

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)



DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2017
LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER

SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report summarises progress with the Local Committee's programme of Highways works from their devolved budget, for the current financial year 2017/18. It also provides information on developer funded schemes, and centrally funded maintenance schemes.

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 centrally funded maintenance schemes.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Following the reductions in the Local Committee's capital and revenue budget, as agreed at Cabinet on 28 March 2017, the Local Committee agreed the revised capital and revenue programme for 2017/18 under the "Highways Forward Programme 2017/18 – 2018/19" paper that was presented to the 23 June Local Committee.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 **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 Tandridge 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 improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities on Banstead Road, Caterham outside Le Personne retirement housing.

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, culverts and embankments, and the maintenance of safety barriers.

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Tandridge is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions, the Road Safety Team and the Parking Review.

2.3 Local Committee revenue works programme

Under the “Highways Forward Programme 2017/18 – 2018/19” report presented to the Local Committee on 9 December 2016, the Local Committee agreed that the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be able to vire the revenue maintenance budget between the revenue maintenance headings shown in **Table 1**.

The Parking Project Team Leader confirmed that the £2,500 previously allocated within the revenue maintenance allocation for a contribution to the parking review was no longer required. As a result the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman agreed that the £2,500 previously allocated to the parking review be vired to support the Minor Maintenance Works budget and that this £2,500 be split equally between the 6 divisions.

Table 1 Revenue Maintenance Allocation 2017-18

Item	Allocation (£)	Comment
Parking	£0	£2,500 previously allocated as a contribution to the parking review has been reallocated to Minor Maintenance Works (Community Gang).
Signs and road markings	£1,500	e.g Weight restriction sign - Holland Lane, Oxted. 20mph repeater signs – St. Piers Lane, Lingfield. “Unsuitable for HGV’s” – Hollow Lane, Dormansland. Halliloo Valley Road – side road ahead signs.
Speed Limit Assessments	£1,000	Surveys carried out on A22 Godstone Rd, Whyteleaf. Church Lane, Oxted and Kings Cross Lane, South Nutfield.
Minor Maintenance Works (Community Gang)	£35,910 (+£2,500 reallocated from parking)	Various minor maintenance work, carried out following enquiries raised by the public/Members. Funding to be divided equitably between six divisions. Schemes identified by the Maintenance Engineer as needing to be carried out for highway safety are prioritised. A gang has been procured on an ad-hoc basis to carry out these works.
TOTAL	£40,910	

An allocation of £35,910 (plus the £2,500 reallocated from parking) is provided 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 compared against the first six months of 2017, which was 10,880 per month. However, this is in line with the seasonal trend where the summer months tend to generate fewer enquiries.

For Tandridge specifically, 10,760 enquiries have been received since January, 5,598 (52%) of which were directed to the local area office for

action, of these 97% have been resolved. This resolution 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.)	Tandridge: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan-Sept 2016	114,082	8,387	4,846
Jan-Sept 2017	90,788	10,760	5,598

Despite the number of enquiries to Surrey Highways decreasing overall from 114,082 between January to September 2016 to 90,788 over the same period in 2017, the number of enquires to the Local Area Office has increased from 4,846 between January to September 2016, to 5,598 over the same period in 2017.

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 Surrey Highways about routine matters. The recent improvements to the online reporting have seen a reduction in the number of duplicate reports received. Further developments are also being implemented to improve the experience for those customers using mobile devices.

2.4 Major schemes

As well as the work being carried out under the delegated budget, a major scheme has also been completed on the A22 Eastbourne Road, north of South Godstone, to improve highway drainage. This location was subject to regular flooding, which posed a danger to road users.

2.5 Centrally funded maintenance

The Operation Horizon Team programmes of major maintenance works for 2017-18 for the Tandridge 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 Tandridge in 2017-18 include, footway/carriageway resurfacing, the maintenance of highway structures including bridges, culverts and embankments, and the maintenance of safety barriers.

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**.

2.7 Passenger Transport

There are no Integrated Transport Schemes that directly contribute to improvements in passenger transport.

However the provision of improved pedestrian crossing facilities in Banstead Road, Caterham which is a scheme being funded through developer contributions, will help improve pedestrian access to local bus stops. The feasibility report for this scheme is complete and consultation with the local member and district councillor has been carried out. Work on this scheme will continue once developer contributions for this scheme have been released by Tandridge District Council to Surrey Highways.

2.8 Other key information, strategy and policy development

Surrey County Council submitted the following schemes for funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy;

- Road safety outside Burstow Primary School
- A22 corridor improvements (M25 J6, South Godstone, Blindley Heath)
- A22 corridor improvements (Whyteleafe and Caterham)
- Felbridge (A22, A264) junction improvements
- High Street/Plough Road/Dormans Road/Hollow Lane, junction improvement
- Redehall Road, Smallfield – alternative traffic calming measures.

At the Tandridge District Council Planning Policy Committee that was held on 16 November 2017, it was decided not to provide Community Infrastructure Levy funds for the above schemes at this time.

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, in regards to the delegated budgets is detailed in section 2.1 to 2.3 above.

Delegated 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:

- 7.1 Progress on the programme of Integrated Transport Schemes, the revenue works programme, 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 summarises the customer enquiries that have been received, major scheme projects and centrally funded maintenance schemes.

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

Background papers:

- Report to Tandridge Local Committee 23 June 2017 “Highways Forward Programme 2017/18 – 2018/19”.
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