

CABINET RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SELECT COMMITTEE

Local Highway Funding 2017/18 [item 6]

(Considered by the Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee on 3 July 2017)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee notes with concern the report and background to the reductions in the Highways and Transport budget and asks the Cabinet to review the highways funding of local committees.

RESPONSE:

As Members of the Select Committee are aware, the County Council is facing significant budget pressures. This includes Highways and Transport.

The service has a responsibility to ensure available resources are used to manage our statutory responsibilities and investments compliment the adopted asset management strategy. Unfortunately with the level of savings required, this necessitated reducing the discretionary allocations to Local Committees. Budgets will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with the MTFP.

It should be recognised that much maintenance and improvement work will still be invested in Surrey's roads this financial year. The approximate revenue budget is £44m and capital budget is £49m. Works range from fixing potholes to significant improvement schemes such as the Runnymede Roundabout, which is under construction.

As Cabinet Member I wish to work with Local Committees to see how they can both increase and best use the funding opportunities available to them. For example by ensuring our parking service is as efficient as possible and that we secure the maximum amount of developer contributions.

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Cabinet Member for Highways
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