



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(Runnymede)**

**HIGHWAYS UPDATE AND PROPOSALS FOR 2013-14**

**26 November 2012**

**KEY ISSUES**

To report progress with the delivery of highway schemes.

To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes, revenue maintenance and Community Pride expenditure.

To agree the 2013/14 ITS schemes programme.

**SUMMARY**

This report records the progress made with the delivery of proposed highways schemes, developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works in this financial year.

This report discusses the 2013/14 ITS schemes programme, and requests approval of proposals.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes;
- (ii) Note that a further Highways Update report is to be brought back to the next meeting of this Committee;
- (iii) Agree the ITS proposals for 2013/14, subject to the anticipated provision of capital funding.

## 1.0 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.

## 2.0 2012-13 Integrated Transport and Developer Funded Schemes

2.1 The Committee 2012/13 ITS capital budget for Runnymede has been set at £133,285. A further £33,600 has been carried forward from the previous financial year, giving a total budget of £166,885. Table 1 below records progress with the schemes agreed on 20 February 2012 by the Local Committee for delivery in the 2012-13 financial year.

**Table 1 - ITS and Developer Funded Schemes for 2012-13**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget estimate (£k)</b>	<b>Estimated cost to date (£k)</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>A30 London Road j/w St Judes Road controlled pedestrian facilities</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>20</b>	Further survey work completed and trial of signal timings carried out. Please see separate report for decision. Provisional construction date 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2013.
<b>Stroude Road safety improvements</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	Introduction of a double white line system and installation of vehicle activated signs. This scheme is funded by a mixture of Member allocation and developer contributions, and £10k of Local Committee capital. COMPLETED.
<b>Simplemarsh Road pedestrian crossing improvements</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	Detailed design complete. This scheme is part funded from developer monies and £5k of Local Committee capital. Construction scheduled for commencement 19 November 2012.
<b>A317 St Peters Way traffic management</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	Traffic surveys and feasibility study to assess the potential of introducing a dedicated lane for vehicles turning left onto the M25. Design only scheme. Scheduled for commencement in November

			2012.
<b>Lyne Crossing Road jct with Lyne Lane road safety measures</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	Measures to improve safety and reduce accidents at this junction. Design work completed. Awaiting pricing confirmation.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>43</b>	

**2.3** The Committee is asked to note that a separate report is to be presented for the A30 London Road junction with St Judes Road pedestrian facilities scheme.

**2.4** If Committee support the progression of this scheme, it has a provisional commencement date for construction of 21 January 2013. However, should Committee decide not to continue with this scheme, funding will be immediately diverted to Localised Structural Repair (LSR) work as agreed by Committee in their meeting of 17 September 2012 (see Annex 1).

### **3.0 Capital Maintenance Budget**

**3.1** Following presentation of a report entitled 'Discussion paper for Local Committee Highways Budgets' to the Local Committee Chairman's meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012, a new county-wide capital maintenance fund was made available, with £133,285 allocated to the Runnymede Local Committee.

**3.2** The purpose of this budget is to enable Committees to directly fund resurfacing and major maintenance schemes. In the report presented, it was stated that Officers will be able to make suggestions of suitable sites and approximate scheme costs to aid Member decisions.

**3.3** Following consultation in July 2012, it was agreed to fund a programme of localised structural repair work (LSR) as shown in Table 2 below.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Northcroft Close	13,781	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.
Knowle Grove Close	23,100	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.
Staines Bridge (Chertsey Lane) roundabout	49,840	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.
Chertsey Lane	39,748	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.
Millen Close	8,509	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.
Faris Lane	25,928	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.
Knowle Grove (various sections)	33,320	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.

Ford Road	28,504	Scheduled for delivery Jan 2013.
<b>Total</b>	<b>222,730</b>	

**Table 2 – Summary 2012/13 LSR Programme**

3.4 The LSR programme exceeds the capital maintenance allocation and has been part funded by monies from the Local Committee Revenue budget. All of this work has been ordered and is with our contractor for delivery.

#### **4.0 Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2012/13**

4.1 The 2012/13 revenue maintenance allocation for Runnymede is £210,025. A further £24,722 has been carried forward from the 2011/12 financial year. Table 3 shows how these funds have been allocated, and the spend progress to date.

**Table 3 – 2012/13 Revenue Maintenance Expenditure**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Drainage / ditching works	£40,000	£25,088 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
Carriageway and footway patching works	£124,722	£117,803 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012. Allocation includes carry forward from 2011/12 financial year.
Vegetation works	30,000	£26,583 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
Signs and Road makings	£20,000	£21,200 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
Low cost measures	£20,025	£17,429 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£234,747</b>	<b>£208,104</b> committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012

4.2 It is noted that there has been very good progress with budget use and that 89% has been committed as of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

#### **5.0 COMMUNITY PRIDE FUND**

5.1 The total 2012/13 Community Pride allocation for Runnymede is £30,000. Committee have determined to divide this fund equally between the six County Councillor Committee Members.

5.2 To ensure that this fund is effectively spent, and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, Committee agreed a cut-off date of 31 December, so that in the event of no firm spending decisions being made, approval would be given for the Maintenance Engineer for Runnymede to determine suitable works and organise their delivery. However, following the Local Committee

Chairman's workshop, it was recommended that the cut-off date for all Committees should be 31 October 2012.

5.4 A summary of spend progress is shown in Table 4:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Chris Norman	5,000	£5000 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
Yvonna Lay	5,000	£5000 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
John Furey	5,000	£5000 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
Mel Few	5,000	£5000 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
Marisa Heath	5,000	£5000 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
Mary Angell	5,000	£5000 committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012.
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>Fully</b> committed as at 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2012

**Table 4 – Community Pride spend progress**

## 6.0 ITS programme proposals for 2013/14

6.1 Following the Runnymede Local Committee private meeting held on 31 October 2012, the following ITS schemes shown in Table 5 below in 2013/14 were proposed, subject to Committee's formal approval.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget estimate (£k)</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>A30 London Road/Christchurch Road junction improvements</b>	<b>20</b>	Feasibility and design only project with a view to construction in 2014/15.
<b>Woburn Hill/Weybridge Road speed limit assessment</b>	<b>15</b>	Following completion of this assessment, it is proposed that any identified modifications are constructed in 2013/14.
<b>Christchurch Road VAS</b>	<b>10</b>	It is proposed that installation of the VAS is carried out in 2013/14.
<b>Byfleet Road bridge warning signs</b>	<b>10</b>	It is proposed that these modifications are completed in 2013/14.
<b>A317 Weybridge level crossing signs</b>	<b>15</b>	It is proposed that implementation is carried out in 2013/14.
<b>Bridge Road/Weir Road junction</b>	<b>10</b>	It is proposed that feasibility and design work is carried out in 2013/14 with a view to

<b>improvements</b>		delivering identified improvements in 2014/15.
<b>Egham Controlled Parking Zone study</b>	<b>10</b>	The Parking Team intend to carry out this study in 2013/14, subject to the availability of this funding.
<b>Ad-hoc low cost measures</b>	<b>15</b>	It is proposed that this sum is set aside to enable delivery of small items such as responding to requests for new dropped kerbs or signage during the course of the year.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105</b>	

**Table 5 – Proposed ITS programme for 2013/14**

- 6.2 During the workshop members discussed requests for a Bittams Lane Traffic Calming scheme, a Thorpe Village speed limit assessment, and Stroud Road (30mph section) speed management measures, and advised that these schemes should not be included in the prioritised ITS schemes list.
- 6.3 The proposals are made with the anticipation that the capital ITS allocation for Runnymede will be £133,285 for 2013/14 (subject to the Council's budget setting process). The proposed list does not fully utilise the anticipated funding, and so it is further proposed that any underspend is utilised for capital maintenance works (Localised Structural Repairs).
- 6.4 More detailed contingency plans will be put before the Runnymede Local Committee for consideration before the end of this financial year.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Proposed ITS schemes are prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. So far as is practicable, Officer proposals follow the Countywide scheme assessment process (CASEM) and the prioritisation order determined by this.
- 7.2 The Committee Revenue Maintenance budget is used to target the most urgent sites where a specific need arises, to keep up with general maintenance activities that reduce the need for expensive repairs in the future, and to support local priorities. The nature of these works is such that spend may vary slightly from the split as shown in Table 2.

## **8.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact

Assessment is undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

## **9.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **10.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress with all schemes and budgets.
- 10.2 The Committee is asked to agree the ITS proposals for 2013/14.
- 10.3 It is recommended that a further Highways Update report is presented at the next Committee meeting.

## **11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all Committee highway-related schemes and works.

## **12.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 12.1 Officers will continue to progress delivery of all schemes and ensure effective use of all budgets.

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