

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

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

DIVISION: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:
To inform the Local Committee on the outcome of the 2013/14 Integrated Transport and highways maintenance schemes programmes in Mole Valley.
RECOMMENDATIONS:
The Local Committee (Mole Valley) 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 District.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In December 2012, Mole Valley Local Committee agreed a programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) and revenue Maintenance expenditure for 2013/14 in Mole Valley. The £368,666 ITS capital budget was divided equally between improvement schemes and maintenance (local structural repair) schemes. The revenue maintenance budget was set at £252,110. 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 Mole Valley. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer or other external contributions.

2.2 A number of large Integrated Transport Schemes have been delivered in Mole Valley in 2013/14, some of which are the second phase of works started in the previous financial year, as outlined in Annex 1. Design work has also been undertaken for schemes which the Local Committee have agreed to progress to detailed design/implementation in 2014/15.

2.3 Eight Local Structural Repair (LSR) schemes have been completed in 2013/14, funded from the Local Committee ITS capital maintenance budget. Six further LSR schemes where there was insufficient funding to implement this financial year have been carried forward to the 2014/15 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	£28,000	Investigation and repair of blocked pipes etc at various locations.
Tree works	£30,000	Area-wide hedge flailing programme. Moss control programme at various locations. Verge repair and protection works. Urgent or critical tree works.
Carriageway or footway patching works	£5,000	Carriageway, footway and kerb repairs at various locations across the district.
Parking	£5,000	Contribution towards parking review in Mole Valley – see Annex 1.
Signs and Road markings	£2,000	Provision of new signs, upgrade/replacement of existing signs at various locations.
Highways Localism Initiative works	£30,000	£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	£100,000	
Additional funding	£152,110	Hire of Revenue Maintenance Gang to carry out minor works throughout Mole Valley eg vegetation works, minor drainage work including grip cutting and minor verge repairs.
Sub Total	£152,110	
TOTAL	£252,110	

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 highway 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.

The Maintenance Engineer for Mole Valley has worked with Parish Councils and Residents' Associations to develop bids. As a result, there have been a number of successful bids from both Parish Councils and Residents' Associations, with approximately half of the Localism Initiative budget allocated to fund minor highway works. The balance of the funding has reverted to the relevant Member's Community Enhancement allocation.

2.6 Mole Valley Local Committee was allocated £30,000 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 minor enhancement schemes.

2.7 Developer contributions have been used to carry out design work on a number of schemes, including the streetscene works in Leatherhead High Street, footway improvements in West Street, Dorking and the Woodfield Lane, Ashted improvement scheme, as set out in Annex 1. Developer monies have also been used to part-fund Local Committee schemes, including the zebra crossing in Cobham Road, Fetcham.

2.8 The virements and delegated authorities put in place by the Local Committee enabled the highways programme of works to be delivered flexibly and in a timely manner.

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.

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- 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 the highway works carried out in Mole Valley 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 Mole Valley Local Committee, 5 December 2012
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CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES		
Project: A24 Horsham Road, Holmwood		
Detail: Measures to address right turn/vehicle overhang on A24 central reservation	Division: Dorking Rural	Allocation: £1,333
Progress: Trial lane closure carried out October 2012 half-term week. Camera survey of trial carried out. Funding allocated to implement permanent scheme in 2014/15.		
Project: Cobham Road, Fetcham		
Detail: Zebra crossing	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East Bookham and Fetcham West	Allocation: £40,000
Progress: Zebra crossing, part funded from developer contributions. Completed		
Project: Rectory Lane, Bookham		
Detail: Footway extension	Division: Bookham and Fetcham West	Allocation: £2,000
Progress: Two options been developed by Design Team. Ecological assessment carried out Spring 2013. Funding allocated for further design in 2014/15 and implementation 2015/16, subject to resolution of any land issues.		
Project: High Street/East Street, Bookham		
Detail: Measures to address speed, congestion and HGVs	Division: Bookham and Fetcham West	Allocation: £30,000
Progress: Proposals developed in consultation with the Bookham Residents' Association and divisional Member, as reported to Local Committee in December 2013. Trial to be undertaken and consultation carried out. Further funding allocated for scheme implementation in 2014/15. Developer funding also available to help fund implementation.		

CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES
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Project: A24 Deepdene Avenue, Dorking (Phase 2)			
Detail: Safety measures	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods	Allocation: £30,000	
Progress: Completed. Phase 2 works comprised extension of street lighting to pedestrian refuge south of entrance to Kuoni and illumination of islands at the new right turn lane into Kuoni and the pedestrian refuge Further funding allocated to progress Phase 3 design in 2014/15.			
Project: A24 Horsham Road (Spook Hill to Beare Green), Dorking			
Detail: Shared cycle/pedestrian path	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods Dorking Rural	Allocation: £20,000	
Progress: Completed. Phase 2 works comprised improvements to the section of shared footway north of Old Horsham Road. Further funding allocated to progress Phase 3 in 2014/15.			
Project: Fetcham Infants/Oakwood Junior and Newdigate Infants Schools			
Detail: Advisory 20mph speed limits	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East Bookham and Fetcham West Dorking Rural	Allocation: £15,000	
Progress: Completed. Monitoring of speeds to be undertaken in Spring 2014 to determine the effectiveness of advisory 20mph speed limits.			
Project: Hollow Lane, Wotton			
Detail: Measures to reduce speeds in vicinity of cottages	Division: Dorking Hills	Allocation: £5,000	
Progress: Design team progressing scheme to improve pedestrian safety in the section of Hollow Lane by the cottages. Further funding allocated to implement scheme in 2014/15.			

CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Project: Approaches to Therfield School			
Detail:	Safer Routes to School/Cycle improvements	Division:	Leatherhead and Fetcham East
Allocation: £5,000			
Progress: Design only 2013/14. Options being investigated by Design team. Further funding allocated in 2014/15 to progress design.			
Project: Garlands Road, Leatherhead			
Detail:	Measures to reduce speeds/improve pedestrian facilities	Division:	Leatherhead and Fetcham East
Allocation: £5,000			
Progress: Design only 2013/14. Options being investigated by Design team. Further funding allocated in 2014/15 for detailed design and implementation.			
Project: Russ Hill Road, Charlwood			
Detail:	Provision of footway	Division:	Dorking Rural
Allocation: £5,000			
Progress: Scheme not being progressed due to need to pipe existing ditch and provide facility at the bridge over Dolby Brook. There are also locations where there is insufficient highway land to provide adequate width footway.			
Project: Decluttering			
Detail:	Great Bookham	Division:	Bookham and Fetcham West
Allocation: £5,000			
Progress: Decluttering in Great Bookham, as agreed by Chairman/divisional Member and Vice-Chairman. Works identified in consultation with Mole Valley District Council. Works to be completed by end March 2014.			

CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES		
Project: Stage 3 Road Safety Audits		
Detail: To be carried out as appropriate	Division:	Allocation: £3,000
Progress: Stage 3 Road Safety Audits required for the A24 Deepdene Avenue (Phase 2) and A24 Horsham Road (Spook Hill to Beare Green) Cycle Scheme (Phase 2) works. To be carried out by end March 2014.		
Project: Small Safety Schemes		
Detail: To fund minor safety schemes, as and when identified	Division: All	Allocation: £4,000
Progress: No small safety schemes funded in 2013/14.		
Project: Signs and Road Markings		
Detail: To fund new signs and road markings, as and when identified	Division: All	Allocation: £4.000
Progress: North Street, Dorking no left turn restriction. Traffic Regulation Order has been advertised and will be made before the end of March 2014, subject to the resolution of any objections.		
Project: Parking		
Detail: Contribution towards implementation of parking measures	Division: All	Allocation: £10,000
Progress: Completed.		

CAPITAL ITS MAINTENANCE SCHEMES (LOCAL STRUCTURAL REPAIR)			
Project	Division	Treatment	Update
Oxshott Road, Leatherhead (cul-de-sac section) - from A244 to T junction	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Inlay and base repair	Completed
Westhumble Street, Westhumble - Cleaveland Court to station	Dorking Hills	Inlay	Completed
Sheephouse Lane, Wotton - length to be confirmed	Dorking Hills	Overlay and base repair	Completed
Barn Meadow Lane, Bookham - loop section between nos. 43 and 59	Bookham and Fetcham West	Micro asphalt	Completed
Water Lane, Bookham - Lower Road to Dunglass Farm	Bookham and Fetcham West	Micro asphalt	Completed
Orchard Road, Dorking - complete length including turning head	Dorking South & the Holmwoods	Overlay and base repair	Completed
The Chase, Ashtead - Green Lane to Oakhill Road	Ashtead	Micro asphalt	Completed
Kingscroft Road, Leatherhead - turning circle by no. 44 to southern end	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Completed
Badingham Drive, Fetcham - complete length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Moved to 2014 programme due to funding
Dell Close, Fetcham - complete length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Moved to 2014 programme due to funding

CAPITAL ITS MAINTENANCE SCHEMES (LOCAL STRUCTURAL REPAIR)

Project	Division	Treatment	Update
Churchill Close, Fetcham - complete length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Moved to 2014 programme due to funding
Drayton Close, Fetcham - complete length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Moved to 2014 programme due to funding
Fetcham Park Drive, Fetcham - The Mount to Badingham Drive	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Moved to 2014 programme due to funding
Cedar Drive - Badingham Drive to rumble strips/block paving	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Moved to 2014 programme due to funding

PARKING

2013/14 Parking Review

Detailed design and works ordering is underway following the resolution of comments and objections to the 2013/14 parking review. It is anticipated that the signs and lines will be installed during March/April 2014.

PARKING

<p>2014/15 Parking Review</p> <p>Members will be sent a list of the requests that have been received in their divisions, for comment and to confirm priorities, at the end of September 2014.</p> <p>Site visits will take place in October in order to investigate sites and draw up proposals for the report to committee in December 2014.</p> <p>The 2014/15 Review proposals are due to be presented to Local Committee in December for approval to carry out statutory consultation.</p> <p>It is planned to bring a report to the committee in June with options for new parking restrictions in parts of Leatherhead and Dorking town centres to help reduce obstructive parking.</p> <p>Parking information is available on the Surrey County Council website: www.surrecc.gov.uk/parking/molevalley</p>

DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES

Project: Woodfield Lane, Ashtead

Detail: Road widening

Division: Ashtead

Progress:

Following consultation, Local Committee agreed to progress option for a parking lay-by in Woodfield Lane, subject to resolving tree and common land issues. Discussions on-going to resolve these issues.

Project: A24 Leatherhead Road, Ashtead

Detail: Pedestrian crossing near Stag Leys

Division: Ashtead

DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES

Progress:

Crossing design changed to Toucan crossing to allow use by cyclists. Crossing to be included as part of the Leatherhead to Ashted cycle route scheme.

Project: Leatherhead Town Centre

Detail: Town centre improvements

Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East

Progress:

Town Centre Forum agreed to not proceed with proposals for the High Street at the present time. Consultation on-going to seek a consensus on ideas and principles that could be applied to the design and layout of a stretch of Church Street from the vehicle barrier to Barclays Bank to provide environmental improvements and to enable the space to be used flexibly.

Project: West Street, Dorking

Detail: Footway improvements

Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods

Progress:

Surveys completed. Feasibility design includes new surfacing, opportunities for localised widening, upgrading street furniture and provision of dropped kerbs/tactile paving. Consultation with local businesses programmed for March 2014. Implementation likely to commence end June 2014, subject to the outcome of the consultation and full funding being in place.

Project: A246 Guildford Road, Bookham

Detail: Provision of street lighting

Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East
Bookham and Fetcham West

Progress:

Design completed by Skanska for installation of 16 new lamp columns on the A246 Guildford Road between Norbury Way and the roundabout with Young Street. Funding to be identified and agreed by the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, with the intention of implementation in 2013/14.

DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES		
Project: Dene Street, Dorking		
Detail: One-way working	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods	
Progress: Feasibility design for making the northern end of Dene Street between Heath Hill and Dorking High Street one-way. Additional funding has been allocated from the 2014/15 ITS budget for detailed design and implementation.		
Project: Pebble Hill Road, Betchworth		
Detail: Safety scheme	Division: Dorking Rural	
Progress: Improvements to signs and road markings. Signs ordered and will be implemented before end March 2014. Road markings to be carried out in conjunction with Operation Horizon works in Pebble Hill Road.		
Project: Waterway Road, Leatherhead		
Detail: Pedestrian safety scheme	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
Progress: Feasibility design for provision of pedestrian facility near junction with Mill Lane.		
Project: A245 Randall Road/Cleeve Road, Leatherhead		
Detail: Pedestrian and cycle measures	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
Progress: Provision of a pedestrian phase at the existing traffic signals. Cycle facilities to improve link between Leatherhead and River Lane. Site meeting held with Mole Valley Cycle Forum and divisional Member to discuss options. With design team.		
Project: Ruckmans Lane area, Ockley		
Detail: HGV access issues	Division: Dorking Rural	
Progress: Study of use of unsuitable roads by HGVs in the Ruckmans Lane area. Measures to address HGV issues in the Ruckmans Lane area (advisory signing or weight/width restriction). Site meeting held with divisional Member and residents. Additional funding has been allocated from the 2014/15 ITS budget to progress this scheme.		

DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES

Project: Kiln Lane, Brockham		
Detail: Pedestrian safety scheme		Division: Dorking Rural
Progress: Feasibility design of footpath and lighting improvements.		
Project: Trinity School, Leatherhead		
Detail: Safer Routes to School		Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East
Progress: Meeting held with school to discuss issues and possible solutions. Kerb build-out and informal crossing point being progressed, with implementation this financial year.		
Project: The Street, Ashtead		
Detail: Footway improvements		Division: Ashtead
Progress: Feasibility design of measures to improve the alignment of the footway.		

MEMBER ALLOCATION FUNDED SCHEMES

Project: Ottways Lane, Ashtead		
Detail: Measures to reduce vehicle speeds		Division: Ashtead
Progress: Proposed series of small kerb build outs creating chichane effect whilst maintaining two-way traffic flow. Developer funding to be agreed to progress scheme to detailed design and implementation in 2014/15.		

Notes:

Information correct at time of writing (13/02/14)