

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 26 SEPTEMBER 2014

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

At the 13th December 2013 Local Committee, Members agreed a programme of revenue and capital highway works in Tandridge. 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 other maintenance programmes in Tandridge and on customer enquiries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) 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 Tandridge.

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 A revised capital works programme was agreed by Local Committee in June 2014 to allocate additional funding to maintenance schemes. This was required to address the damage caused to the local road network following the exceptional wet winter of 2013/14.
- 1.3 To allow flexibility in the delivery of the Local Committee's highways work programme, delegated authority was given so that the programme could be amended if necessary and works could be progressed without the need to bring further reports to the Local Committee for decision.
- 1.4 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 Capital Highway Schemes:

Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Tandridge is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions.

2.2 The weather conditions at the end of 2013 and early part of 2014 resulted in widespread deterioration of the road network. A Flood Recovery Plan has been developed following an announcement from the Leader of the Council of an additional £23m for the repair of flood damaged roads and bridges. Work has started on the programme of roads in Tandridge to be repaired with funding from this additional money. This work is additional to the Operation Horizon major maintenance programme, which is on-going.

2.3 Titsey Road/Titsey Hill:

Following a fatal collision in Titsey Road in April 2014, a report on road safety in Titsey Road/Titsey Hill was presented to the 27 June meeting of the Local Committee. A site meeting was held with Surrey Police and officers from the Road Safety Team on 4 July where it was agreed to provide bend warning and reduce speed now signs, on yellow backing boards, on each approach to the bend where the collision occurred. These signs were erected on 17 July.

2.4 The Local Committee agreed that work should start on investigating a reduction in the speed limit on Titsey Road/Titsey Hill. This was discussed at the site meeting on 4 July and the Police were in agreement in principle to a reduction of the speed limit to 50mph, subject to the outcome of a speed assessment. Automatic traffic survey equipment will need to be installed at a number of locations to record vehicle speeds. Suitable locations for the equipment have been identified and a price has been sought to carry out this work.

2.5 The County's Asset Management team have been asked to carry out a geological assessment of Titsey Road/Titsey Hill. The Asset team are also investigating the requirement for safety barriers on Titsey Hill.

2.6 Drainage:

Highway flooding has been targeted as a priority and the local area team now manages a centrally funded budget to carry out drainage investigation and small repairs locally. The intention of the funding is to allow the Local Highway Office to review and prioritise maintenance works to the existing system.

2.7 It is envisaged that the majority of the works will come from defects and failures of the drainage system identified by the routine gully cleaning. The Local Committee's revenue maintenance budget is being used to fund an additional gully-cleaning unit which will be starting work in September, working one week in three up until the end of the calendar to supplement the routine cleaning programme. This is likely to identify further small local repair schemes.

2.8 Winter Service:

The Winter Service Report will be presented to the Environment and Transport Select Committee and to Cabinet on 10 September and 23 September 2014 respectively. The report will include an update on the

funding and management costs for grit bins. Currently, the rate for the supply and servicing of a new grit bin for a 4 year period is £1040. Subject to Cabinet approval, the cost will be reduced to £1009 for this winter, to reflect the current actual costs to the County. In October, Members will receive an information pack on the winter service which will include the agreed changes to the salting network, as discussed in the spring round of local committees, and costs relating to grit bin funding.

2.9 Customer Enquiries:

The second quarter of the year has seen a reduction in the level of enquiries compared to the extremely high volume received during the first quarter, mainly as a result of the improved weather. **Table 1** shows the number of enquiries received during the first six months of 2014.

Period (2014)	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Tandridge: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan-March	58,224	6,108	2,485
April- June	29,551	2,553	1,282
Total	87,775	8,661	3,767

Table 1: Customer Enquiries

2.10 The reduction in customer contact has also been reflected in the volume of complaints received, as shown in **Table 2**.

Period (2014)	Surrey Highways: Complaints (no.)	South East Area: Stage 1 Complaints (no.)
Jan-March	143	47
April- June	65	28
Total	208	75

Table 2: Complaints

The main reason for complaints is the lack of customer contact and the failure to carry out works to either the required standard or timescale.

2.11 The Service is reviewing the customer service Key Performance Indicators and is particularly looking at advance notification of works on the highway through our Customer Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

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.

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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 Tandridge is set out in section 2 and Annex 1 of this report.

The 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 Tandridge Local Committee, 13th December 2013, Highways Forward Programme 2014/15 – 2015/16
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