

Annex 1

Notes from Public Engagement Meeting

1. Open Public Question Session [Public Engagement Item 1]

Question 1: Cllr Simon Bellord

Flooding is an issue under Prey Heath Road railway bridge. Would like co-ordinated effort to let the public know what should happen when there is a flood.

Andrew Milne explained that the ideal is to address the issue so that there is no flooding. Prey Heath Road is on the ITS for pedestrian improvements for next year.

Question 2: David Clough – Firbank Lane

Regarding St John's Hill Road bridge – how can the council justify the removal of the traffic lights given the safety implications?

The Chairman explained that comments made on St John's Hill Road Bridge would be noted and taken into account during member discussions on item 8 of the agenda.

Question 3: Dan Cupis, Dean Close

It has been agreed that Dean Close needs resurfacing, when will the remainder be done as the road surface has deteriorated further?

Andrew Milne explained that the condition of the road is not a safety issue, but it is in need of repair. The committee may wish to fund this next year when the LSR programme is drawn up. The county policy regarding how safety is determined is set out on the SCC website.

Question 4: Cllr Melanie Whitehand

Some of the parents dropping off at Knaphill Lower School park inconsiderately. Could the school be asked to work with Councillors to address this?

Linda Kemeny, Cabinet Member for Children and Learning agreed to ask Kieran Holliday to investigate the travel plan for the school to see how it can be strengthened.

Question 5: Cllr Richard Hennessey

Regarding speeding on Park Road, the data collected is flawed because it was collected in half term when building work was being carried out. The Speedwatch have recorded many vehicles speeding along the road. The residents would like a series of chicanes put in – they are not in favour of VAS or traffic calming bumps.

Andrew Milne explained that they have to comply with County Policy regarding the type of traffic calming introduced and they need to consider needs across the borough. A speed survey will be carried out, and once the data is available, the issue and solution can be looked at, taking into account residents wishes as well as SCC policy.

Question 6: John Bunk

I live 100 yards from the traffic lights and did not hear about proposals until last night and am surprised at the lack of consultation. Hook Heath Residents Association only became aware a few days ago. How far has the proposal got and how can the opinion of the residents be gathered?

Question 7: David Mearns

What assurance can be given that debris from an incident on St John's Hill Road bridge won't go on the railway? Can I be sent a copy of the original risk assessment and the revised risk assessment under Freedom of Information?

Question 8: Mrs Davis

Would like a complete resurfacing of Holyoake Road as nothing has been done in over 71 years. Works carried out to repair some driveways on 27 November is already lifting. When will work be done?

Andrew Milne gave a written response to a similar question from Councillor Branagan under item 6 on the agenda. To summarise, the work carried out will be inspected, and Holyoake Avenue has been put forward for inclusion in the County Council's five year capital maintenance programme.

Question 9: Mrs Marshall

Referring to Mrs Smith's written question, the bus bollard in Knaphill is down again today.

Question 10: Cllr Tina Liddington

During the street light replacement programme, several Neighbourhood Watch signs have been badly scratched or are missing. Can they be replaced?

The Chairman advised that a written answer would be given outside the meeting.

Question 11: Cllr Beryl Hunwicks

Could we have clarification of which roads are covered by Skanska under the PFI lighting contract?

The Chairman advised that a written answer would be given outside the meeting.

2. Presentation on Enterprise M3 [Public Engagement Item 2]

Geoff French, Chairman of Enterprise M3, gave a presentation on the Local Enterprise Partnership. The aim of the partnership is for the public and private sectors to work together to decide what is best for the area, and to ensure that the business voice is heard when issues, including barriers to growth, are looked at.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- A monthly newsletter is produced and put on the website, along with the minutes of the meetings.
- All funding allocated is as a loan rather than a grant.
- Local transport bodies are being established based on LEP geography, and they will have a budget from 2015. The governance arrangements for these will be finalised by the end of the year, and priorities will be identified next year.
- A strong airport capacity is crucial, and a position on this will be established after the county elections.
- The LEP has started discussions with South West Trains, and parking at Farnborough station is seen as a priority.
- The heathland is valued amenity which needs to be protected.

Members welcomed the presentation and the Chairman thanked Mr French for his presentation.

3. Presentation on Dementia Care in Woking [Public Engagement Item 3]

Anne Butler, Assistant Director for Commissioning in Adult Social Care gave a presentation on dementia care in Surrey and the challenges locally. Anne was joined by Donal Hegarty from the commissioning service, who has been liaising with staff at the Bradbury Centre in Woking. It was noted that a DVD on dementia care was available for Members to borrow (please contact Sarah Goodman).

During discussions, the following points were noted:

- Officers were keen to understand the concerns about Brockhill and ensure that the delivery of services is right.
- Officers are aware of the issues at the Bradbury Centre and are working with the Alzheimer's Society, the Friends of the Elderly and users of the centre. They are hoping to come to a resolution by the end of January 2013. Staff will be kept appraised.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding setting up a Well being Centre in Woking, and they hope to conclude discussion on 7 January 2013.

Members welcomed the presentation and the Chairman thanked Anne and Donal for their presentation.

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