



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME 2012-13: UPDATE REPORT

14 December 2012

KEY ISSUE

To provide an update on the progress of highway improvement schemes, both Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) and those which are developer funded, and of Local Re-surfacing (LSR) schemes in Waverley.

SUMMARY

At its meetings in March and June 2012 the Committee agreed a programme of ITS schemes for 2012/13. In June the committee allocated £162,000 of the Maintenance Revenue budget towards LSR schemes. In September the Committee agreed to defer two ITS schemes previously scheduled for construction in 2012/13 and directed a further sum of £195,000 towards LSR schemes. This report updates progress on the programme of schemes.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:

- (i) Note progress on the programme of highway schemes.
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Area Highways 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.
- (iii) Agree to the prohibition of the left turn from the D5508 Critchmere Hill (southern arm) into the A287 Hindhead Road.
- (iv) Agree to the revocation of the temporary waiting parking bays outside numbers 2 to 8 on the B2131 Petworth Road and the creation of a bus clearway at this location.

1. BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

1.1 At its meetings on 16 March and 22 June 2012 the Local Committee agreed the following allocations.

Complete 2011/12 ITS schemes & 2012/13 ITS Programme

2011/12 ITS Carry Forward	£65,000
PIC Funding	£75,000
2012/13 ITS Allocation	£262,000
2013/13 Capital Maintenance Allocation	£262,000
2012/13 Revenue Maintenance Allocation (Part	<u>£110,000</u>
Sub- total	£774,000

1.2 The residue of the Revenue Maintenance Allocation was directed as follows

Implement Waverley Parking Review	£15,000
Ad-hoc work ordered by area team	£20,000
Jetter for 2 to 3 weeks	£10,000
Local re-surfacing schemes	<u>£162,000</u>
Total	£981,000

1.3 At the September meeting the Local Committee agreed to defer construction of two ITS schemes to 2013/14 and re-directed £195,000 from the ITS programme above towards LSR schemes.

1.4 An update on members' commitments against their Community Pride allocations will follow.

2. UPDATE ON 2011/12 AND 2012/13 ITS AND S106 SCHEMES

2.1 **Annex 1** shows progress on the 2011/12, 2012/13 programme of ITS schemes, and schemes funded by developer contribution ('Section 106' schemes).

2.2 Zebra Crossing in Petworth Road at the junction with High Street, Haslemere

Design work on this scheme is nearing completion, with installation programmed for February/March. No vehicle is permitted to stop on a zebra crossing or the zig-zag road markings either side of it for obvious road safety reasons. The existing bus stop outside No. 2 Petworth Road is located on the line of the proposed zebra crossing, and must be moved to allow the zebra to be installed. A site meeting has been held to identify possible new locations for the bus stop, attended by Surrey County Council Passenger Transport and Design Team officers, a Police Road Safety officer, and the local County Councillor. It was

agreed that the only nearby location at which a bus could safely stop is the lay-by outside Nos 2 to 8 Petworth Road, currently designated as limited waiting (8.30 to 18.30 Monday to Saturday, 1 hour no return 1 hour). This restriction would have to be revoked, and a bus clearway created, in order to move the bus stop to the lay-by, and the Committee is asked to authorise these changes. However, the Area Highways Manager has asked for a further review of other possible locations for the bus stop, and only if this fails to identify a suitable location would the recommended changes be made.

2.3 Prohibition of left turn from Critchmere Hill (southern arm) into the A287 Hindhead Road.

Concerns have been raised about vehicles exiting left onto the main Hindhead Road at this junction. The acute angle between the two roads means vehicles making this manoeuvre routinely swing out into the opposite lane of the Hindhead Road into the path of traffic travelling south towards Haslemere. Although the speed limit is 30mph speeds can be higher on this downhill section of Hindhead Road, and forward visibility is limited by the bend approaching the junction with Critchmere Hill. Surrey Police agrees that this manoeuvre should be banned in the interest of road safety, and the Committee is asked to agree to advertise a prohibition order. The estimated cost of advertising notices and installing signs is £5,000 and it is recommended this scheme is included in the 2013/14 ITS programme (see Item 9 on the agenda for this meeting).

2.4 Create Footway in The Street at Larchwood, Wonersh

Feasibility work into relatively low cost options such as local road narrowing has been completed, but no solution could be found. At a site meeting in November the Parish Council suggested they could dedicate land on the north side of the road, but a retaining wall would be required as well as legal agreement, and costs are likely to significantly exceed the budget. Design work will continue, but given land and structures requirements, it will not be possible to construct this scheme before the end of March, and funding will be directed towards LSR schemes.

3. UPDATE ON WAVERLEY PARKING REVIEW

- 3.1 The Committee agreed to the introduction of parking restrictions at locations across the borough at the meetings in December 2011 and March 2012. The contractor has recently started installing yellow lines, and all the agreed restrictions are expected to be in place by the end of December, with the Pay-and Display scheme in Farnham coming into operation in January 2013.

4. UPDATE ON AD HOC WORK ORDERED BY AREA TEAM AND JETTER

- 4.1 The Area Team Maintenance Engineer has placed the order for the jetter, and the additional two to three weeks' work requested will be completed by the end of January. Over half of the £20,000 directed to ad hoc work has already been spent, mainly on vegetation work, and the remainder will be fully committed by the start of the New Year.

5. UPDATE ON LOCAL RE-SURFACING (LSR) SCHEMES

- 5.1 A total of £357,000 of funding for LSR schemes has been agreed by the Local Committee, and the Area Team Maintenance Engineer has been in discussion

with individual County Councillors to identify roads within each division which could be re-surfaced. **Annex 2** lists these roads, with the price quoted by the County Council's contractor for each. Members will note that the value of schemes exceeds the allocation, and it may not be possible to complete them all.

6. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Since 28 April 2011, highways works have been undertaken by the County Council's new contractors, coordinated by May Gurney, who have been appointed following a rigorous tendering and selection process aimed at achieving the best value for money.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Consultations on schemes to be included in the 2012/13 programme have been carried out by means of member task groups. Where appropriate, public and other consultations will be completed for individual schemes.

8 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder.

10 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 As above

11.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

11.1 Officers will continue to progress delivery of agreed programme of improvement and maintenance schemes.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Local Committee (Waverley) 22 June 2012 Item 9 'Highways Revenue Allocation for 2012-13' Local Committee (Waverley) 21 September 2012 Item 9 'Highways Update'