

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 1st MARCH 2017
LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER
SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS FORWARD PROGRAMME 2017/18 – 2018/19
DIVISION: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report seeks approval of a programme of highway works for Mole Valley funded from the Local Committee's delegated capital and revenue budgets.

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

- (i) Note that the Local Committee's devolved highways budget for capital works has been reduced as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan, to £272,294 in 2017/18 and to £226,912 in 2018/19, and that it has been assumed that the revenue budget for 2017/18 remains the same as for 2016/17, at £195,303;
- (ii) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to agree a revised programme of highway works for 2017/18 if there is a change in the Local Committee's devolved budget;

Capital Improvement Schemes (ITS)

- (iii) Agree that the capital improvement schemes allocation for Mole Valley be used to progress the Integrated Transport Schemes programme set out in Annex 1;
- (iv) Authorise that the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be able to vire money between the schemes agreed in Annex 1, if required;
- (v) Agree that the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Area Team Manager, together with the relevant local divisional Member are able to progress any scheme from the Integrated Transport Schemes programme, including consultation and statutory advertisement that may be required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for completion of those schemes. Where it is agreed that a scheme will not be progressed, this will be reported back to the next formal meeting of the Local Committee for approval.

- (vi) The Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be able to vire money between the capital improvement schemes (ITS) and capital maintenance (LSR) budgets, and vice-versa, if required;

Capital Maintenance Schemes (LSR)

- (vii) Agree that the capital maintenance schemes allocation for Mole Valley be divided equitably between County Councillors to carry out Local Structural Repair, and that the schemes to be progressed be agreed by the Area Maintenance Engineer in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local divisional Members;

Revenue Maintenance

- (viii) Authorise the Area Maintenance Engineer, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant local divisional Member, to use £195,303 of the revenue maintenance budget for 2017/18 as detailed in Table 2 of this report;
- (ix) The Area Maintenance Engineer, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be able to vire the revenue maintenance budget between the identified work headings in Table 2;
- (x) Agree that £5,000 per County Councillor be allocated from the revenue maintenance budget for Highways Localism Initiative works, and that if bids for this funding have not been received by the end of May 2016, the monies revert to the relevant Member to use to fund Community Enhancement works;
- (xi) Agree that Members should contact the Area Maintenance Engineer to discuss their specific requirements with regard to any Community Enhancement allocation and arrange for the work activities to be managed by the Area Maintenance Engineer on their behalf;
- (xii) Agree that the revenue maintenance gang be managed on Members' behalf by the Area Maintenance Engineer.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To agree a forward programme of highways works in Mole Valley for 2017/18 – 2018/19, funded from the Local Committee's devolved budget.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 Mole Valley Local Committee receives a devolved budget for highway works in the district, comprising both capital and revenue allocations. A report setting out a draft Highways Forward Programme for 2017/18 and 2018/19 for capital highway schemes was presented to the Informal meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee on 16 November 2016. At that meeting it was

agreed that a report be presented to the Local Committee in March 2017 for formal approval.

1.2 Capital: The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2015 - 20 sets out a reduction in the projected countywide budget for capital Local Transport Schemes (ITS) from £3.5m in 2016/17 to £3.0m in 2017/18 and £2.5m in 2018/19. Assuming the reduced capital budget is ratified by Council and based on the formula used in previous years to allocate the budget between the 11 Districts and Boroughs, it is estimated that Mole Valley will receive £276,500 in 2017/18 and £230,418 in 2018/19. It is proposed that this capital budget will be split equally between ITS improvement schemes and ITS maintenance schemes, as in previous years.

1.3 Revenue: This report is written on the basis that the Local Committee will be receiving £196,601 revenue funding in 2017/18, a similar level as received in 2016/17.

1.4 Table 1 summarises the various funding streams together with the assumed budgets for 2016/17. It also refers to the relevant parts of the report which set out how it is proposed to allocate this funding and the recommendations relating to each funding stream.

Funding Stream	Assumed Level of Funding 2016/17	Relevant sections of report	Relevant recommendations
Capital Improvement Schemes (ITS)	£138,250	Paras. 2.1 – 2.3 Annex 1	(iii) – (vi)
Capital Maintenance Schemes (LSR)	£138,250	Paras. 2.4 – 2.5	(vii)
Revenue Maintenance	£196,601	Para.2.6 Table 2	(viii) – (xii)
Total	£473,101		

**Table 1 – Summary of Local Committee Funding Levels 2017/18
(based on MTFP and 2016/17 budgets)**

1.5 In previous years the Local Committee agreed a series of delegated authorities and virements which enable the highways programme to be delivered in a flexible and timely manner. It is proposed that these arrangements are put in place again for 2017/18.

1.6 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved budget, there are Countywide capital budgets which are used to fund major maintenance (Operation Horizon), surface treatment schemes, footway schemes, drainage works and safety barrier schemes.

1.7 Countywide revenue budgets are used to carry out both reactive and routine maintenance works. The local area team manages a centrally funded revenue budget to carry out drainage investigation and small repairs locally.

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- 1.8 The Road Safety Team manages a small Countywide budget to implement small safety schemes which are prioritised by the collision savings they provide. They also hold a small budget for the maintenance of Vehicle Activated Signs and Zig Zag signs at school crossing patrol sites.
- 1.9 Contributions collected from developers through s106 agreements or Community Infrastructure Contributions (CIL) are used to fund, either wholly or in part, highway improvement schemes which mitigate the impact of developments on the highway network.
- 1.10 This report sets out the proposed programme of highway works for Mole Valley funded from the Local Committee's devolved capital and revenue budgets.
- 1.11 At the time of writing this report, the County's revenue and capital budget had been agreed by Council on 7 February 2017 but the detailed programme of schemes for 2017/18 included as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan was still to be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 28 March 2017. It is possible that the amount of devolved funding received by the local committees for highway works could change.
- 1.12 In order to progress the programme of Local Committee funded highway works in Mole Valley without delay at the start of the new financial year, this report seeks delegate authority to enable the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to agree a revised programme of highway works for 2017/18 should there be a change in the devolved budget.
- 1.13 If a change to the capital forward programme is required, officers would suggest that the Local Committee's outstanding Integrated Transport Scheme commitments are prioritised. Similarly for the revenue programme, the provision of a revenue maintenance gang and funding to carry out drainage works are seen by officers as being the highest priority in Mole Valley.

2. ANALYSIS:

Capital Improvement Schemes (ITS)

- 2.1 The capital improvement budget is used to carry out Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) which aim to improve the highway network for all users, in line with the objectives set out in the Local Transport Plan. It is projected that the budget for capital improvement schemes will reduce to £138,250 in 2017/18 and £115,209 in 2018/19, in line with the budgets set out in the MTFP.
- 2.2 To improve the planning and delivery of ITS capital improvement schemes, a two year rolling programme has been developed. **Annex 1** sets out the suggested ITS forward programme for 2017/18 – 2018/19. It should be noted that funding has been allocated under the headings 'small safety schemes' and 'signs and road markings'. This will enable works to be carried out to address issues that arise during the year, subject to approval by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant divisional Member.
- 2.3 It is recommended that the allocation for ITS capital improvement schemes is used as set out in **Annex 1**. It is proposed that the Area Highway Manager,

in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be able to vire money, if required, between the schemes listed in **Annex 1**.

Capital Maintenance Schemes (LSR)

2.4 The capital maintenance budget is used to carry out small carriageway surface treatment schemes (LSR - local structural repair), larger patching work or footway improvement works in roads that would not score highly under the County's prioritisation process but the condition of which are of local concern. It is projected that the capital maintenance schemes budget will reduce to £138,250 in 2017/18, in line with the budgets set out in the MTFP.

2.5 As in previous years, it is suggested that the capital maintenance budget is divided equitably between County Members. It is proposed that schemes to be progressed will be identified by the Area Maintenance Engineer in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Members.

Revenue Maintenance

2.6 The revenue maintenance budget is assumed to remain at £196,601 in 2017/18. As in previous years, it is suggested that the budget is used to fund revenue works under specific item headings, as shown in Table 2 below.

Item	Allocation	Comment
Drainage / ditching works*	£32,500	To address continuing pressure for drainage maintenance and repairs, and to allow for hiring additional jetting resource in Mole Valley.
Tree & vegetation works*	£11,601	Allocation for tree works, which includes tree felling, crown reduction, hedge flailing etc.
Parking	£15,000	Contribution towards 2017/18 parking review in Mole Valley.
Signs and road markings**	£5,000	Allocation to enable urgent replacement of missing signs and provision of new signs.
Speed Limit Assessments**	£2,500	To carry out speed surveys in accordance with Surrey's Speed Limit Policy
Localism Initiative/Community Enhancement	£30,000	£5,000 per County Member for Localism works in their divisions. If not allocated by end May 2017, will revert to the relevant Member to fund Community Enhancement works.
Minor Maintenance Works	£100,000	Funding for minor maintenance works throughout Mole Valley. Work to be carried out by a day work revenue maintenance gang.
TOTAL	£196,601	

* Works to be identified by the Area Maintenance Engineer in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant divisional Member

** Works to be agreed by the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant divisional Member

Table 2 – Suggested Revenue Maintenance expenditure for 2017/18

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 The Local Committee is being asked to approve a forward programme of highway works for Mole Valley, as set out in this report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The proposed programme of highway works for Mole Valley has been developed in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Local Committee and discussed at the informal meeting of the Local Committee on 16 November 2016.

4.2 Appropriate consultation will be carried out as part of the delivery of the works programme.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The Medium Term Financial Plan 2015 - 20 sets out a reduction in the projected countywide budget for capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) from £3.5m in 2016/17 to £3.0m in 2017/18 and £2.5m in 2018/19. This report has used these reduced levels of capital funding to develop a programme of capital improvement and maintenance schemes in Mole Valley.

5.2 It has been assumed that the Local Committee will receive a similar level of devolved revenue funding for 2018/19 as it received this financial year.

5.3 At the time of writing this report, the County's revenue and capital budget had been agreed by Council on 7 February 2017 but the detailed programme of schemes for 2017/18 included as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan was still to be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 28 March 2017. The amount of funding devolved to the Local Committees to fund highway works could be the subject of change.

5.4 The Local Committee's devolved highways budget is used to fund works which are a priority to the local community. A number of virements are in place or suggested to enable the budget to be managed so as to enable the programme to be delivered in a flexible and timely manner.

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.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The Highways Service is mindful of the localism agenda and engages with the local community as appropriate before proceeding with the construction of any highway scheme.

7.2 Specific funding is allocated from the Local Committee's devolved budget which allows Parish Councils and Residents' Associations to bid to the Local Committee for the funding of local revenue projects.

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 The report sets out the proposed programme of highway works for Mole Valley for 2017/18 – 2018/19, to be funded from the Local Committee's devolved capital and revenue budgets. It is recommended that the Local Committee agree the programme as set out in section 2 of this report and Annex 1 of this report. It is further recommended that delegated authority be approved to enable the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to agree a revised programmed of highway works for 2017/18 should there be a change in the Local Committee's devolved budget.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Officers will progress schemes and deliver works for 2017/18, and will update Members at future meetings.

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Consulted:

Annexes:

Annex 1: Integrated Transport Schemes Programme 2017/18 – 2018/19

Sources/background papers:

None

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