



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(GUILDFORD)O**

**HIGHWAYS UPDATE
&
BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 2013 2014**

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KEY ISSUES

This report provides an update on the 2012/13 programme of highway works for Guildford. In December 2012 the Local Committee agreed the allocation of part of the 2013/14 highways budget and this report recommends how the remainder could be used.

The committee is asked to authorise the introduction of a reduced speed limit on a section of Queens Road, Bisley at the borough boundary.

The committee is further requested to enable provision for the Transportation Task Group to meet if necessary in between the local elections in May and the first committee meeting of the municipal year.

SUMMARY

In June 2012 the Local Committee agreed to defer implementing improvement schemes that had been planned for 2012/13 in order to direct funding towards surfacing work. SCC members have agreed surfacing schemes for their individual divisions, and the Task Group has agreed surfacing schemes for Guildford town.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to

- (i) Note progress on the 2012/13 programme of Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS, or improvement schemes), Local Re-surfacing

Schemes, and S106 Schemes.

- (ii) Agree that £209,000 is allocated to the ITS or improvement schemes listed in this report.
- (iii) Authorise the introduction of a 40mph speed limit on Queens Road, Bisley (currently 60) between the borough boundary and the existing 40mph limit to the south.
- (iv) Delegate authority to the Area Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and locally affected Members to amend budgets throughout the year if required to ensure the budget is allocated in a timely manner.
- (v) Extend the remit of the Transportation Task Group to constitute up until the first Local Committee of the municipal year.
- (vi) Delegate the ability to appoint Members to the Task Group to the Area Highways Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee in order to replace any members who are no longer Councillors as a result of the local elections until the first Local Committee of the municipal year.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 The Local Committee meeting of 13 June 2012 agreed the following allocations.

- Complete 2011/12 Speed limits, estimated cost £37,000
- Design only four ITS schemes formerly planned for construction in 012/13, with construction deferred until 2013/14, estimated costs £45,000.
- Ad-hoc signs, bollards etc ordered by area team, allocate £25,000
- Employ a 'Community Gang' for 48 weeks, allocate £96,000
- Employ a jetter for five weeks, allocate £25,000
- Ad-hoc maintenance work by area team, allocate £25,000
- Local re-surface schemes, ten divisions at £50,000 per division, allocate £500,000
- Local re-surfacing schemes in Guildford town, allocate £180,000

1.2 The Local Committee meeting of 21 March agreed that the £50,000 Community Pride available in 2012/13 be allocated to individual SCC members at £5,000 per member.

2. 2012/13 AGREED PROGRAMME AND ALLOCATIONS

2.1 UPDATE: 2011/12 SPEED LIMITS

Progress on the seven speed limit schemes carried forward from the 2011/12 programme is as follows:

- a) Tanners Lane & Papercourt Lane, Send (reduce from 60mph to 30mph). **Complete***
- b) A322 Worplesdon Road, Worplesdon (reduce from 50mph to 40mph). **Complete***
- c) A246 Guildford Rd, Effingham (reduce from 40mph to 30mph)*
&
- d) A246 Guildford Rd between Effingham and East Horsley (reduce from 50mph to 40mph). **Install commencing 6 March***
- e) Green Dene, East Horsley (reduce from 40mph to 30mph). **Install commencing 4 March.***

f) *Down Lane, Compton (reduce from 60mph to 30mph). Complete*

g) *B2126 Horsham Rd, Abinger Hammer (reduce from 60mph to 30mph). Complete*

2.2 UPDATE: DESIGN FOUR ITS SCHEMES FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2013/14

In June the Local Committee agreed that design work should proceed on four ITS scheme, with construction planned in 2013/14. Briefs for all four schemes have been issued to the SCC Design Team. Countywide, design work on schemes which are due to be constructed in the current financial year has been prioritised, with design for schemes due for construction in 2013/14 carried out between September 2012 and March 2013.

A25 Epsom Road, Crossing at Levysdene

In view of the lack of local resident support the SCC local member for Guildford East and the Area Manager have agreed this scheme should be abandoned.

Pirbright Village Safety Scheme

Feasibility work underway, local consultation planned for Jan/Feb 2013. The Parish Council helpfully provided a list of their own suggestions for consideration.

Portsmouth Rd, Ripley – Pedestrian crossing facility

Feasibility work is underway in consultation with the Parish Council for a crossing in the vicinity of the Village Hall, probably a pedestrian refuge.

Shere Village Safety Scheme

Feasibility work is underway and an external consultant, Colin Davis, is assisting with developing measures sympathetic with the character of the village. An exhibition of proposals was planned over the winter, but pressure to deliver the 2012/13 programme has resulted in delay. The exhibition will now be this Spring, with implementation by April 2014.

2.3 UPDATE: COMMUNITY GANG

- (i) A two man gang supplied by Poulson Contracting LTD has been employed since the beginning of April under the direction of the area team. The gang tackle mainly vegetation work, but can also clean/straighten/replace signs, remove/replace posts, clear ditches/blocked gullies, 'edge out' overgrown footways and other operations that do not involve digging below 75mm.
- (ii) The area team have received a number of compliments about the quality and speed of the gang's work.

2.4 UPDATE: LOCAL RE SURFACING (LSR) SCHEMES

In June the Local Committee directed a total of £680,000 towards local re-surfacing schemes, with a nominal £50,000 for each of the 10 SCC divisions and a further £180,000 towards roads in Guildford Town. See **Annex 1**. The Committee is asked to note:

- (i) Market Street was prioritised as a Town Centre scheme. However due to it's complexity (block paving) there was the risk that work would not commence before the end of March and funding has been redirected to alternate 'blacktop' schemes identified in the September report to the Local Committee. Notwithstanding this, design work will continue on Market Street, with a view to implementation in the next financial year.

2.5 UPDATE: COMMUNITY PRIDE

- (i) The total Community Pride funding in the current financial year, including carry forward from 2011/12, is £64,100.
- (ii) At the time of writing this report, the total Community Pride committed expenditure is £50,882.

2.6 UPDATE: SECTION 106 SCHEMES

Developer funding is in hand to progress the following improvement schemes towards construction in 2012/13, which are each specified in individual planning agreements.

New Inn Lane, Burpham Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing

Design in progress with £77,000 developer funding in place. Constraints such as driveways to dwellings dictate a crossing located between Burnett Avenue and London Road.

Ash Rd j/w Guildford Rd, Ash Gateways and signing

With SCC Design Team. £30,000 developer funding in place.

Percy Rd j/w Worplesdon Rd Road table in Percy Rd

With SCC Design Team. £15,000 developer funding in place.

3. BUDGET & RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS FOR 2013/14

Budgets available to this committee in 2013/14 are expected to be identical to those of the current financial year, as below.

	£
Capital ITS	263,000
Capital Maintenance	263,000

Revenue Maintenance	<u>317,000</u>
	843,000
Community Pride	50,000

3.1 At the meeting of 28 November the Local Committee agreed the following allocations.

Construct 3 (previously 4) ITS schemes in 2013/14

A25 Levylsdene crossing (now abandoned)	
Pirbright Village safety scheme	
Portsmouth Rd, Ripley crossing	
Shere village safety scheme	£180,000 est. for all three

Design only 3 (previously 4) ITS schemes for construction in 2014/15

York Rd j/w Stoke Road (abandon in view of Waitrose S278)	
Woking Road j/w Jacobs Well Road, junction improvement	
Jacobs Well Rd j/w Clay Lane, junction improvement	
Chersey Rd j/w North Street, pedestrian crossing facilities	
	£35,000 est for all three

New signs, bollards etc by Guildford team	£20,000
'Community Gang' for 48 weeks	£96,000
<i>Jetter for 5 weeks</i>	£25,000
<i>Ad-hoc maint. work by Guildford team</i>	£20,000
<i>Reserve funding for Lengthsman scheme</i>	<u>£15,000</u>
Total	£391,000

Unallocated £843,000 – £391,000 = £452,000

3.2 The Guildford Transportation Task Group met 13 February to consider how this balance should be used. They agreed **£120,000** should be reserved to deliver the deferred Market Street LSR. The Area Manager suggested funds could also be directed towards relatively low cost improvement (ITS) schemes in response to requests received over the last year or so. The task group endorsed this approach and agreed the following allocations:-

Warren Road, Charlotteville	
Road table at j/w Lancaster Avenue	£15,000
Salt Box Road, Whitmoor Common	
Safer pedestrian crossing at the rail bridge	£20,000
The Street, Albury	
Bus stop platform	£10,000
Queen Eleanor's Road, Dennisville	
Anti-skid & bollards	£15,000
Wodeland Avenue, Guildford	
Traffic calming	£45,000

Kings Road, Shalford	
Zebra crossing	£50,000
Hill Road Level Crossing, Brook	
Design work collaboration with Network Rail	£2,000
BVR/Aldershot Road Interchange	
Feasibility for pedestrians crossing slip roads	£2,000
Aldershot Road, Westborough	
Zebra crossing serving schools	<u>£50,000</u>
Total	£209,000

The Task Group agreed that the residual £123,000 (452k – 120k –209k) should be held in reserve against any increases in costs since estimates made before design has commenced are indicative at best. Any surplus can be directed to LSR work at a later stage in the year.

4. SPEED LIMIT QUEENS ROAD, BISLEY

Queens Road straddles the boundary between Guildford and Surrey Heath. The centre section, which is on Ministry of Defence land, is unrestricted and subject to a speed limit of 60mph. To the north and south of this section Queens Road has 40mph speed limits. The MoD are keen to implement a 40 limit and have signed the road as such. Because highway rights have been established a Traffic Regulation Order is required to legalise the signed limit. In April 2012 the Surrey Heath Local Committee approved the implementation of this speed limit and provided all funding. Since part of the road is within Guildford the Local Committee's authority is also required before the traffic order is advertised.

5. TRANSPORTATION TASK GROUP

- (i) The local elections in 2013 may have implications for the highways timetable and the Transportation Task Group may need to meet before the first Local Committee of the year. In order to mitigate the impact of the elections it is requested that the Committee extend the remit of the Transportation Task Group so that it is constituted up until the first Local Committee of the municipal year.
- (ii) In order to allow for any possible changes to membership to the Transportation Task Group following the elections it is requested that the Local Committee delegate to the Area Highways Manager any appointment of Transportation Task Group members in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee for the duration of this period. This is to allow any developments concerning Highways projects to remain in the member domain.

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 All of the projects referred to in this report would be subject to appropriate consultations as they progress.

7. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 By inviting Members to submit their key highway issues, the proposed Integrated Transport Strategy schemes can be prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. Officers are working on a consistent countywide assessment process which, when complete, will be an additional tool to aid Members of this Committee in their decision-making process.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact Assessment is undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples' perception of crime.

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications

11. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 As above

12. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

12.1 Officers will work to deliver the programme of schemes agreed by the committee

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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