

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

**DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014**

**LEAD OFFICER: JOHN LAWLOR, AREA TEAM MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE**

**DIVISION: ALL**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

At the 4<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 Local Committee, Members agreed a programme of revenue and capital highway works in Mole Valley. Delegated Authority was given to enable the forward programme to be progressed without the need to bring further reports to the Local Committee for decision. This report sets out recent progress. The report also updates Members on the number of enquiries received from customers.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of the report.**

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To update the Local Committee on the progress of the highway works programme in Mole Valley.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 In December 2013, Local Committee agreed its forward programme for both Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) Capital Improvement Schemes and ITS Capital Maintenance Schemes. Local Committee also agreed the allocation of its revenue budget for maintenance works.
- 1.2 To allow flexibility in the delivery of the Local Committee's highways work programme, delegated authority was given so that works could be progressed without the need to bring further reports to the Local Committee for decision.
- 1.3 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved highways budget, developer contributions are used to fund, either wholly or in part, highway improvement schemes to mitigate the impact of developments on the highway network.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 **Annex 1** sets out progress on the approved programme of highway works in Mole Valley. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions.
- 2.2 The weather conditions at the end of last year and early part of 2014 resulting in widespread deterioration of the road network. A Flood Recovery Plan is being developed and includes an announcement from the Leader of the Council of an additional £23m for the repair of flood damaged roads and bridges. The programme of roads in Mole Valley to be repaired with funding from this additional money is currently being finalised. This has led to a delay in agreeing the roads to be included in the Local Committee's Local Structural Repair programme
- 2.3 The weather conditions also led to a large increase in the number of enquiries and defect reports received from customers. On average the Highways service received 12,000 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 58,224 giving an average of over 19,000 per month. For this same quarter in Mole Valley, 6,021 enquiries were received of which 2620 were directed to the local area office for action, of which 89% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly below the countywide average of 94%.
- 2.4 Although the response rate remains relatively high, the additional volume of contacts inevitably 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. Of the 143 complaints logged, only 47 related to issues in the South East area including Mole Valley. The complaints focussed on service delivery and the failure to carry out works to either the required standard or timescale.

## **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 Not applicable.

## **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 Not applicable

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

- 5.1 Budgets are closely monitored throughout the financial year and monthly updates are provided to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Local Committee have put in place arrangements whereby monies can be vired between different schemes and budget headings.

## **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. The needs of all road users are considered as part of the design process for highway schemes.

**7. LOCALISM:**

7.1 Funding has been allocated from the revenue maintenance budget to fund the Highways Localism Initiative.

**8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
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	Set out below

**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 Progress on the programme of revenue and capital highway works in Mole Valley is set out in Annex 1. Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 Delivery of the highway works programme will continue and a further update report will be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

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**Consulted:**

Not applicable

**Annexes:**

Annex 1: Summary of Progress

**Sources/background papers:**

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Highways Forward Programme 2014/15 – 2015/16

CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES		
<b>Project: A24 Horsham Road, Holmwood</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Measures to address right turn/vehicle overhang on A24 central reservation	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Rural	<b>Allocation:</b> £60,000
<b>Progress:</b> Implementation of northbound lane closure, as trialled in October 2012. Closure of gap in central reservation opposite petrol station to improve safety. Works likely to take place July/August 2014.		
<b>Project: Rectory Lane, Bookham</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Footway extension	<b>Division:</b> Bookham and Fetcham West	<b>Allocation:</b> £1,333
<b>Progress:</b> Two options been developed by Design Team. Ecological assessment carried out Spring 2013. Funding allocated for further design in 2014/15 with implementation 2015/16, subject to resolution of any land issues.		
<b>Project: High Street, Bookham</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Measures to address speed, congestion and HGVs	<b>Division:</b> Bookham and Fetcham West	<b>Allocation:</b> £30,000
<b>Progress:</b> Proposals developed in consultation with the Bookham Residents' Association and divisional Member, as reported to Local Committee in December 2013. Changes to waiting restrictions carried out as part of 2013/14 parking review will provide the passing places proposed as part of this scheme. Consultation on the impact of these restrictions and the proposed provision of road tables to be carried out early summer, with the results reported to the September Local Committee.		
<b>Project: A24 Deepdene Avenue, Dorking (Phase 3)</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Safety measures	<b>Division:</b> Dorking South & the Holmwoods	<b>Allocation:</b> £5,000
<b>Progress:</b> Design of Phase 3 measures to be carried out later this financial year.		

<b>Project: A24 Horsham Road (Spook Hill to Beare Green), Dorking</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Shared cycle/pedestrian path	<b>Division:</b> Dorking South & the Holmwoods Dorking Rural	<b>Allocation:</b> £20,000
<b>Progress:</b> Design and implementation of next phase of works to convert the existing footway to a shared cycle/pedestrian path, continuing northwards from the work carried out north of Old Horsham Road in 2013/14. Additional design to enable further construction to take place in 2015/16.		
<b>Project: Hollow Lane, Wotton</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Measures to reduce speeds in vicinity of cottages	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Hills	<b>Allocation:</b> £10,000
<b>Progress:</b> Options to improve pedestrian safety in the section of Hollow Lane by the cottages progressed in 2013/14. Options sent to divisional Member for comment.		
<b>Project: Approaches to Therfield School</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Safer Routes to School/Cycle improvements	<b>Division:</b> Leatherhead and Fetcham East	<b>Allocation:</b> £5,000
<b>Progress:</b> Two routes to improve the cycle link between Therfield School and existing cycle route to the north of the school identified. Options sent to divisional Member for comment.		
<b>Project: Garlands Road, Leatherhead</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Measures to reduce speeds/improve pedestrian facilities	<b>Division:</b> Leatherhead and Fetcham East	<b>Allocation:</b> £10,000
<b>Progress:</b> Proposal to provide a raised table at the junction of Garlands Road and Linden Gardens, including pedestrian crossing points. Drawing sent to divisional Member for comment.		

<b>Project: Dene Street, Dorking</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> One-way working	<b>Division:</b> Dorking South & the Holmwoods	<b>Allocation:</b> £25,000
<b>Progress:</b> Proposed one-way working in Dene Street between Heath Hill and the A25 High Street.		
<b>Project: Ruckmans Hill, Oakwood Hill</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Width restriction	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Hills	<b>Allocation:</b> £2,000
<b>Progress:</b> Design and implementation of width restriction on Ruckmans Hill, Oakwood Hill to prevent use by unsuitable vehicles.		
<b>Project: Stage 3 Road Safety Audits</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> To be carried out as appropriate	<b>Division:</b>	<b>Allocation:</b> £3,000
<b>Progress:</b> Stage 3 Road Safety Audits to be carried out as appropriate.		
<b>Project: Decluttering</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Great Bookham	<b>Division:</b> Bookham and Fetcham West	<b>Allocation:</b> £5,000
<b>Progress:</b> Decluttering carried out in Great Bookham in 2013/14. Additional work identified by the Bookham Residents Association. Agreed by Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be carried out from this financial year's decluttering allocation.		
<b>Project: Small Safety Schemes</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> To fund minor safety schemes, as and when identified	<b>Division:</b> All	<b>Allocation:</b> £4,000
<b>Progress:</b> Schemes to be identified.		

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Signs and Road Markings</b>		
<b>Detail:</b>	To fund new signs and road markings, as and when identified	<b>Division:</b>	All
<b>Allocation:</b>	£4.000		
<b>Progress:</b>	To be identified.		

### CAPITAL ITS MAINTENANCE SCHEMES (LSR/FOOTWAYS)

Project	Division	Update
Divisional Members to agree with the Mole Valley Maintenance Engineer roads or footways they wish to be included for local structural repair in 2014/15. Funding to be divided equitably between divisional Members.		

### DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES

<b>Project:</b>	<b>Woodfield Lane, Ashtead</b>		
<b>Detail:</b>	Parking lay-by/localised road widening	<b>Division:</b>	Ashtead
<b>Progress:</b>	Discussions on-going to resolve tree and common land issues. Meeting with divisional Member to be held to discuss progress.		

<b>Project: Leatherhead Town Centre</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Town centre improvements	<b>Division:</b> Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
<p><b>Progress:</b> Town Centre Forum agreed to not proceed with proposals for the High Street at the present time. Discussions held with Mole Valley Conservation Officer and Leatherhead Town Centre Manager to agree approach to improving the section of Church Street from the vehicle barrier to Barclays Bank. Scheme will aim to provide environmental improvements and to enable the space to be used flexibly.</p>		
<b>Project: West Street, Dorking</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Footway improvements	<b>Division:</b> Dorking South & the Holmwoods	
<p><b>Progress:</b> Proposal for new footway surfacing, localised footway widening, upgrading street furniture and provision of dropped kerbs/tactile paving. Consultation with local businesses and residents in West Street indicated overwhelming support for the proposal and, under delegated authority, the scheme was approved by the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Members for implementation.</p> <p>Concerns and suggested alterations raised during consultation have been incorporated into the revised design. Yorkstone paving material ordered and the target start date for implementation is the end of July 2014. Close co-ordination with the businesses and residents in West Street will be required to minimise disruption during construction.</p>		
<b>Project: A246 Guildford Road, Bookham</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Provision of street lighting	<b>Division:</b> Leatherhead and Fetcham East Bookham and Fetcham West	
<p><b>Progress:</b> 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, for implementation in 2014/15.</p>		



<b>Project: Dene Street, Dorking</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> One-way working	<b>Division:</b> Dorking South & the Holmwoods	
<b>Progress:</b> See capital ITS improvement schemes.		
<b>Project: Pebble Hill Road, Betchworth</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Safety scheme	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Rural	
<b>Progress:</b> Improvements to signs and road markings completed. Road markings to be carried out in conjunction with Operation Horizon works in Pebble Hill Road.		
<b>Project: Waterway Road, Leatherhead</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Pedestrian safety scheme	<b>Division:</b> Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
<b>Progress:</b> Feasibility design for provision of pedestrian facility near junction with Mill Lane.		
<b>Project: A245 Randall Road/Cleeve Road, Leatherhead</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> Pedestrian and cycle measures	<b>Division:</b> Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
<b>Progress:</b> 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. Drawing sent to divisional Member for comment.		
<b>Project: Ruckmans Lane area, Ockley</b>		
<b>Detail:</b> HGV access issues	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Rural	
<b>Progress:</b> See capital ITS improvement schemes.		

<b>Project: Kiln Lane, Brockham</b>	
<b>Detail:</b> Pedestrian safety scheme	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Rural
<b>Progress:</b> Feasibility design of footpath and lighting improvements. Divisional Member to be consulted on requirements for this location.	
<b>Project: The Street, Ashtead</b>	
<b>Detail:</b> Footway improvements	<b>Division:</b> Ashtead
<b>Progress:</b> Feasibility design of measures to improve the alignment of the footway.	

#### ROAD SAFETY TEAM SCHEMES

<b>Project: A217 Reigate Road, Hookwood</b>	
<b>Detail:</b> Kerb build out and speed limit reduction	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Rural
<b>Progress:</b> Kerb build-out at junction of A217 Reigate Road and Mill Lane completed.  Speed limit reductions: A217 Reigate Road between north of Mill Lane and Hookwood roundabout; A217 between Hookwood roundabout and existing 30mph limit northwest of the A23 Longbridge roundabout; C62 Reigate Road between Hookwood roundabout and Povey Cross Road; and C64 Povey Cross Road. Speed limit order to be advertised later this month.	
<b>Project: A25 Coast Hill, Wotton b/w Sheephouse Lane and Coast Hill Lane.</b>	
<b>Detail:</b> Hazard marker posts and warning signs	<b>Division:</b> Dorking Hills
<b>Progress:</b> Provide hazard marker posts and replacement warning signs on A25 Coast Hill between Sheephouse Lane and Coast Hill Lane. Completed.	

## PARKING

**Progress:**

The 2013-14 parking review lining and signing work started during week commencing 19 May and was substantially completed by early June. Locations are being checked to ensure they have been completed correctly. The residents parking schemes included in this review will be jointly set up with Mole Valley during June and July.

A consultation about resident parking started in the Rothes Road area of Dorking is being carried out during June. The outcome of this will be reported to the Local Committee in the 2014/15 parking review report in December 2014.

**Note:** Information correct at time of writing (03/06/14)

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