Officers to meet with The Children's Trust to discuss reinstatement of fence along new boundary. Revenue budget to be used for removal/replacement of trees, in consultation with The Children's Trust and the Reigate and Banstead Tree Officer, to improve the local environment. This work will be taken forward in 2014/15.		

POTENTIAL DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES		
Project: Outwood Lane, Chipstead		
Detail: Pedestrian improvements	Division: Banstead, Woodmansterne and Chipstead	
Progress: Investigate improvements to existing footway on Outwood Lane between the Ramblers Rest and Hazelwood Lane. Draft proposal to be discussed with divisional Member. Local Committee funding allocated for implementation in 2014/15.		
Project: A23 High Street, Merstham		
Detail: Convert existing zebra to signal control	Division: Merstham and Banstead South	
Progress: Design completed, safety audit carried out. On hold until feasibility design of traffic signals at the junction of High Street/School Hill completed.		
Project: Epsom Road North, Epsom Downs		
Detail: Accident Remedial Scheme	Division: Nork and Tattenhams	
Progress: Scope of scheme to be agreed and design brief issued. Divisional Member to be consulted on requirements for this location.		
Project: A23 Brighton Road/Salbrook Road/ Lodge Lane, Salbrook		
Detail: Junction Improvement	Division: Horley West, Salfords and Sidlow	
Progress: Expansion of activities on the Salbrook industrial site (Police Holding Centre, new Fire Station, waste recycling centre) will increase traffic movements at the existing priority junction, which already has a poor safety record. Design of junction improvement (roundabout) to be carried out. This proposal has been added A23 Corridor Economic Support Scheme in the Reigate and Banstead Strategic Economic Plan.		

ROAD SAFETY TEAM SCHEMES		
Project: A23 Horley Road, Redhill		
Detail: Provision of anti-skid and parking bays	Division: Redhill East; Redhill West and Meadvale; Earlswood and Reigate South	
Progress: Developer funded scheme to provide three parking bays in Horley Road and anti-skid surfacing on both approaches to the junction with Church Road and Woodlands Road. Completed		
Project: A217 Reigate Hill/Gatton Bottom/Wray Lane, Reigate		
Detail: Traffic Signals	Division: Reigate; Merstham and Banstead South	
Progress: Feasibility design for signalisation of junction. Awaiting amended design drawing showing tie-in with Reigate Hill two-lane approach, plus second option, to assist traffic from Wray Lane. Junction being modelled to consider capacity, delays and any possible impact on M25 J8 roundabout.		
Project: A23 High Street/School Hill, Merstham		
Detail: Traffic Signals	Division: Merstham and Banstead South	
Progress: Feasibility design for signalisation of junction. Stage 1 Road Safety Audit carried out. Traffic modelling has indicated that the introduction of signals would take the junction to around 300% over capacity, causing long delays and congestion. Consideration to be given to what other options could be considered for this junction to improve safety, in consultation with the divisional Member.		

EXTERNALLY FUNDED SCHEMES	
Project:	Yew Tree Bottom Road, Epsom Downs
Detail:	Provision of footway
Division:	Nork and Tattenhams
Progress:	Scheme funded by Adult Social Care. Provision of localised carriageway widening and new footway to link to existing footway in service road completed. Works commenced on site. To be completed by end March 2014.

Note: Information correct at time of writing (12/02/14)

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