

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

**HIGHWAYS UPDATE
&
BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2013/2014
28 NOVEMBER 2012**

KEY ISSUE

This report provides an update on the 2012/13 programme of highway works for Guildford agreed by the Local Committee at their meetings in March and June, and the committee is asked to agree budget allocations for 2013/14.

The committee is also asked to authorise the introduction of a reduced speed limit on the B2126 Horsham Road between Holmbury St Mary and the Mole Valley borough boundary.

SUMMARY

In June the Local Committee agreed to defer implementing improvement schemes that had been planned for 2012/13 in order to direct funding towards surfacing work. SCC members have agreed surfacing schemes for their individual divisions, and the Task Group has agreed surfacing schemes for Guildford town.

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to

- (i) Note progress on the 2012/13 programme of Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS, or improvement schemes), Local Re-surfacing Schemes, and S106 Schemes.
- (ii) Agree the following budget allocations for 2013/14:-

Construct 3 ITS schemes in	£180,000
Design 3 ITS schemes for construction in 2014/15	£35,000
New signs, bollards etc by Guildford team	£20,000
Community Gang for 48 weeks	£96,000
Jetter for 5 weeks	£25,000
Ad-hoc maintenance ordered by Guildford team	£20,000
Reserve funding for Lengthsman scheme	£15,000
- (iii) Ask the Task Group to consider use of the remaining unallocated 2013/14 funding of £452,000 with a report coming to the March meeting of the Local Committee.
- (iv) Authorise the introduction of a 40mph speed limit on the B2126 Horsham Road between the 30mph speed limit at Holmbury St Mary village and the Mole Valley boundary.
- (v) Delegate authority to the Area Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and locally affected Members to amend budgets throughout the year if required to ensure the budget is allocated in a timely manner.

1. AGREED PROGRAMME AND ALLOCATIONS 2012/13

1.1 The Local Committee meeting of 13 June agreed the following allocations.

- Complete 2011/12 Speed limits, estimated cost £37,000
- Design only four ITS schemes formerly planned for construction in 012/13, with construction deferred until 2013/14, estimated costs £45,000.
- Ad-hoc signs, bollards etc ordered by area team, allocate £25,000
- Employ a 'Community Gang' for 48 weeks, allocate £96,000
- Employ a jetter for five weeks, allocate £25,000
- Ad-hoc maintenance work by area team, allocate £25,000
- Local re-surface schemes, ten divisions at £50,000 per division, allocate £500,000
- Local re-surfacing schemes in Guildford town, allocate £180,000

1.2 The Local Committee meeting of 21 March agreed that the £50,000 Community Pride available in 2012/13 be allocated to individual SCC members at £5,000 per member.

2. SPEED LIMITS UPDATE 2011/12

2.1 Progress on the seven speed limit schemes carried forward from the 2011/12 programme is as follows:

a) Tanners Lane & Papercourt Lane, Send (reduce from 60mph to 30mph)

Traffic Regulation Order made, signs installed in August. Scheme complete.

b) A322 Worplesdon Road, Worplesdon (reduce from 50mph to 40mph)

Advertise TRO September, install Oct/Nov

c) A246 Guildford Rd, Effingham (reduce from 40mph to 30mph)

d) A246 Guildford Rd between Effingham and East Horsley (reduce from 50mph to 40mph)

Gateway designs agreed with Effingham PC. Advertise TRO before Christmas, install Jan/Feb.

e) Green Dene, East Horsley (reduce from 40mph to 30mph)

- f) Down Lane, Compton (reduce from 60mph to 30mph)**
g) B2126 Horsham Rd, Abinger Hammer (reduce from 60mph to 30mph)

Advertise TRO before Christmas, install Jan/Feb/March

- 2.2 Wodeland Avenue in Guildford was considered for a 20mph speed limit in January, but the portfolio holder felt that traffic calming would be needed to achieve this. The area team will investigate options during the course of the year, though no funding has been earmarked at present.

3.0 DESIGN FOUR ITS SCHEMES FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2013/14 UPDATE

- 3.1 In June the Local Committee agreed that design work should proceed on four ITS scheme, with construction planned in 2013/14. Briefs for all four schemes have been issued to the SCC Design Team. Countywide, design work on schemes which are due to be constructed in the current financial year has been prioritised, with design for schemes due for construction in 2013/14 carried out between September 2012 and March 2013.

Scheme 1: A25 Epsom Road, Crossing at Levylsdene

A layout plan for a new pedestrian refuge to assist those crossing the A25 Epsom Road at Levylsdene has been produced and in April the Merrow Residents Association invited their members to comment.

The majority of those who responded questioned the worth of a crossing, on grounds of necessity, the resultant loss of the existing cycle lane & bus lay-by, as well as cost.

In view of the lack of local resident support the SCC local member for Guildford East and the Area Manager have agreed this scheme should be abandoned.

Scheme 2: Pirbright Village Safety Scheme

Feasibility work underway, local consultation planned for Jan/Feb 2013. The Parish Council helpfully provided a list of their own suggestions for consideration.

Scheme 3: Portsmouth Rd, Ripley – Pedestrian crossing facility

Feasibility work is underway in consultation with the Parish Council for a crossing in the vicinity of the Village Hall, probably a pedestrian refuge.

Scheme 4: Shere Village Safety Scheme

Feasibility work is underway and an external consultant, Colin Davis, is assisting with developing measures sympathetic with the character of the village. An exhibition of proposals will be held over the winter months before detailed design in preparation for implementation in 2013/14.

4. COMMUNITY GANG UPDATE

- 4.1 A two man gang supplied by Poulson Contracting LTD has been employed since the beginning of April under the direction of the area team. The gang tackle mainly vegetation work, but can also clean/straighten/replace signs, remove/replace posts, clear ditches/blocked gullies, 'edge out' overgrown footways and other operations that do not involve digging below 75mm.
- 4.2 The area team have received a number of compliments about the quality and speed of the gang's work.

5. LOCAL RE SURFACING (LSR) SCHEMES UPDATE

- 5.1 In June the Local Committee directed a total of £680,000 towards local re-surfacing schemes, with a nominal £50,000 for each of the 10 SCC divisions and a further £180,000 towards roads in Guildford Town. Paul Bucknall, the Maintenance Engineer for Guildford, has discussed suitable roads with SCC members and the current list of LSR schemes is included at **Annex 1**. The Committee is asked to note:
- Most schemes have been ordered, a number are completed, and the majority have programme dates.
 - Market Street was prioritised as a Town Centre scheme. However due to it's complexity (block paving) there was the risk that work would not commence before the end of March and funding has been redirected to alternate 'blacktop' schemes identified in the September report to the Local Committee. Notwithstanding this, design work will continue on Market Street, with a view to implementation in the next financial year.

6. COMMUNITY PRIDE UPDATE

- 6.1 The total Community Pride funding in the current financial year, including carry forward from 2011/12, is £64,100.
- 6.2 At the time of writing this report, the total Community Pride committed expenditure is £30,750.
- 6.3 Members will recall that the Local Committee meeting in September agreed that any Community Pride not committed by the time of this meeting would revert to the area team to use for either LSR schemes or maintenance work.

7. SECTION 106 SCHEMES UPDATE

- 7.1 Developer funding is in hand to progress the following improvement schemes towards construction in 2012/13, which are each specified in individual planning agreements.

Scheme 1: New Inn Lane, Burpham
Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing

Design in progress with £77,000 developer funding in place. Constraints such as driveways to dwellings dictate a crossing located between Burnett Avenue and London Road.

Scheme 2: Ash Rd j/w Guildford Rd, Ash
Gateways and signing

With SCC Design Team. £30,000 developer funding in place.

Scheme 3: Percy Rd j/w Worplesdon Rd
Road table in Percy Rd

With SCC Design Team. £15,000 developer funding in place.

8. BUDGET & RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS FOR 2013/14

- 8.1 Budgets available to this committee in 2013/14 are expected to be identical to those of the current financial year, as below.

Capital ITS	£263,000
Capital Maintenance	£263,000
Revenue Maintenance	<u>£317,000</u>
	£843,000
Community Pride	£50,000

- 8.2 With reference to the decision made by the Local Committee to defer previously agreed ITS schemes, and in view of the benefit of having had a Community Gang and Jetter at the direction of the local team in 2012/13, the Area Manager recommends the following allocations for 2013/14:

Construct 3 ITS schemes in 2013/14 (previously 4)

1. *Pirbright Village safety scheme*
2. *Portsmouth Rd, Ripley crossing*
3. *Shere village safety scheme*

£180,000 est. for all three

A25 Levylsdene crossing (now abandoned)

Design only 3 ITS schemes for construction in 2014/15 (previously 4)

1. *Woking Road j/w Jacobs Well Road, junction improvement*

2. *Jacobs Well Rd j/w Clay Lane, junction improvement*
3. *Cherstey Rd j/w North Street, pedestrian crossing facilities*

£35,000 est for all three

York Rd j/w Stoke Road (abandon in view of Waitrose S278)

New signs, bollards etc by Guildford team	£20,000
'Community Gang' for 48 weeks	£96,000
Jetter for 5 weeks	£25,000
Ad-hoc maint. work by Guildford team	£20,000
Reserve funding for Lengthsman scheme	<u>£15,000</u>
Total	£391,000

Balance Unallocated £452,000*
 (*£843,000 – £391,000)

- 8.3 The remainder unallocated would total £452,000 (excluding Community Pride), which could be used to either bring forward construction of 2014/15 ITS schemes listed above, or to fund LSR schemes.
- 8.4 Surrey County Council is currently developing project Horizon, a five year re-surfacing programme, which is expected to be approved by the Cabinet in January. It is recommended that the Task Group meet in February to consider the Horizon programme and make recommendations on use of the unallocated £425,000 to the Local Committee meeting in March.
- 8.5 Members are asked to note that the Lengthsman scheme is a new initiative where parish and town councils are invited to bid for funding to organise enhanced highway maintenance works themselves (for instance additional verge cuts or cleaning signs). To date Ash and Worplesdon parish councils have expressed interest.

9. SPEED LIMIT ON BOROUGH BOUNDARY

- 9.1 Earlier in the year the Local Committee for Mole Valley authorised the introduction of a 40mph speed limit on the B2126 Horsham Road at Holmbury St Mary south from the borough boundary (previously 60mph). This leaves a short section of the road with a 60mph limit within Guildford from the borough boundary to the existing 30mph limit through the village. Officers have advertised the 40mph limit for this section also, and no objections have been received. The Local Committee is asked to authorise the introduction of this reduced speed limit within Guildford.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 All of the projects referred to in this report will be subject to appropriate consultations as they progress.

11. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 By inviting Members to submit their key highway issues, the proposed Integrated Transport Strategy schemes can be prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. Officers are working on a consistent countywide assessment process which, when complete, will be an additional tool to aid Members of this Committee in their decision-making process.

12. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 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.

13. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples' perception of crime.

14. CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 As above.

15. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 15.1 Officers will work to deliver the programme of schemes agreed by the committee.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS	Local Committee (Guildford) 13 June 2012 Item 10 'Highways Capital and Revenue Budget for 2012/13'
