

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2017****LEAD OFFICER: JOHN HILDER, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER****SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE****AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report provides an update on the 2017/18 programme of highway improvement and maintenance works funded by this committee. It also provides an update on other centrally funded projects being promoted in the local area.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked:**

- (i) To note the capital works being progressed during 2017/18
- (ii) To note the ongoing revenue works being carried out.
- (iii) To delegate to the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, the ability to resolve any problems encountered to facilitate scheme delivery.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The committee is not asked to make any financial decisions at this meeting, rather the report gives an update of progress on highway works in the current financial year.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) aims to improve the highway network for all users. In general terms it aims to reduce congestion, improve accessibility, reduce the frequency and severity of road casualties, improve the environment, and maintain the network so that it is safe for public use.
- 1.2 The Local Committee for Waverley has an annual delegated highways budget with which to implement measures that contribute towards the objectives set out in Surrey County Council's LTP, according to local priorities.

## 2. ANALYSIS:

### 2.1 Available Budget

- 2.1.1 On the 28th March 2017 the Cabinet approved the Waverley Local Committee devolved budget for 2017/18 as follows.

**Table 1 – Devolved Budget 2017/18**

Devolved Budget	
Revenue Maintenance	£40,909
Capital (Maintenance & ITS)	£36,363
<b>Total</b>	<b>£77,272</b>

- 2.1.2 At the June meeting the committee agreed to use **£63,637** of parking surplus funds in 2017/18, allocated equally between the nine SCC divisional members for Waverley.

### 2.2 Budget Allocations

- 2.2.1 At the June meeting the committee also agreed the following allocations for 2017/18.

#### *Revenue Maintenance*

- 2.2.2 £40,909 (the entire budget) for the provision of a vegetation gang through the year under the direction of the maintenance engineer, who will liaise with members, town & parish councils to deploy this resource to best effect.

#### *Capital Maintenance*

- 2.2.3 £36,363 allocated as follows.

- £5,000 towards completing three 2016/17 feasibility schemes (Badshot Lea crossroads, Station Lane Milford, Meadow/Catteshall Rd)
- £5,000 towards providing signs and lines
- £26,363 towards scheme delivery (part of £10,000 allocated to each division).

*Parking Surplus*

2.2.4 £63,637 towards scheme delivery (part of £10,000 allocated to each division).

**2.3 Scheme Progress**

2.3.1 The programme of works for 2017/18 which shows member £10K choices is attached at **Annex 1**.

2.3.2 The heavily reduced committee funding for 2017/18 has severely affected the deliverability of this programme and many projects included on the list. However with the current levels of funding, this list of projects is undeliverable, as it is currently valued in excess of £1.5m.

2.3.3 The deadline for ordering any Integrated Transport Schemes through the Kier contract was the 30th September 2017, to guarantee delivery before March 2018. Similarly for maintenance schemes the deadline is the 31st December 2017.

**2.4 Planning Infrastructure Contributions (PIC)**

2.4.1 Note that all PIC expenditure is subject to approval by SCC Transport Development Planning (TDP) officers, and that a PIC spending plan and bidding process is carried out by various groups within SCC, such as Countryside Rights of Way team, Passenger Transport group, Major Schemes group for match funding for larger projects, as well as Highways improvement projects.

2.4.2 The Planning Authority are in the last tranche of collecting PIC funding ahead of the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) anticipated to commence in about 18 months time, so the PIC funding pot has now been virtually depleted.

2.4.3 All the balance of the remaining unallocated PIC funding has now been distributed by TDP and they have advised that the following details the remaining approved contributions allocated through the bidding process to this Committee for highway schemes. These funds are not time limited and hence do not need to be expended this year.

**Table 5 – PIC Amounts**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Farnham Bourne	£46,206.89
Farnham Shortheath & Boundstone	£ 9,644.83
Cranleigh West	£13,330.00
Godalming Central & Ockford	£ 826.07
Godalming, Farncombe & Catteshall	£ 3,774.85
Godalming, Farncombe & Catteshall	£ 8,179.74
Godalming Holloway	£12,830.04
Hindhead	£ 3,492.46

Shamley Green & Cranleigh North	£ 1,794.04
Shamley Green & Cranleigh North	£ 3,564.62
Witley & Hambledon	£ 7,235.65

- 2.4.4 However, PIC funding can only be used in the ward where it is collected and cannot be used in other areas.
- 2.4.5 Section 106 monies are also collected by the planning authority, however these funds are normally very specific on how they are expended as it is normal for these to be agreed upfront as part of the planning process. So these amounts do not constitute available funds in the same way as PIC.
- 2.4.6 The following Table identifies the 2 Agreements in place for Waverley. The second of which, in Godalming, has already had elements 2 and 3 identified below, already constructed.

**Table 6 – S106 Agreements**

Site	Amount	Summary of agreement
Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh	£150,000	Provide a footway on Dunsfold Road between the Farnhurst Lane priority junction with Three Compasses Lane and the Dunsfold Road priority junction with Loxwood Road
Land At Godalming College, Tuesley Lane & Land To The South Of Ashstead Lane, Godalming GU7 1RS	£133,448	The contribution is to be used for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improvements to public footpath No. 27.</li> <li>2. Accessibility improvements comprising provision of dropped crossings and tactile paving between the application site and Godalming town centre.</li> <li>3. Pedestrian safety improvements at Holloway Hill/Flambard Way junction and on Station Road</li> </ol>

## 2.5 Parking

- 2.5.1 Recommendations from the 2017 parking review for Waverley were presented to the committee in September. The approved proposals for new and amended parking restrictions will be formally advertised in the New Year and the results of the consultation will be reported to the committee next Summer.

### Other highway related matters

## 2.6 Customer services

- 2.6.1 The total number of enquiries received for the nine months between January and September 2017 is 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 and is in line with the seasonal trend where the summer months generate less enquiries.

- 2.6.2 For Waverley specifically, 11,060 enquiries have been received since January of which 5,346 (48%) 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%.
- 2.6.3 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 online reporting have seen a reduction in the number of duplicate reports received after customers have viewed defects on the map. Further developments are being implemented to improve the experience for those using mobile devices.

## **2.7 Major schemes**

- 2.7.1 Surrey County Council is not actively promoting any major highway schemes within Waverley at present.

### *B3000 New Pond Road Rail Bridge*

- 2.7.2 Members for the Godalming area may recall that around 3 years ago Network Rail advised that their bridge on New Pond Road, Compton, close to the Guildford Crematorium, was life expired and required rebuilding.
- 2.7.3 Discussions were had with the 2 local MPs at an early stage, who supported the opportunity to improve and widen any new structure over the railway, however the huge financial implications of any additional widening were beyond economic reach of the County Council at this time.
- 2.7.4 Network Rail will now replace the bridge like for like, however the road will require a road closure during the main construction phase of the works.
- 2.7.5 SCC officers have met with Network Rail, their Consultants, and contractors. The initial programme indicates that the current plan is to close the road around the times they have track possession, which is currently shown to be from early March 2018 until early July 2018.
- 2.7.6 A full diversion route will be provided throughout this time and both SCC and Network Rails public relations team will be working to keep residents, drivers, and members fully updated.

## **2.8 Centrally funded maintenance**

- 2.8.1 Operation Horizon reports for 2017-18 are available on the Surrey County Council website. These reports list roads that are due to be treated in the current Financial Year 2017-18.
- 2.8.2 Also on the same page of the Surrey County Council website are lists of roads for consideration for future Financial Years.

2.8.3 For more information please see here:  
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadsand-transport/highwaysinformationonline/horizonhighwaymaintenanceinvestment-programme>.

**2.9 Passenger Transport**

2.9.1 There was no update at the time of writing this report.

**2.10 Other key information, strategy and policy development**

2.10.1 There was no update at the time of writing this report.

**3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 Officers seek to implement the most cost effective measures which meet scheme objectives. 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 above.

**6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples' perception of crime.
Equality and Diversity	It is an objective of Surrey Highways to take account of the needs of all users of the public highway.
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	The Local Committee prioritises its expenditure according to local priorities.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

**7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 7.1 This Financial Year's approved programmes are currently in the process of being delivered.
- 7.2 Members who have not already identified details of their choices are encouraged to do so urgently to ensure that these projects can be delivered.
- 7.3 If choices are not received then the assumption will be made that the funding is being carried forward to next year. As the funds are from the parking surplus there are no timelines for this to be expended.
- 7.4 It is proposed that going forward for 2017/18 the balance of the parking surplus is to be top sliced by 15% annually, for the Committee to separately resolve any relative priorities that arise across the entire nine divisions of Waverley, and that the remaining 85% continues to be allocated as previously determined.

**8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 8.1 The Area Highway Manager will work with Divisional Members, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deliver this Financial Year's approved programme of works.

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**Consulted:**  
As detailed within the report.

**Annexes:**  
1. Programme of Works 2017/18

**Background papers:**  
Local Committee (Waverley) 22 September 2017 Highways Update

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