

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

DATE: 29 September 2014

LEAD OFFICER: Paul Fishwick, Project Manager, Transport Policy

SUBJECT: Runnymede Major Schemes

DIVISION: Egham and Englefield Green

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES:**

This paper is to update members on the outcome of a recent meeting related to Local Committee funding being used for the Major schemes in the Runnymede area.

The decision of the Local Committee on the 9 June 2014 is set out below, with amendments to the original recommendation in bold:

At the Local Committee meeting held on 9 June 2014, this committee (minute ref 33/14) agreed to delegate authority to the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Member Task Group for Egham Major Schemes, and the Project Manager, to consider allocation of funding **of up to £50,000 per annum** towards these projects from the Local Committee capital budget for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years **(subject to budget discussions later in the year)**, and commit to a fixed sum if appropriate, reporting the outcome of these discussions to the next available Local Committee.

The paper presented to the Local Committee on 9 June is attached as **Annex A** (excluding its annex), together with a note of the recent meeting attached **Annex B**.

The meeting concluded that it was decided that no Committee funding should be allocated for this purpose. However, it was recognised that there is considerable support from Members for the major schemes in progress.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree :

- (i) To note the outcome from the Joint Member Task Group discussion (Egham Major Schemes).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee capital budget is essential to enable the funding of minor local infrastructure improvements, which range from changes to speed limits, through to more substantial works such as the provision of safe crossing facilities. In making this recommendation it was recognised that the Local Committee capital budget is the only avenue by which minor local infrastructure needs can be responded to and promoted, and that removing money from this budget for major schemes would have an impact on the Committee's ability to respond to local needs in the future.

However, it was also recognised that the potential major schemes funding could bring an investment into the Egham area of over £8 million, removing many of the current issues in the area that would need to be funded in some way in the future.

The members also felt that any funding put towards major schemes from the local Committee budget would be negligible when considered against the funding needed.

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Annexes:
Annex A – 9 June 2014 Local Committee report
Annex B – 8 September 2014 Delegated member meeting notes

Sources/background papers: