

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

**DATE: 25 JUNE 2014**

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**SUBJECT: LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND UPDATE AND 2014/15 PROGRAMME**

**DIVISION: ALL**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Surrey County Council was successful in securing an award of £14.3 million in grant funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). This was in addition to the award of £3.9 million LSTF Key Component.

Both grants are for the period up to 31 March 2015 and jointly form the Surrey TravelSMART programme. As part of this programme a total of £10.789 million has been allocated for sustainable travel improvements in Guildford.

This report updates the Local Committee with progress made with the programme to date.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

- (i) Note progress to date with the Guildford Travel SMART programme;

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Department for Transport advise that all LSTF grant money should be spent by 31 March 2015 and there is no ability to carry forward LSTF grant beyond this date. The indicative 2014/15 LSTF TravelSMART programme for Guildford has been developed to meet this financial requirement, while meeting all the LSTF objectives.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council has been successful in securing £18.2 million from the Department for Transport's (DfT) Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) to deliver the Surrey Travel SMART programme. £3.9 million was awarded in July 2011 with a further £14.3 million awarded in June 2012 as part of the large bid of £16 million. The aim of the fund is to deliver sustainable travel measures that support economic growth and carbon reduction.
- 1.2 £10.789 million (Large Bid and Key Component) funding is allocated for sustainable travel improvements in Guildford. This includes a share of the £1.7million shortfall that SCC has funded through the New Homes Bonus Grant.
- 1.3 The report to GLC 12 March 2014 noted that the LSTF 2014/15 financial year allocation for Guildford was £3.502 million, comprising £2.178 million capital and £1.324 million revenue. Taking account of unspent 2013/14 grant carried forward to 2014/15 the revised allocation figure for 2014/15 is £4.677 million, as set out in Table 1 below

Table 1: 2014/15 Guildford LSTF Finance

Element	Capital	Revenue	Total
P&R	1,022	403	1,425
Bus	801	158	959
Walk/Cycle	879	0	879
Traffic Network	5	70	75
Travel Promotion	375	964	1,339
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>4677</b>

Figures in the table in units of £1000

- 1.4 In addition to the DfT LSTF grant the programme is supported by secured third party developers contributions of some £500K.
- 1.5 While all available funds have been costed to be included in the current programme, any remaining unspent LSTF grant cannot be carried over beyond 31 March 2015 and will be returned to the DfT.

## 2. ANALYSIS:

### LSTF Programme 2014/15

- 2.1 The current LSTF Capital Construction Programme 2014/15, comprising bus corridor, cycle and walking improvements being delivered by Keir is set out in **Annex A**.

### Quality Bus Corridor Works

- 2.2 The Park Barn Bus Corridor has been completed, including the implementation of bus cage markings at critical bus stops where parking by residents and parents to local schools was compromising safe and efficient bus operation. This was the fourth corridor to receive upgraded kerbing, and additional footway boarding and waiting areas.

- 2.3 Design work continues on the remaining five bus corridors, with work programmed to start in July on the Woking Road/Stoke Road corridor, followed by Epsom Road corridor and the Guildford Park Rd corridor. A3100 Portsmouth Road and A281 Shalford Road corridors will be undertaken later in the year.
- 2.4 The re-profiling of three key road tables on Grange Road to provide a more gradual ramp, benefiting bus users and cyclists has been completed, and the impact of these works will be monitored.

#### **Onslow Park and Ride**

- 2.5 Landscaping at the Onslow Park & Ride site has been undertaken. Outstanding works to complete the project include building the permanent passenger waiting facility, installation of the permanent power supply and the comprehensive signage and marketing package.

#### **Walking and Cycling**

- 2.6 Detailed preparations continue for the A25 Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Route, programmed to start on site from the end of July 2014. These include a footway widening scheme A25 under Wooden Bridge (rail and pedestrian bridges), new cycle and pedestrian crossing facilities east of Woodbridge Meadows on the River Wey Bridge, and additional crossing facilities over the south side of the Ladymead/Woodbridge Road crossroads.
- 2.7 To date Officers have been unable to complete negotiations with the landowners of the adjacent sites to deliver the footway widening adjacent to Guildford Business Park and at B&Q/Europa Retail Park required as part of the A25 Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Route. These negotiations will continue, however in the event agreement cannot be concluded to guarantee completion of works during this year, alternative schemes will be developed for this current programme.
- 2.8 Work on the three quiet road cycle routes in north Guildford is due commence early July on Slyfield to Stoke Rd; Slyfield to Wooden Bridge footbridge and Salt Box Lane to Wooden Bridge footbridge. This will include dropped kerbs, signs and lining.
- 2.9 The TravelSMART Guildford Bike Festival will be held on Sunday 17 August 2014 at Northgate Stoke Park.

#### **Traffic Management**

- 2.10 The review of the UTC/SCOOT traffic management systems in Guildford will continue to improve the control and management of traffic throughout the town, and to address performance related maintenance issues which have adversely affected network capacity. The UTC database is planned to be rebuilt over the summer starting in July, with on-street validation commencing September 2014.

2.11 When the on-street work begins it will also consider, and where possible implement mitigating solutions to, the issues of the A31 Farnham Road pedestrian crossing on the exit arm and the A281 Millbrook pedestrian crossing from the Old Town Bridge to the High Street.

### **Reserve schemes list**

2.12 An indicative reserve schemes list was included in the report to GLC 12 March 2014. These are alternative and additional schemes to be included through the LSTF programme to replace or complement any projects in the current programme which we are unable to undertake or complete within the LSTF period up until March 2015.

2.13 This list currently comprises:

- A281 Shalford – Guildford cycle path improvements
- Cycle route 14: zebra crossing on Walnut Tree Close
- River Wey towpath: contribution to improved surface for cyclists
- A3100 Guildford – Godalming Quality Bus Corridor
- A25 London Road/Boxgrove Road/A25 roundabout: cycle and pedestrian improvements

2.14 The reserve list will be discussed and agreed, as necessary, with the Task Group to ensure we are able to deliver our fully funded programme. Any amendments will be reported to a future meeting of the Guildford Local Committee.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 As this report forms a progress update for the Local Committee there are no options to consider at this stage.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 Guildford Local Committee Task Group has been consulted throughout the development of the LSTF Programme.

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

5.1 The business case for the Travel SMART included a financial section that does not form part of this report and was approved by the DfT.

## **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

6.1 The major elements of the LSTF programme have been subject to Equality Impact Assessments. These documents are published on the Surrey County Council website and can be found by clicking [here](#).

## **7. LOCALISM:**

7.1 The Travel SMART programme was designed with Localism in mind. Guildford Local Committee has decision making powers relating to the programme. Furthermore, elements of the programme such as the Community funding and Business engagement use Localism tools to encourage localised decision making, and seek to increase local participation in the programme.

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
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	Set out below.

### 8.1 Sustainability implications

The central aims of the Travel SMART Programme are to encourage the uptake of sustainable transport, enabling economic growth and reducing carbon emissions. The measures included in the Travel SMART programme therefore have positive sustainability outcomes.

### 8.2 Public Health implications

The Travel SMART programme is making significant investment in providing new infrastructure and promoting active travel such as walking and cycling. Evidence suggests that investment in these schemes have a proportionate benefit in overall public health. Walking promotions in particular are being linked with the Surrey CC Public Health team's 'Walk for Life' campaign.

## **9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

9.1 This report provides an update to the Local Committee on the progress made to date with the Travel SMART programme for Guildford. As noted previously

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the DfT LSTF grant award cannot be carried forward beyond end March 2015.

### **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 The Guildford Local Committee Task Group will meet to review the schemes within the LSTF programme. The programme will be continue to be developed and delivered with further reports presented to Guildford Local Committee.

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**Consulted:**

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**Annexes:**

Annexe A – 2014/15 capital construction programme

**Sources/background papers:**

- Surrey County Council LSTF Large bid document. [Click here](#) to access this document.