

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 2015/16 financial year.

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

To agree the proposed capital works programme for 2016/17.

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 2015/16 financial year.
- (ii) Agree the proposed capital works programme for 2016/17
- (iii) Note the budgetary position.
- (iv) 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 Programme for 2015/16

- 2.1.1 The capital works programme is now presented as a combined programme of both ITS and capital maintenance works in **table 1** 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.
- 2.1.2 The 2015/16 Committee capital budget is £266,772. In addition, £4,000 capital funding has been carried forward from 2014/15 giving an overall budget of £270,772.
- 2.1.3 The 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.
- 2.1.4 The following capital maintenance schemes have previously been added to the original programme. The cost of these schemes is expected to be accommodated within the existing budget due the reduction in cost of the Selsdon Road scheme resulting from a change in specification.
- Chobham Road
 - Coombe Drive
 - Oak Tree Close
- 2.1.5 Following the agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the introduction of 2 pairs of speed cushions in Queen Mary's Drive has also now been added to the capital programme. The Local Committee agreed the installation of these measures (to replace round top humps no longer compliant with SCC policy which were removed following maintenance works) at its meeting held on 29 September 2014. However, no funding was allocated to undertake the works at that time.
- 2.1.6 The cost of introducing the cushions can be accommodated within the existing budget since the Traffic Signals team are not expecting to require all of the £95,000 potentially available for delivering the signals review and crossing upgrade programme. The estimate for these works has therefore now been reduced to £85,000.

Scheme Name	Detail/Limits	Progress	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.	Programme of sites agreed. Awaiting further update on progress from signals team.	Up to £85,000
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.	Design brief issued. Pedestrian survey complete. Options being assessed.	£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 signal for drivers turning right into the Wheatsheaf pub.	Design brief issued.	£10,000
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).	Design brief issued. Assessment complete. Local Committee agreed on 21 September 2015 to retain existing speed limit	£2,000
Tite Hill – Traffic Calming Measures	Undertake a feasibility study and public consultation into the possible introduction of physical traffic calming measures.	Design brief issued. Feasibility study completed. Options being assessed prior to consultation being undertaken.	£10,000
Queen Mary's Drive – Traffic calming measures	Install speed cushions in place of round top humps removed as part of resurfacing works.	Design brief issued. Detailed design complete. Public notice to be advertised by end of November 2015.	£10,000
Thames Close	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Complete	£21,509

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Selsdon Road	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Complete	£10,192
Lane Close	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Complete	£19,373
Chobham Road, Ottershaw	Capital Maintenance (LSR)	Complete	£41,146
Coombe Drive	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Full length of road	Walk through complete. Awaiting cost. Programmed for March 2016.	£15,000
Oak Tree Close	Capital Maintenance (LSR) – Trumps Green Road to roundabout	Walk through complete. Programmed for March 2016.	£15,000
Total			£249,220

Table 1 – Capital works programme for 2015/16

2.1.7 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 2 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 2 – LSR contingency programme for 2015/16

2.2 Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2015/16

2.2.1 The 2015/16 revenue maintenance allocation for Runnymede is £140,035. Table 5 shows how these funds have been allocated, and the spend progress to date.

Item	Allocation (£)	Committed Spend to date (£)
Drainage / ditching	50,000	12,564
Carriageway and footway patching	50,000	54,750

Vegetation works	30,000	30,023
Signs and markings	10,035	1,148
Contractor OHP	Included in allocation figures	7,153
Total	£140,035	£105,638 committed

Table 3 – 2015/16 Revenue Maintenance Expenditure

2.3 Community Enhancement Fund 2015/16

2.3.1 The total 2015/16 Community Enhancement allocation for Runnymede is £30,000. Committee have previously determined to divide this fund equally between County Councillor Committee Members.

2.3.2 The Maintenance Engineer for Runnymede will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates, and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.

2.3.3 To ensure that this fund is effectively spent, and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, it was recommended that all works should be agreed by 31 October 2015.

2.3.4 In the event of no firm spending decisions being made, the Maintenance Engineer will determine suitable works and organise their delivery.

2.3.5 A summary of spend progress is shown in **Table 4**.

Member	Allocation (£)	Spend to date (£)
Chris Norman	5,000	1,000 committed.
Yvonna Lay	5,000	0 committed
John Furey	5,000	0 committed.
Mel Few	5,000	5,000 committed.
Marisa Heath	5,000	0 committed.
Mary Angell	5,000	5,000 committed.
Total	30,000	11,000 committed

Table 4 – 2015/16 Community Enhancement Fund spend progress

2.4 Capital Works Programme for 2016/17

2.4.1 The capital works programme is presented as a combined programme of both ITS and capital maintenance works to provide a clearer picture of works and budgets. The programme shown in table 5 was informally discussed and agreed in principle during a private meeting of the Local Committee held on 4 November 2015.

2.4.2 In the 2015/16 financial year the Local Committee received a capital allocation of £266,772. Whilst the budgets for 2016/17 are yet to be

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confirmed the Local Committee’s capital allocation may potentially be reduced for 2016/17. However, it is proposed that the programme shown in **table 5** is agreed and the works are funded in the order of priority presented.

2.4.3 All costs shown are estimated and the programme value intentionally exceeds the available budget to enable flexibility of delivery. 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 to ensure the funding is fully utilised.

Scheme Name	Detail/Limits	Estimated Cost (£)
Tite Hill Traffic Calming Measures	Install traffic calming measures (scheme to be part funded with developer contribution of £27,500) - subject to review of the feasibility study	£47,500
Stonehill Road	Install vehicle activated signs at junction with Foxhills Road	£10,000
Egham High Street	Install measures to control access to pedestrian zone.	£40,000
New Haw Road – Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	Feasibility study to assess options for improving pedestrian crossing facilities near junction with Byfleet Road.	£10,000
Trotsworth Avenue	Capital Maintenance (Resurface) – Gorse Hill Lane to T-junction	£22,640
Amis Avenue	Capital Maintenance (Resurface) – From no.21 to Day Centre	£29,040
Bourneside Road	Capital Maintenance (Microsurfacing) – Full length of road	£38,700
Jubilee Crescent	Capital Maintenance (Microsurfacing) – Full length of road	£13,520
Bois Hall Road	Capital Maintenance (Microsurfacing) – Full length of road	£36,480
Heron Dale	Capital Maintenance (Microsurfacing) – Full length of road	£11,550
Wren Crescent	Capital Maintenance (Microsurfacing) – Full length of road	£8,640
Robin Close	Capital Maintenance (Microsurfacing) – Full length of road	£2,060
Amis Avenue	Capital Maintenance (Microsurfacing) – From no. 21 to Broadway	£7,470
Grange Road	Capital Maintenance (Resurface) – Full length of road	£53,610
Addlestone Road	Capital Maintenance (Resurface) – Part	£43,800
Total		£375,010

Table 5 – Proposed capital works programme for 2016/17

2.5 OTHER HIGHWAY RELATED MATTERS

2.5.1 Egham High Street

Parking Restrictions

Amendments were proposed to the parking restrictions after the original proposals were advertised. The revised proposals were therefore advertised on 16 October, with closing date for comments/objections of 13 November 2015.

Taxi Ranks

Having considered the views expressed through the County Council's consultation, the Borough Council decided to appoint a new taxi rank outside Goodleys jewellers subject to a period of statutory consultation. A number of representations and objections were received during the consultation as well as a petition with 1,749 signatures. Having considered these the Borough Council's full Council decided against introducing the taxi rank.

Entry Control

The Local Committee agreed on 23 March 2015 that a more effective method of controlling access to the pedestrian zone (such as electronic bollards) is designed and introduced subject to the provision of funding. Alternative systems are currently being investigated and cost estimates obtained. Provision has been made to fund the introduction of these measures as part of the Local Committee's proposed 2016/17 capital programme. In addition, the Borough Council has offered to contribute to the proposal by arranging for their direct services to undertake the associated civil works.



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2.5.2 **Runnymede Roundabout Major Scheme**

Tender documents are currently with 6 contractors from the SE 7 framework and priced documents are expected to be returned by 2 December 2015.

Officers will then undertake a tender evaluation and subject to satisfactory negotiations, approval will be required by the County Council's Cabinet during February 2016, with the main construction works commencing during April 2016.

It is likely that advanced utility protection and diversionary works will take place from around February 2016 although coordination with the appointed contractor and the Utility Companies will determine the exact programme of works.

2.5.3 **Egham Sustainable Transport Package Major Scheme**

Phase 1 covers the area south of the A308 The Causeway and the A30 Egham By-pass. This is a series of minor improvements and fits well with the county council's term contractor Kier. Following a design review, further detailed design work is being undertaken which is nearing completion. The contractor has arrangements to commence work on this project from mid January 2016 with an anticipated completion by September 2016.

Phase 2 covers the proposed improvements on the A308 The Causeway and the toucan crossing on the A30 Egham By-pass at Hummer Road. Following a design review additional structural design work is underway for the retaining wall and restraint system along part of the A308 The Causeway. This package of work fits within the existing contract framework of the county council and has been awarded to Lafarge Tarmac. The contractor has arrangements to commence work on this project from early January 2016, with an anticipated completion by the end of May 2016.

2.5.4 **Parking Update**

The 2014/15 review proposals were advertised at the end of April 2015. Objections were considered and the way forward agreed with members in September 2015. Detailed design has now been completed and the works are being ordered.

There are a few additional proposals (in Crockford Park Road and the Crouch Oak Estate in Addlestone, Victoria Street in Englefield Green, High Street in Egham and Hamilton Close in Chertsey) which were advertised on 16 October, with closing date for comments/objections of 13 November 2015 (see Item 10 on 30 November agenda).

2.5.5 **A320 Guildford Road, Chertsey – Bus Stop Clearway**

At its meeting on 6 July 2015 the Local Committee considered a request for a bus stop clearway to be introduced outside the Salesian School. The Committee deferred making a decision on the issue pending discussions with the school about the feasibility of buses dropping off/picking up pupils within the school grounds. The issue will be reconsidered by Committee once these discussions have taken place.

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.

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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.
- 9.3 The Committee is asked to approve the proposed capital works programme for 2016/17.

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:

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Sources/background papers:

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