

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

DATE: 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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 current Financial Year 2014-15. Members are encouraged to start considering the strategy and priorities for next Financial Year.

**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:**

The recommendation is intended to facilitate delivery of the 2014-15 Highways programmes funded by the Local Committee, while at the same time ensuring that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Members are fully and appropriately involved in any detailed considerations.

**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 Outturn figures from 2013-14 are shown in Tables 1 and 2 below. Cabinet has agreed to carry forward the capital under/overspends into the new Financial Year 2014-15. At the time of writing there is no decision as to whether the revenue under/overspends will be carried forward.

**Table 1: Revenue outturn from 2013-14 (rounded figures)**

Revenue budgets		Expenditure		Outturn
Local Revenue	£267,000	Capitalised	£114,000	
Community Pride	£45,000	Street Smart, minor works, parking review, etc	£208,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£312,000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£322,000</b>	<b>£10,000 overspend</b>
<i>The Capitalised Revenue is a sum from the revenue budget that was transferred to support the Capital programme.</i>				

**Table 2: Capital outturn from 2013-14 (rounded figures)**

Capital budgets		Expenditure		Outturn
Integrated Transport	£202,000	Includes LSR and Integrated Transport Scheme programmes		
Maintenance	£202,000			
11-12 carry forward	£59,000			
Capitalised revenue	£114,000			
Developer Income	£41,000			
Member contributions	£27,000			
<b>Total (rounded)</b>	<b>£645,000</b>	<b>Total (rounded)</b>	<b>£658,000</b>	<b>£13,000 overspend</b>

1.3 The Local Committee in Elmbridge has been delegated Highway budgets in the current Financial Year 2014-15 as follows:

- Local Revenue: £266,600
- Community Enhancement: £45,000
- Capital Integrated Transport Schemes: £202,084
- Capital Maintenance: £202,084
- **Total: £715,768**

1.4 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 September 2013 Committee approved the 2014-15 budget allocations shown in Table 3 below:

**Table 3 Approved allocation of budgets for 2014-15**

Approved allocation	Amount
Pooled Revenue To cover various revenue concerns across the Borough for example: drainage and ditching, patching and kerb works, minor safety schemes, extra vegetation. The Community Gang would be funded from this allocation.	£175,000
Street Smart	£40,000
Divisional Allocations	£500,768 (£55,641 per Division)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£715,768</b>

**2013-14 Divisional Programmes – carried forwards into 2014-15**

2.2 Table 4 below details those schemes from the 2013-14 Divisional Programmes that were carried forwards into 2014-15.

**Table 4 2013-14 schemes carried forwards into 2014-15**

Location	Proposed works	Carried forward cost	Status
St Peter's Road, West Molesey	New drainage system	£21,800	Now complete.
Windmill Lane, Thames Ditton	Carriageway recycling	Centrally funded	Now complete.
Oatlands Drive, Walton	Cycle lanes and traffic calming	£19,300	Now complete.
Oatlands Chase	New footway and mobility ramps	£17,700	Now complete. <i>PIC funded</i>
Church Street, Cobham	Weight restriction	£7,400	Complete – residual cost from 2012-13 scheme
<b>Total carried forward cost</b>		<b>£62,200</b> <i>Including approximately £20,000 contributions</i>	

**Priorities for 2014-15**

2.3 Table 5 shows next Financial Year's budget allocations that were approved by Committee in September 2013.

**Table 5 Approved allocation of budgets for 2014-15**

Approved allocation	Amount
<b>Pooled Revenue</b> 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 (£55,643 per Division)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£715,788</b>

2.4 Officers have agreed with Divisional Members priorities for their respective Divisional Allocations for next Financial Year 2014-15. These are detailed in Table 6.

**Table 6 2014-15 Divisional Programmes**

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Eastcote Avenue, West Molesey	LSR, whole road	£53,300	Walkthrough complete, awaiting costs.
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	£tbc	Need to confirm locations with Divisional Member.
Holstein Avenue, Weybridge	LSR, whole road	Funded by 2013-14 Winter Damage programme	Complete
Weybridge Station	Drainage investigation and repair	To be funded by Drainage Condition budget	Drainage investigation being arranged.
Heath Road, Weybridge	Improve cycle route from Station to Town Centre (Part of Weybridge Station study)	£20,000	Feasibility study in progress.
Stoke Road, Cobham	Reduce speed limit to 30mph	£10,000	Subject to ongoing feasibility, the proposed new speed limit policy, Surrey Police's support, and public consultation.

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Fairmile Lane, Cobham	Casualty reduction scheme at junction with Miles Lane	£45,000	Construction to be coordinated with other works in Oxshott over the Summer.
Heath Ridge Green, Cobham	LSR, entrance plus first 25m	-	Walkthrough complete – no works needed.
Links Green Way, Cobham	LSR, entrance plus first 25m	£5,000	Walkthrough complete, awaiting costs.
Blundell Lane, Cobham, near Stoke Road	Extend footway	£15,000	Detailed design in progress. <i>Funded from PIC contributions.</i>
Fairmile Park Road, Cobham	Speed Limit Review	£5,000	Detailed design in progress. <i>To be funded from Cllr Lewis's non-Highways allocation.</i>
Burwood Road, Hersham	Safety Improvements	£55,000	Need to complete detailed design. Need public consultation.
Blakeden Drive, Claygate	Treatment TBC, whole road	£47,000	Walkthrough complete, awaiting cost. <i>Cllr Bennison to decide between this and Brookfield if cannot afford both</i>
Brookfield Gardens, Claygate	Treatment TBC, whole road	£tbc	Walkthrough complete, awaiting cost. <i>Cllr Bennison to decide between this and Blakeden if cannot afford both</i>
The Roundway, Claygate	Micro Asphalt, whole road	£tbc	Walkthrough complete, awaiting costs.
TBA in Oxshott, Claygate and Hinchley Wood	Mobility Ramps	£tbc	Provisional on cost of Blakeden or Brookfield and The Roundway.
Wolsey Road, Esher	LSR, extent TBC	£51,000	Walkthrough complete, awaiting costs.
Wolsey Grove, Esher	LSR, extent TBC	£11,000	Walkthrough complete, awaiting costs.
Esher Park Avenue	New parking space(s)	£tbc	Awaiting costs.
Walton Road / Bridge Road / Esher Road, East Molesey	LSR, extent TBC	£tbc	Walkthrough complete, awaiting costs.
Long Ditton Schools	School safety measures	£22,000	Need to complete detailed design. Need public consultation.

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Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
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	Funded by 2013-14 Winter Damage programme	Complete.
Lindley Road, Walton	Footway	-	Site inspected – no work needed.
Castle Road, Weybridge	Footway	£12,000	Need to walkthrough with Kier
Cedar Grove, Oatlands Park	Footway	£4,000	Need to walkthrough with Kier
TBA in Walton South and Oatlands	Mobility Ramps	£7,000	Cllr Samuels requested locations to be decided with local input.
Danes Hill, Oxshott	Pedestrian Crossing	£30,000	Construction to be coordinated with other works in Oxshott over the Summer. <i>Funded by Danes Hill School</i>
<b>Total value of 2014-15 Divisional Programmes</b>		<b>Approximately £454,300</b>	

2.5 The total value of the capital programme, including the carried forward costs and the 2014-15 Divisional Programmes, is estimated to be **£520,500**. This includes approximately £35,000 PIC funding, a £30,000 contribution from Danes Hill School, and £5,000 from Members' non-Highways funding. The total programme value will shift as costs of individual schemes are confirmed.

2.6 The Stoke Road, Cobham speed limit reduction scheme depends on the adoption by the Council of a new speed limit policy. The proposed new policy has been subject to public consultation and was presented to the Local Committee for comment at a previous meeting. Officers were hoping the new policy would be adopted in time for Committee to consider Stoke Road at its June meeting. Unfortunately the new policy will not be considered by the Council's Cabinet until after Committee's June meeting. It is anticipated that the new policy will be considered in time for Committee to consider Stoke Road at its September meeting.

- 2.7 A number of the schemes in Table 6 are to be the subject of bids to Elmbridge Borough Council's Strategic Board for CIL funding. Details of which schemes are affected are reported separately to Committee.
- 2.8 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**

- 2.9 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.

#### **Walton to Halliford Transport Study update**

- 2.10 In September 2013 it was proposed to Committee to undertake a Walton to Halliford Transport Study, to examine the impact of the new Walton Bridge on traffic and travel patterns in the Walton to Halliford corridor. It was recommended to begin this study in April 2014.
- 2.11 The start date of the study of April 2014 was intended to allow time for the DfT funded cycle link and subsequent Operation Horizon resurfacing to be completed before the study commenced. Both these are likely to disrupt transport patterns during their construction. Further it is anticipated that the new cycle link will result in changed long term transport patterns. Unfortunately the DfT funded cycle scheme is not now likely to be completed until later this Financial Year. Therefore it is necessary to defer the start date of the Walton to Halliford Transport study.

#### **A307 Portsmouth Road – post scheme review**

- 2.12 Following the removal of the footbridge at Tartar Hill, on the A307 Portsmouth Road, a scheme of pedestrian refuge islands was implemented to assist pedestrians in crossing the road. The post scheme review is included at Annex A.

#### **Customer Services update**

- 2.13 The weather conditions at the end of last year and early part of 2014 lead to a large increase in enquiries and defect reports from customers. On average the Highways service received 12000 per month in 2013 this includes reports made by members of the public, staff and highway inspectors. During the first quarter of 2014 we received 58224 giving an average of over 19000 per month.
- 2.14 For Elmbridge specifically, 6292 enquiries were received in this quarter of which 3085 were directed to the local area office for action, 89.8% of those have been resolved. This response rate is slightly below the countywide average of 94%

- 2.15 Although the response rate remains relatively high the additional volume of contacts meant a delay in responding to some customers and an increase in chaser calls to the service. This has also been reflected in the volume of complaints received 143, only 33 of those were for the North East area including Elmbridge. The main reason for these being service delivery and communication to either the required standard or timescale.

**Operation Horizon and Project 400 update**

- 2.16 The Operation Horizon and Project 400 programmes of major resurfacing were not available in time for publication with the Committee papers. These will be circulated to Divisional Members as soon as they are available.

**Priorities for 2015-16**

- 2.17 Members are encouraged to start considering their priorities for investing the Local Committee's Highways budgets in 2015-16. It is suggested that the strategy for allocation of Committee's 2015-16 Highways budgets should be agreed in September 2014, and that the 2015-16 programme of works should be agreed in December 2014. This timetable would facilitate efficient planning and delivery of the 2015-16 programmes.

**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 None at this stage. Officers will consult the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Members as appropriate in the delivery of the programmes detailed above.

**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 Members are encouraged to start considering the strategy and priorities for next Financial Year

**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.

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

**Annexes:** 1

**Sources/background papers:** None.

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