

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To report progress made with the delivery of proposed highways and developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2014/15 financial year.

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

To report on relevant topical Highways matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress with schemes and revenue funded works for the 2014/15 financial year.
- (ii) Note the budgetary position.
- (iii) Note that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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 is 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 also completed. Phase 3 (road widening/enlarging refuges/installing signal equipment) is well under way, with completion of works scheduled for the end of March 2015.
- 2.1.3 Although there is now no likelihood of the capital budget remaining unspent, the ITS and capital maintenance proposals shown in Tables 1 and 2 were agreed by the Local Committee as contingency works.

Project	Budget estimate (£k)	Details
Annual Parking Review	10	Implementation of the recommendations of the 2013 parking review.
Low cost measures	10	To enable delivery of small items such as responding to requests for new dropped kerbs or signage during the course of the year.
Total	20	

Table 1 – 2014/15 ITS Programme (Contingency)

Location	Cost (£)	Comment
B386 Holloway Hill	80,500	
D3160 Langton Way	11,000	Now being delivered through central budget, intended for delivery this year.
D3069 Faris Barn Drive	13,000	
D3178 Oak Tree Close	73,500	Now completed. Delivered through P400 central programme.
Total	178,000	

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	39,224
Carriageway and footway patching	80,025	88,088
Vegetation works	30,000	29,765
Signs and markings	20,000	23,578
Low cost measures	20,000	23,610
Contractor OHP	Included in allocation figures	7,598
Total	£210,025	£204,265 committed

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 has now been completed.

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.
Total	30,000	30,000 committed

Table 4 – 2014/15 Community Enhancement Fund spend progress

2.3 OTHER HIGHWAY RELATED MATTERS

2.3.1 Magna Carta Highway Measures

The programme of highway improvement works, which have been introduced to enhance the public realm and improve highway safety in advance of the

Magna Carta celebrations, is now substantively complete. 3 new pedestrian refuges were installed at key points along Windsor Road in conjunction with resurfacing works, and both the speed limit reduction scheme and the construction of a new signalised pedestrian crossing by the tea rooms are also completed.

The only remaining highway improvements to be constructed are a new central island by Yardmead on the A308 Windsor Road, and gateway features for the site. The island has been designed and safety audited, and initial proposals for gateway features are under discussion. It is intended that both of these items will be completed in good time before the celebrations in June.

2.3.2 Parking Update

The 2014/15 review site visits were completed in October and a separate report was presented to Committee during its last formal meeting.

2.3.3 Customer Enquiry Responses

The continued mild weather in the last quarter has meant the downward trend in enquiry volumes has continued since the extremely high volume in the first part of the year. Overall volumes remain high with over 149,000 received for the 2014 calendar year, giving an average of approximately 12,400 per month, down from 13,100 in the third quarter.

For Runnymede specifically, 5,847 enquiries have been received since January, of which 3,337 were directed to the local area office for action, 95% of which have been resolved. This response rate is in line with the countywide average of 95%. Although the response rate remains high, we are working hard in conjunction with our contractors to improve the service we provide. A new Works Management System has been introduced to improve the management of enquiries, and officers are able to view better information and works schedules using this.

Work continues to improve performance and we are currently undertaking a Key Driver Analysis of the annual National Highways and Transport survey to better understand customer satisfaction. In addition, the Customer Service Excellence Member Reference Group is reviewing our response standards and Customer Charter.

Although there have been a reduction in customer contacts, complaints have remained high with 524 at Stage 1 compared to 487 for 2013. The North West area received 73. The main reasons cited for complaints remains communication and/or failure to carry out works to either the required standard or timescale. In addition, 13 complaints have been escalated to Stage 2 of which we were found to be at fault in 4 cases. Seven complaints have been made to the Local Government Ombudsman about the Service, none of which have been upheld.

2.3.4 Egham High Street review and consultation

A review of the public highway arrangements within the part-pedestrianised section of Egham High Street was proposed as an option for the 2015/16 capital programme. This was promoted as an opportunity to undertake a

detailed study of the function of the high street that would look at potential options for modifications, followed by a public consultation.

Due to various other proposed changes arising from the parking review, the Egham Sustainable Travel package, and the imminent opening of the new Waitrose store, it was requested that this review and consultation is carried out within the current financial year, with the intention of returning a report to Committee containing an analysis of the consultation results along with options and recommendations at a meeting in March.

The consultation has just been completed and a separate report will be presented to the Runnymede Committee in a formal meeting on 23 March 2015.

2.4 Capital Works Programme for 2015/16

- 2.4.1 The capital works programme is now presented as a combined programme of both ITS and capital maintenance works to provide a clearer picture of works and budgets. This programme was formally approved by the Runnymede Committee in a public meeting held on 1 December 2014.
- 2.4.2 It has been confirmed that the same level of capital funding will be available in the 2015/16 financial year as for 2014/15, and so the 2015/16 Committee capital budget will be £266,772.
- 2.4.3 All costs shown are estimated, and it is suggested that should scheme costs vary from the estimates shown, that Committee support a flexible approach that enables the matching of schemes as best as can be achieved to the available budget.

Scheme Name	Detail/Limits	Area	Estimated Cost (£)
Signals Review and Crossing Upgrade Programme	Programme of traffic signal timing reviews and pedestrian crossing upgrades led by Members to reduce congestion and support the local economy across the Borough. Programme size can be adjusted to available budget.	Borough Wide	Up to £95,000
A328 St Jude's Road – Puffin Crossing	Undertake a feasibility study to identify the most appropriate location for a new puffin crossing (signal controlled pedestrian crossing) near Bagshot Road before completing the detailed design.	Englefield Green	£10,000
A30 London Road/Christchurch Road – Right turn filter (ITS)	Carry out a feasibility study examining the possible introduction of a dedicated phase with a right turn filter	Foxhills, Thorpe and Virginia Water	£10,000

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	signal for drivers turning right into the Wheatsheaf pub.		
A320 Guildford Road – Speed Limit Assessment	Undertake a speed limit assessment to determine whether a reduced speed limit would be appropriate. Implement reduced speed limit (subject to the results of the assessment and consultation).	Foxhills, Thorpe and Virginia Water	£10,000
Tite Hill – Traffic Calming Measures	Undertake a feasibility study and public consultation into the possible introduction of physical traffic calming measures.	Englefield Green	£10,000
Thames Close	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Chertsey	£35,648
Selsdon Road	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Woodham & New Haw	£79,040
Lane Close	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Addlestone	£15,168
Total			£264,856

Table 5 – Proposed capital works programme for 2015/16

2.4.4 Contingency planning – in the event of any of the ITS schemes not being deliverable, or being unable to proceed for other reasons, the list of Local Structural Repair (LSR) works in table 6 below was also approved for use on a contingency basis to ensure that budgets are effectively utilised.

Scheme Name	Detail/Limits	Division	Estimated Cost (£)
Holloway Hill (Maintenance)	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Foxhills, Thorpe and Virginia Water	£123,341
Amis Avenue	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Woodham & New Haw	£55,776
Accommodation Road (Maintenance)	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Part of road (limits to be confirmed)	Foxhills, Thorpe and Virginia Water	£61,951

Table 6 – Proposed LSR contingency programme for 2015/16

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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Consulted:

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Annexes:

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Sources/background papers:

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