

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

**DATE: 29 SEPTEMBER 2014**



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**SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

**DIVISION: ALL**

<p><b><u>SUMMARY OF ISSUE:</u></b></p> <p>To report progress made with the delivery of proposed highways schemes, developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2014/15 financial year.</p> <p>To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes, revenue maintenance and Community Enhancement expenditure.</p> <p>To highlight other Highways service related matters.</p>
<p><b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS:</u></b></p> <p><b>The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Note the progress with schemes and revenue funded works for the 2014/15 financial year.</li> <li>(ii) Note the budgetary position.</li> <li>(iii) Note that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</u></b></p> <p>The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all highway related schemes and works.</p>

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) states the aim of improving the highway network for all users, through measures such as reducing congestion, improving accessibility, reducing personal injury accidents, improving the environment and maintaining the highway network so that it is safe for all users.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### **2.1 Capital works for 2014/15**

- 2.1.1 Following the Committee meeting held on 2 December 2013, it was agreed that the full anticipated 2014/15 capital allocation (ITS and maintenance) of £266,572 be committed to the installation of the pedestrian improvements at the junction of A30 Egham Hill/London Road with St Jude's Road and Bakeham Lane.
- 2.1.2 Phase 1 (site clearance works) of this scheme has been completed. Phase 2 (relocation of utility apparatus and drainage works) is still in progress. Drainage improvement works are partially complete and ducts have been installed ready for utility equipment to be relocated. The mobile phone mast has been relocated and the remainder of the utility works are due to be completed by the end of October 2014. Phase 3 (road widening/enlarging refuges/installing signal equipment) will then commence in November and is expected to be completed by February 2014.
- 2.1.3 If, for any reason, the anticipated 2014/15 capital allocation is not fully utilised for this project, then the ITS and capital maintenance proposals shown in Tables 1 and 2 have been agreed as contingency works.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget estimate (£k)</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Annual Parking Review</b>	<b>10</b>	Implementation of the recommendations of the 2013 parking review.
<b>Low cost measures</b>	<b>10</b>	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>20</b>	

**Table 1 – 2014/15 ITS Programme (Contingency)**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
B386 Holloway Hill	80,500	
D3160 Langton Way	11,000	
D3069 Faris Barn Drive	13,000	
D3178 Oak Tree Close	73,500	Possible 2 year programme.
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,000</b>	

**Table 2 – 2014/15 LSR Programme (Contingency)****2.2 Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2014/15**

2.2.1 The 2014/15 revenue maintenance allocation for Runnymede is £210,025. Table 3 shows how these funds were allocated and the spend progress to date.

Item	Allocation (£)	Committed Spend to date (£)
Drainage / ditching	60,000	38,795
Carriageway and footway patching	80,025	49,971
Vegetation works	30,000	24,415
Signs and markings	20,000	1,056
Low cost measures	20,000	16,541
Contractor OHP	Included in allocation figures	7,069
<b>Total</b>	<b>£210,025</b>	<b>£137,847 committed</b>

**Table 3 – 2014/15 Revenue Maintenance Expenditure****2.3 Community Enhancement Fund**

2.3.1 The total 2014/15 Community Enhancement allocation for Runnymede was £30,000. Committee have previously determined to divide this fund equally between County Councillor Committee Members. A summary of spend progress is shown in Table 4.

2.3.2 County Members have all agreed that their allocations are used to fund a programme of repairs and upgrades to illuminated bollards across the Borough. This programme of works is currently being delivered.

Member	Allocation (£)	Spend to date (£)
Chris Norman	5,000	5,000 committed.
Yvonna Lay	5,000	5,000 committed
John Furey	5,000	5,000 committed.
Mel Few	5,000	5,000 committed.
Marisa Heath	5,000	5,000 committed.
Mary Angell	5,000	5,000 committed.
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000 committed</b>

**Table 4 – 2014/15 Community Enhancement Fund spend progress**

## **2.3 OTHER HIGHWAY RELATED MATTERS**

### **2.3.1 Magna Carta Highway Measures**

Work on designing and implementing the agreed highways improvements is progressing. 3 new refuges were installed in conjunction with the resurfacing works recently completed in Windsor Road. The speed limit assessment has been completed and has confirmed that a reduced speed limit of 40mph can be introduced. Surrey Police has no objection to the proposal and therefore SCC is currently advertising its intention to introduce a 40mph speed limit. The new speed limit is expected to be introduced in October 2014 (subject to the consideration of any objections received). Detailed design of the proposed signalised pedestrian crossing near the National Trust Tea Rooms is substantially complete.

### **2.3.2 Parking Update**

The Traffic Regulation Orders were made on 18 July 2014 for the parking restrictions agreed following the 2013-14 parking review and the signing/lining works have now been completed.

Site visits for the 2014/15 parking review will be undertaken during September/October 2014. The recommendations of the review are then due to be reported to the Local Committee at its meeting in December 2014.

### **2.3.2 Customer Enquiry Responses**

The second quarter of the year has seen a reduction in the level of enquiries compared to the extremely high volume during the first quarter. This is mainly due to the better weather. For the first half of the year 87775 enquiries have been received, giving an average of almost 14600 per month for the calendar year, down from 19000.

For Runnymede specifically, 4129 enquiries have been received since January of which 2205 were directed to the local area office for action, 96% of these have been resolved. This response rate is slightly above the countywide average of 95%. Although the response rate remains high, we are working hard in conjunction with our contractors to improve and also reduce the need for customers to chase for an answer.

The reduction in customer contacts has also been reflected in the volume of complaints received, 208 for the 6 months to the end of June compared to 143 for the first quarter. The North West area including Runnymede have received 28 stage 1 complaints. The main reasons for these being communication and the failure to carry out works to either the required standard or timescale.

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 Options, where applicable, are presented in this report.

**4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 Consultation is routinely carried out for highway-related schemes with relevant key parties, including residents, Local Members, Surrey Police and Safety Engineering. Specific details regarding consultation and any arising legal issues are included in individual scheme reports as appropriate.

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

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The Committee Capital and Revenue Maintenance budgets are 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 that indicated.

**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. An Equalities Impact Assessment is undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

**7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 Through the views and needs expressed by local communities, and accommodating where possible the involvement of local communities in looking after the public highway, localism is routinely considered as part of the consultation and bidding processes for highway-related works. Specific details regarding localism are included in individual reports as appropriate.

**8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

- 8.1 Other implications, such as the contribution that a well-managed highway network can give to reducing crime and disorder, are considered in relation to individual schemes, and specific details are included in individual reports as appropriate.

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

**9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress with all schemes and budgets.
- 9.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update is presented at the next meeting of this Committee.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

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

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**Annexes: 0**

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**Sources/background papers:**

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