

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER

SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 Local Committee Members agreed a programme of revenue and capital highway works in Mole Valley. An amended programme of works was agreed on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 to take account of the reduced revenue budget. Delegated authority was given to enable the forward programme to be progressed without the need to bring further reports to the Local Committee for decision. This report sets out recent progress on, the Strategic Transport Programmes for Dorking and Leatherhead, the A24 Resilience Scheme, Wider Network Benefits scheme and the number of enquiries and complaints received from customers.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:**

- i. Note the contents of the report;
- ii. Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to decide on those schemes to include within the Mole Valley Draft Integrated Transport Scheme (ITS) Programme 2017/18 – 2018/19 during the Informal Local Committee meeting to be held after the Formal Local Committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016; and
- iii. **Delegate authority to the Transport and Travel Group Manager, in consultation with the Leatherhead Major Schemes Task Group, to respond to the feedback received from the Transform Leatherhead consultation.**
- iv. **Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to finalise the list of local priority schemes for inclusion in the Horizon 2 Roads Major Maintenance Programme (HRMM) by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017, following consideration of the selection of schemes under the influence of the Local Committee at the informal Local Committee meeting to be held after the Formal Local Committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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To update the Local Committee on, the progress of the highway works programme in Mole Valley, the Dorking STP, Leatherhead STP, A24 Resilience Scheme and customer enquiries.

The timescales indicated by the LEP will require some detailed design work to be conducted before 31 March 2017. This will require decisions to be made about the consultation feedback and the design specification of the scheme in January, which is in advance of the committee's next meeting on 1 March.

**To be able to pass to the Asset Planning Team an agreed list of schemes for the HRMM programme by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.**

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

- 1.1 In December 2015, Local Committee agreed its forward programme for both Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) Capital Improvement Schemes and ITS Capital Maintenance Schemes. Local Committee also agreed the allocation of its revenue budget for maintenance works. A revised works programme was agreed in March 2016 to take account of the reduced revenue budget devolved to the Local Committee.
- 1.2 To allow flexibility in the delivery of the Local Committee's highways work programme, delegated authority was given so that works could be progressed without the need to bring further reports to the Local Committee for decision.
- 1.3 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved highways budget, developer contributions are used to fund, either wholly or in part, highway improvement schemes to mitigate the impact of developments on the highway network. The Road Safety Team also has a small Countywide budget which is used, on a priority basis, to address sites with an identified collision problem.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 **Capital Highway Schemes:** Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Mole Valley is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions, the Parking Review and the Road Safety Team's schemes for Mole Valley.
- 2.2 A report regarding the Draft Highways Forward Programme for 2017/18 and 2018/19 for Capital Highway Schemes is to be discussed at the Informal Local Committee meeting to be held following this Formal Local Committee meeting. This will include allocating future funding for Integrated Transport Schemes, within the projected budget.
- 2.3 **Dorking STP:** Works are complete on improvements to the shared footway/cycleway on the A24 (east)/Station Approach and a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been carried out. Some recommendations were included within the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit for consideration, such as improved signing to make clearer where the route starts and finishes, particularly on Station Approach and these are currently being considered.

- 2.4 Signs are to be installed to make it clearer to cyclists that they should not cycle in front of Bus Stop A on the west side of the A24, and that they should instead use the ramp behind the bus stop.
- 2.5 Bus shelters at Dorking Main Station have been upgraded to provide for the Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) signs. Once works to install the power supply to this bus stop has been carried out the RTPI sign will be installed. RTPI signs are also due to be installed at bus stop A and at the bus stop outside Waitrose in Dorking town centre, investigation work is currently being carried out to source a power supply for these signs.
- 2.6 The wayfinding element of the scheme is progressing; installation of signs is now anticipated in November/December, when foundation works for the signs will be carried out and temporary plates will be installed to temporarily cover the foundation prior to the installation of the signs themselves shortly after.
- 2.7 On-station works at Dorking Deepdene Station including, improved waiting facilities, information screens, improvements to cycle facilities and lighting improvements are anticipated to start in November.
- 2.8 Regular updates on the Dorking STP are posted on the website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/dorkingstp](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/dorkingstp)
- 2.9 **Leatherhead STP (update and task group set up):** The business case bid for funding from the Coast 2 Capital Local Enterprise Partnership's (LEP) Sustainable Transport fund is currently being drafted. It will request a figure approaching the maximum bid scale (£5M) and of this, 25% must be local match funding. This is proposed through a blend of commitments from the county council (subject to Cabinet approval), Mole Valley District Council (subject to final confirmation) and complementary measures currently being constructed. The business case is anticipated to be submitted at the end of November 2016. No timescale has yet been given for making a decision on the outcome of the bid.
- 2.10 The current scope of the project based on officer consideration of the feasibility report, is as follows:
- An off road cycle route, by means of a wide, shared pedestrian and cycling pathway from the station, along Randalls Road, leading to an on-road cycle route on Cleave Road to reach the Springfield Drive Business Park (CGI, KBR, Unilever).
  - Improving cycling access through Mole Valley Business Park, via negotiation with the site management.
  - Providing a toucan crossing at Mill Lane across Waterway Road, and an improving pedestrian and cycle route north along Waterway Road to the junction with Bull Hill.
  - Public realm improvements to the area in front of the waterworks involving rationalising the road layout, creating a new public space, enabling all turns in and out of the Leisure Centre and helping reduce vehicle speeds.

- Town bridge on Guildford Road: a wider pavement for pedestrians enabled by the introduction of “shuttle working” i.e changing the bridge to a single lane that is controlled by traffic lights on either side.
- Riverside path widening and surface upgrading, which in the future is anticipated to link up with the new Riverside Quarter of Transform Leatherhead.

2.11 As reported to the committee on 2 March 2016, the timescales for proposal development and business case submission to the LEP are tight. Reflecting this, a public consultation has recently been launched. The consultation will be open for six weeks until 12 December and is being conducted under the Transform Leatherhead branding. The consultation will involve:

- A website showing the proposals with an electronic feedback form.
- Engagement with local businesses via the Leatherhead Chambers of Commerce and meetings with large employers on Springfield Drive business park.
- Exhibitions at Leatherhead Leisure Centre on 12 and 19 November and at the Leatherhead Theatre on 26 November.
- Officer attendance at the mid Surrey Disability Alliance Network at the group’s next meeting in January 2017.
- Local digital and print advertising and social media activity, to highlight the consultation exercise.
- Direct resident engagement with householders on Randalls Road.

2.12 Following the public consultation, if necessary and feasible, the scheme proposals will be modified in response to the comments received ahead of detailed design work. The Local Committee has been asked to approve the setting up of a Leatherhead Major Schemes Task Group (see separate report to this meeting of the Local Committee). Subject to this approval being given, due to the timescales directed by the LEP to conduct some detailed design work before 31 March 2017, the Committee is asked to agree that delegated authority is given to the Leatherhead Major Schemes Task Group to consider the consultation feedback and the proposed responses to this.

2.13 The period of formal statutory consultation for the required Traffic Orders is not yet scheduled, as further detailed design work and initial safety audit will be conducted prior to the advertising of Traffic Orders.

2.14 **A24 Resilience Scheme:** As part of the A24 Resilience scheme, we have recently completed an assessment of Burford Bridge which has highlighted a number of minor repairs that we will be carrying out over the coming months.

2.15 We are currently waiting on the final accounts from all the re-surfacing and drainage improvements works to date. Once the final accounts for these works have been received, the remaining budget will be allocated to additional drainage, structures and carriageway infrastructure works. This is likely to include carriageway works to sections of the northbound carriageway

from Pixham Lane to Burford Bridge, as well as lining of existing drainage assets.

- 2.16 All works will be complete before the end of March 2017 and a full report of what has been achieved will be submitted.
- 2.17 **Wider Network Benefits Scheme:** Outline design and procurement of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, CCTV Traffic Cameras and Variable Message Signs (VMS) are now completed and detailed design of these elements are being refined, whilst site surveys are being carried out and contractors mobilised to commence installation of these three work streams.
- 2.18 Installation of ANPR cameras will commence shortly on the A24, A25, A29 and A246. Most of these cameras will be installed on existing Surrey CC apparatus (such as Traffic Signals and Lamp Columns), with the installation of new poles for cameras avoided where possible.
- 2.19 It is anticipated that the work to install CCTV Traffic Cameras will be complete by April 2017. However installation has been delayed slightly whilst final decisions are taken on which sites to have installed, because final costs mean that it is unlikely that there is sufficient project budget to install all preferred sites. Again, wherever possible existing Surrey CC apparatus will be used to mount the cameras at key locations across the “A” Road network.
- 2.20 VMS installation will also commence shortly and will be a far more visible asset on the A road network. Final detailed revisions on VMS siting are ongoing, although approximate locations from a Network management perspective are already identified. Once again it is anticipated that the majority of new VMS signs will be installed by April 2017.
- 2.21 Once these new assets are all commissioned, the back office systems required to link this equipment will be completed and tested at the NMIC Leatherhead.
- 2.22 Work in 2017/18 will focus on “Dial up Signal Control” (DUSC) Traffic Signal Controllers upgrade, and installation of the subsequent design of the alternate signal strategies required to make best use of this technology.
- 2.23 Further detail regarding the Wider Network Benefits Scheme is included in a separate report to this Local Committee.
- 2.24 **Customer Enquiries:** The total number of enquiries received by Surrey Highways between January and September 2016 is 114,082, an average of 12,676 per month. This is a reduction of 1,400 per month and is consistent with the annual trend where the summer months generate fewer enquiries. However this is above the 2015 position which averaged 11,000 per month at the same point.
- 2.25 **Table 1** below shows the total number of enquiries received from January-September 2016, compared to the same period in 2015.

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries	Mole Valley: Total enquiries	Local Area Office: Total enquiries
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	(no.)	(no.)	(no.)
Sept 2015	93,885	10,542	3,258
Sept 2016	114,082	13,014	4,347

**Table 1: Customer Enquiries**

- 2.26 As shown in Table 1 above the number of enquiries received has increased compared to the same period in 2015. Despite the increase in the number of enquiries, 98% of the enquiries received by the area office have been resolved. This response rate is above the countywide average of 97%.
- 2.27 As part of our efforts to improve the customer experience the online reporting is being redesigned, allowing better tracking of reports and the ability to use the maps to identify defects that have already been reported. The outcome of which will be to reduce multiple reports and remove the need for additional site visits by Kier and Surrey County Council officers.
- 2.28 Unfortunately due to problems with the complaints system, information regarding the number and detail of complaints received was not received in time to include within this report. Should any information be received prior to this Local Committee, this information will be included within an addendum and distributed at the Local Committee meeting.
- 2.29 **Horizon 2 – Roads Major Maintenance Programme** – Local Committee members have already received the provisional Horizon 2 programme from the Works Communication Team ([works.communication@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:works.communication@surreycc.gov.uk)) which is based on the rebalanced budgets approved by cabinet in the Highway Asset Strategy. This provisional Horizons 2 Programme shows provisional capital schemes planned for the next 5 years, beginning in April 2017. Assets included on the list are; roads, pavements, structures, drainage, traffic signals, safety barriers and embankments.
- 2.30 In terms of the Horizons Roads Major Maintenance (HRMM) programme, the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding has agreed to an amendment to the prioritisation policy. In order to ensure that an Asset Management approach is followed, 80% of the HRMM programme will be determined purely through the prioritisation criteria, these are the HRMM schemes shown on the lists already received by members. However to reflect local priorities the remaining 20% of the HRMM budget has been reserved for Local Committees to influence scheme selection.
- 2.31 **20% of the 5 year programme equates to approximately 25kms** and Local Committee Chairs have decided that this should be equally split between the 11 Districts, therefore each district will be able to choose a number of schemes up to a **maximum total length of 2,273m**. Schemes chosen must be selected from a list of needs based schemes that have been prioritised by the Asset Planning Team. Annex A shows the list of schemes that local committees can choose from and describes how these schemes are prioritised.
- 2.32 All schemes planned for year 1 (2017-18) are on the programme list sent to Members earlier in November and are in the process of being designed and programmed by our contractor which will ensure best value for Surrey County Council. The 20% of schemes that Members will be selecting will be programmed in years 2 to 5 (2018-2021).

- 2.33 It is recommended that the Local Committee delegate the final decision on these schemes to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Local Committee Chair and Vice Chair. The agreed list of 2,273m worth of schemes should be passed to the Asset Planning Team by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Following this the schemes will be added to the programme and programme lists will be updated and added to the member's portal by the end of March 2017.
- 2.34 Once the programmes have been published, there will be minimal changes made during the 5 year period, the advantages of this include;
- Ensuring that best value can be achieved through providing certainty of work to our contractors
  - Enabling effective programming of schemes on this programme with other activities on the highway
  - Providing Members and Residents with confidence that schemes will be carried out when we say they will be
- 2.35 If further priorities come up after the lists have been published, they should be reported to the Area Highway Managers who will consider the most appropriate way to deal with the issue.
- 2.36 Please note all programmes are based on the budgets that we currently assume will be available, should budgets be reduced all programmes will be re-evaluated.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 Not applicable.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 Not applicable.

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

5.1 Budgets are closely monitored throughout the financial year and monthly updates are provided to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Local Committee has put in place arrangements whereby monies can be vired between different schemes and budget headings.

### **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. The needs of all road users are considered as part of the design process for highway schemes.

### **7. LOCALISM:**

7.1 Funding has been allocated from the revenue maintenance budget to fund the Highways Localism Initiative.

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Set out below
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.

### 8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

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

### 8.2 Sustainability implications

The use of sustainable materials and the recycling of materials is carried out wherever possible and appropriate.

## **9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

9.1 Progress on the programme of revenue and capital highway works in Mole Valley is set out in section 2 and Annex 1 of this report. Local Committee is asked to note the contents of the report, including progress on Dorking STP, Leatherhead STP, A24 Resilience Scheme, Wider Network Benefits and Customer Enquiries.

## **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 Delivery of the highway works programme will continue and a further update report will be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

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### **Consulted:**

Not applicable

### **Annexes:**

Annex 1: Summary of Progress

### **Sources/background papers:**

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, Highways Forward Programme 2016/17 – 2017/18
- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, Highway Schemes 2015/16 End of Year Update.



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