



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

HIGHWAYS SCHEMES 2012/13 - END OF YEAR UPDATE

1 March 2013

KEY ISSUE

To inform the Local Committee on the outcome of the 2012/13 Integrated Transport and highways maintenance schemes programmes in Tandridge and seek approval to put on hold the proposed improvement at the junction of Westhall Road/Narrow Lane/Westhall Park, Warlingham.

SUMMARY

At the 2 March 2012 Local Committee, Members agreed a programme of work for highways in Tandridge. This report sets out the outcomes of both the Integrated Transport Schemes programme and the programme of maintenance works. The cost of the proposal to improve the junction of Westhall Road/Narrow Lane/ Westhall Park, Warlingham has been estimated at between £85,000 and £90,000. Given the limited budget for Integrated Transport Schemes, the Local Committee's agreed priorities and the good accident record at this location, it is proposed not to progress this scheme at the current time.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the report for information; and
- (ii) Agree that the proposal to improve the junction of Westhall Road/Narrow Lane/Westhall Park, Warlingham is not progressed at the current time.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In March 2012, Tandridge Local Committee agreed a programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) improvement and maintenance works, and revenue Maintenance expenditure for 2011/12 in Tandridge District. The capital budget for ITS improvement schemes was £183,573, the ITS capital maintenance schemes budget was a further £183,573 and the revenue maintenance budget was £251,440. In addition to this, each County Member was allocated £5,000 Community Pride funding to spend on improvements in their local area. The budgets for the above programmes were devolved to the Local Committee.
- 1.2 In addition, there are capital budgets that are delegated to the Head of Surrey Highways for highways works across the County, managed by the central Asset Management team. These budgets cover major maintenance, surface treatments, footway schemes, and flooding and drainage schemes.
- 1.3 Developer contributions and other external sources provide a further area of funding of highway improvement schemes.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 **Annex A** sets out the 2012/13 approved programme of works in Tandridge under the headings described above and provides an end of year update.
- 2.2 A number of Integrated Transport Schemes have been the subject of design only this financial year. It is suggested that these schemes be carried forward onto the ITS programme for 2013/14 – 2014/15, which is the subject of a separate report to this meeting of Tandridge Local Committee.
- 2.3 Feasibility design to improve the layout of the junction of Westhall Road, Narrow Lane and Westhall Park is shown in **Annex B**. The existing layout at this junction results in vehicles cutting across a hatched area of carriageway and pedestrians are not well catered for within the existing layout. However, there are no recorded personal injury accidents at this junction over the 3 year period November 2009 to October 2012, the latest figures available. As indicated on the plan, there are BT chambers within the scheme boundary which would need to be diverted.
- 2.4 Construction of this scheme has been estimated at £25,000 and the BT diversion works would cost an estimated £53,000. Taking into account the costs of detailed design, road safety audits and possible road closures to carry out the works, it is estimated that the total scheme cost could be in the region of £85,000 to £90,000.
- 2.5 At the Member Workshops held to develop the Tandridge ITS forward programme for 2013/14 to 2014/15, the Westhall Road scheme was not considered to be a high priority given the costs, good accident record and limited budget. It is therefore proposed not to progress this scheme at the current time.

- 2.6 Eleven Local Structural Repair (LSR) schemes were completed in 2012/13 funded from the Local Committee ITS capital maintenance budget. A further three LSR schemes were completed by the central Asset Management team.
- 2.7 Table 1 below shows the revenue maintenance allocations for 2012/13, together with works carried out to date. This budget will have been spent in full by the end of the financial year.

Item	Allocation	Works Carried Out
Drainage / ditching works	£28,000	Investigation and/or repairs carried out 8 locations.
Tree works	£30,000	Cutting back of vegetation at various locations
Carriageway or footway patching works	£40,000	Improvement schemes at Approach Road, Tatsfield; Westerham Road, Limpsfield; Farleigh Court Road; Lake View Road; and Woodhurst Lane.
Signs and Road makings	£2,000	Provision of new signs, upgrade/replacement of existing signs and provision of new bollards at various location
Sub Total	£100,000	
Additional funding	£151,440	Hire of Revenue Maintenance Gang Area-wide ad hoc gully cleaning Eastbourne Road, Lingfield fencing works Other minor works
Sub Total	£151,440	
TOTAL	£251,440	

Table 1 – Revenue Maintenance 2012/13

- 2.8 Tandridge Local Committee was allocated £30,000 Community Pride Fund, which equates to £5,000 per County Member, to pay for small highway improvements to benefit the local community. This budget has been spent in full to carry out works such as providing new grit bins, signing, bollards, handrails and treeworks.
- 2.9 Six major maintenance schemes were delivered in Tandridge and an extensive programme of surface treatment schemes has been substantially delivered. A major drainage scheme was delivered on the A22 Caterham By-Pass to address flooding issues and to provide access for future maintenance. A further drainage scheme was completed in East Grinstead Road where surface water had been contributing to a number of single vehicle, loss of control accidents.
- 2.10 External funding was used to part fund the footway scheme in Rook Lane, Chaldon. This scheme was part funded by the Parish Council.

2.11 Work is on-going to identify options for using developer contributions in Tandridge.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The key objective with regard to the 2011/12 budgets has been to manage to a neutral position. Final end of year figures are not yet available to determine if this objective has been achieved.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A well managed highway network can reduce fear of crime and allow the Police greater opportunity to enforce speed controls.

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 This report sets out the highway works carried out in Tandridge in 2012/13, for Members information. It also recommends that the junction improvement scheme at Westhall Road/Narrow Lane/Westhall Park, Warlingham is not progressed at the current time.

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