

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

DATE: 30TH NOVEMBER 2017
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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report summarises progress with the Local Committee's programme of Highways works for the current financial year 2017/18. It also provides a summary of the progress on the Dorking Transport Study, the Dorking STP and the Wider Network Benefits Scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Programmes of work have been agreed in consultation with the Committee, and the Committee is asked to note the progress of the Integrated Transport Scheme programme and revenue maintenance expenditure. It is also asked to note the work that is being carried out on the Dorking STP, the Wider Network Benefits Scheme and the large scale, centrally funded major maintenance schemes.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In March 2017, the Local Committee agreed the draft programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) and capital and revenue maintenance expenditure for 2017/18 – 2018/19, under the "Highways forward programme 2017/18 – 2018/19" report. The capital funding was based on the budget set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2015-20 and the revenue budget assumed the same level of funding as received in 2016/17.
- 1.2 Under the "Highways forward programme 2017/18 – 2018/19" report presented to the Local Committee in March, the Local Committee authorised delegated 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 was a change in the Local Committee's devolved budget.
- 1.3 Following the reductions in the Local Committee's capital and revenue budget, as agreed by Cabinet on 28 March 2017, the Local Committee agreed the revised capital and revenue programme for 2017/18 under the "Highways

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forward programme 2017/18 – 2018/19” paper that was presented to the 22 June Local Committee.

1.4 This report provides information to the Local Committee on the progress of the capital and revenue highway works programme. It also provides information to the Local Committee regarding progress on road safety schemes and schemes that could be potentially funded (either wholly or in part) by developer contributions.

1.5 **Annex 1** provides updates on the Integrated Transport Schemes, road safety schemes, developer funded schemes and the parking review.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Local Committee finance

The Mole Valley Local Committee has delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2017-18 as follows:

- Capital: £36,000
- Revenue: £40,910
- **Total: £76,910**

In addition to the delegated highway budgets above, highway officers within the local area office are continuing to look for other sources of funding for schemes that have been identified within the Integrated Transport Scheme Programme. As a result funding has been secured from Section 106 developer funding for the provision of build outs to provide safer crossing points and to try to control parking outside Eastwick Infant and Junior schools.

The budgets delegated to Local Committee are in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highways maintenance and improvement schemes, including footway/carriageway resurfacing, the maintenance of highway structures including bridges and culverts and major drainage schemes.

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

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 Road Safety team, the Parking Review and the Dorking Transport Study.

2.3 Local Committee revenue works programme

Table 1 shows the revenue programme for this financial year.

Table 1 Agreed Revenue Maintenance Allocation 2017-18

Item	Allocation (£)	Comment
Drainage / ditching works	£5,410	Regrading of carriageway and drainage in Coldharbour Common Rd
Parking	£5,000	Contribution to parking review.
Signs and road markings	£1,500	e.g Ice warning signs for Partridge Lane, Newdigate. Cycling prohibited sign for Vincent Lane. Direction sign for By-pass road.
Speed Limit Assessments	£1,000	Surveys carried out on A2003 Horsham Road and Punchbowl Lane.
Minor Maintenance Works (Community Gang)	£28,000	Various minor maintenance work, carried out following enquiries raised by the public/Members. Schemes identified by the Maintenance Engineer as needing to be carried out for highway safety are prioritised.
TOTAL	£40,910	

An allocation of £28,000 is provided within the revenue maintenance allocation for minor maintenance works such as cutting back hedges/vegetation, siding out verges and clearing trees. This allocation is managed by the maintenance engineer and works that are identified as needing to be carried out for highway safety are prioritised.

2.4 Parking

An update on the parking review is provided in **Annex 1**.

Other highway related matters

2.5 Customer services

The total number of enquiries received by Surrey Highways between January and September 2017 was 90,788, an average of 10,088 per month. This is a slight reduction in the average for the first six months of 2017, which was 10,880 per month but is in line with the seasonal trend where the summer months generate less enquiries.

For Mole Valley specifically, 10,760 enquiries have been received since January of which 5,598 (52%), were directed to the local area office for action, of these 97% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly above the countywide average of 95%.

Table 2 below shows the number of enquiries received between January-September 2017 compared to the number received during the same period in 2016.

Table 2 Customer Enquiries

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Mole Valley: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan-Sept 2016	114,082	13,014	4,347
Jan-Sept 2017	90,788	10,760	5,598

The Service is currently working to improve information on the Surrey County Council website to allow more customers to self-serve and reduce the need for them to contact us about routine matters. The recent improvement to the online reporting has seen a reduction in the number of duplicate reports received after customers have viewed defects on the online map. Further developments are being implemented to improve the experience for those using mobile devices.

2.4 Major schemes

As well as the work being carried out under the delegated budget, major scheme work is also being carried out in Mole Valley, including the Dorking STP and the Wider Network Benefits Scheme. An update on the progress of the Dorking STP can be found in **Annex 2** of this report.

Work on the installation and commissioning of the various technical elements of the Wider Network Benefits LEP project continues. Almost all of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras have been installed which will provide Surrey's Network Management and Information Centre (NMIC) with real time traffic information and Surrey Police with information to support prevention of crime and disorder.

Installation of CCTV cameras, as part of the Wider Network Benefits project, continues on key strategic routes across the east of the County, many installed on existing traffic signal locations to avoid additional street clutter. New Variable Message signs (VMS) are now being installed and will go live in due course to provide drivers with real time information. Ongoing upgrades of traffic signal controllers will provide alternate signal strategies which can be deployed in real time to help manage traffic flows better when the network is impacted by incidents. All of these component elements should be completed by the end of March 2018.

The Transform Leatherhead scheme began in early 2015, with phase 1 of construction work starting in April 2017 in Church Street. These works have been funded by Surrey County Council's Town Centre Revitalisation Fund, Mole Valley District Council and the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership and consists of a series of public realm improvements, the objections of which are to;

- Create a high quality public realm to revitalise the street

- Improve the entrance to The Leatherhead Theatre
- Increase footway widths where possible to encourage use of the space for outdoor seating
- Allow access for deliveries to existing and proposed businesses
- Minimise the loss of on-street parking
- Reduce street clutter

The above works are on schedule to be complete by the end of November 2017.

The next phase of works are the redevelopment of the Swan Centre, to provide an attractive shopping environment for pedestrians with larger shop units suitable to the needs of current retailers. The objectives of this phase of the Transport Leatherhead scheme are as follows;

- Significantly improved car park including lifts
- Larger/new retail units
- Improved rear façade onto Leret Way
- Improved High Street frontage
- Improvements to public realm
- Advanced use of digital technology

Works to replace the lifts started in the autumn and works within the mall will commence early 2018.

2.5 Centrally funded maintenance

The Operation Horizon Team programmes major maintenance works for 2017-18 for the Mole Valley area are now published on Surrey County Council's website here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highways-information-online/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>

The major maintenance works to be carried out in Mole Valley in 2017-18 include road surface treatment/maintenance work, the maintenance of highway structures such as bridges, culverts and embankments and major drainage schemes.

2.6 Road safety

The Road Safety Working Group meets every 6 months to review personal injury collision data provided by Surrey Police. The Road Safety Working Group is attended by Surrey County Council Road Safety Engineers, Surrey County Council Highway Engineers and Surrey Police. An update on road safety schemes that have been identified by the Road Safety Working Group and are being progressed by the Road Safety Team is provided in **Annex 1**.

Surrey County Council's Road Safety Engineering team has secured central funding for reducing the existing speed limit on the following roads from 60mph to 40mph;

- Hollow Lane – entire length
- Leith Hill Road – between Hollow Lane and Leith Hill Lane (also known as Abinger Road)

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- Donkey Lane – entire length
- Abinger Common Road – entire length
- Lemons Farm Road – entire length
- Sewers Farm Road – entire length
- B2126 Etherley Hill – between the existing 40mph speed limit terminals 55m west of the western carriageway edge of Leith Hill Lane (also known as Abinger Road) and B2126 Ockley Road
- B2126 Ockley Road – entire length
- B2126 Forest Green Road – entire length

The proposed reduction in speed limit within the above roads is the subject of a separate report to this Local Committee.

Procurement for the average speed cameras on the A24, following a report presented to the Local Committee on 13 September 2017, is progressing well and construction should start shortly.

2.7 Passenger Transport

Surrey County Council applied for funding from the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership for the Dorking Sustainable Transport Package (STP), the aim of this package of schemes is to improve sustainable travel options in Dorking. Funding was granted in 2016.

To improve sustainable travel options in Dorking, works have been carried out to allow shared pedestrian and cycle use between Dorking Main and Dorking Deepdene station. Work has also been carried out to improve bus stop facilities at Dorking Main railway station, and the installation of a road table at the junction of Station Approach and Lincoln Road has resulted in easier pedestrian and cycle access into Dorking Main station.

An update on the progress of the Dorking STP is in **Annex 2**.

2.8 Other key information, strategy and policy development

In response to requests from the parishes within the Surrey Hills, Surrey County Council's South West Local Highways Team agreed to carry out a review of HGV routes through the area with the aim of understanding the current levels of HGV demand on the local networks and to establish a consensus on routes or zones that might be particularly unsuitable for HGV's.

Given an overlap in geographical and tropical area of concern, it was agreed to combine the HGV review with an ongoing "decluttering" initiative undertaken by the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) office.

A proposal for a zone that would be designated as "Unsuitable for HGVs" was established following the conclusions of a 2016 feasibility study. Subsequent to the feasibility study, further work has been conducted to develop the study's recommended proposal for enhanced advisory and directional signage into a wider strategy to address HGV movements along unsuitable roads in the area. This has led to the development of a pilot zone concept to cover a defined area of the Surrey Hills.

No current funding streams have as yet been confirmed to cover the scheme design or implementation of the pilot zone concept, however the pilot zone concept is the subject of a separate report to this Local Committee and provides further information on the feasibility work and consultation that has been carried out and puts forward a recommended strategic concept for Local Committee approval.

An update on the Dorking Transport Study is included in **Annex 1**.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 No options to consider at this stage. Officers will revert to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member or indeed the Committee as appropriate, whenever preferred options need to be identified.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 None at this stage. Officers will consult the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Members as appropriate, in the delivery of the programmes detailed above.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The financial implications of this paper are detailed in section 2.1 to 2.3 above.

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. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	No significant implications
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications
Public Health	No significant implications

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- 7.1 Progress on the programme of Integrated Transport Schemes, road safety schemes, developer funded schemes and the parking review is set out in section 2 and **Annex 1** of this report.
- 7.2 Section 2 also outlines the work being carried out on major scheme projects and centrally funded maintenance schemes. The Local Committee is also asked to note the progress of the Dorking STP and the Wider Network Benefits Scheme.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 The Area Team Manager will work with Divisional Members, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deliver this Financial Year's Divisional Programmes, as set out under section 2.1 to 2.3 of this report and detailed under Annex 1.

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Consulted:

Not applicable.

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Summary of progress

Annex 2 – Dorking STP update.

Background papers:

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 1st March 2017, Highways Forward Programme 2017/18 – 2018/19
 - Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 22nd June 2017, Highways Forward Programme 2017/18 – 2018/19
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