

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)****DATE:** 12 APRIL 2018**LEAD MEMBER:** COLIN KEMP, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS**SUBJECT:** CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS - UPDATE**AREA(S)  
AFFECTED:** ALL**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Cabinet Member is attending the committee to improve communications and to provide information of works in the local area.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to:

- i) Note and comment on the information.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To update the committee on the highways works in the local area.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

1.1 Cabinet Member Colin Kemp attended this meeting in the autumn to improve communication with the committee and also to talk through the work he is doing with highways teams.

1.2 At the meeting in the autumn, it was agreed that the Cabinet Member would return in the Spring to provide an update on this work.

**2. ANALYSIS:**

2.1 As Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority what we do and the powers we have are largely governed by statute. We are responsible for assets which include over 3,000 miles of road network, 1,800 bridges and structures and 3,262 miles of footway.

2.2 The Cabinet Member recognises that it is important to keep the Local Committees and Joint Committees informed. The programme summary (Annex 2) outlines all the highway work that is planned to be undertaken in the 2018/19 financial year (called operation Horizon). It will be updated every three months and is available on the following webpage – [www.surreycc.gov.uk/Horizon](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/Horizon)

**3. OPTIONS:**

3.1 The committee can comment on and feedback views to the Cabinet Member for consideration.

**4. CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 Officers from within the Environment and Infrastructure Directorate have inputted into this report, including Area Highways Managers.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 All the works set out within the report are costed as part of the Council's budget for either 2017/18 or 2018/19 (as set out in the annex).

**6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>Area assessed:</b>	<b>Direct Implications:</b>
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report.
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications arising from this report.
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	No significant implications arising from this report.
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 The committee is invited to comment and feedback to the Cabinet Member about the programme.

**8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

8.1 The Cabinet Member will consider the views of the committee.

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

**Annexes:** Highways Programme Annual Summary 2018/19  
 Horizon 2 – Surrey Heath 2017/18  
 Horizon 2 – Surrey Heath 2018/19  
 Horizon 2 – Schemes for Consideration for Future Years

**Background papers:** None

## Introduction:

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### Our budget



From the **2018/19 central budgets for Surrey Heath:**

**£600k** has been budgeted for **resurfacing of roads**, and **£88k** for **pavement works**

**Since 2013/14 (the last 5 years) for Surrey Heath:**

**The following has been invested centrally on the highway network in Surrey Heath:**

**£6.171 million** on **resurfacing roads**  
**£291k** on Local Structural Repair (LSR)  
**£637k** on **pavements**  
 and **£288k** on **Structures**

Annex 1 provides an update on schemes undertaken in the 2017/18 financial year.

Annex 2 provides details on planned works in the 2018/19 financial year.

Annex 3 outlines works and schemes that we would like to complete in future years.

## Grass cutting

This year we are funding grass cutting to cover the area of 26.5million square-metres (county-wide) – that’s the area of 394 Wembley stadiums.

Surrey Heath Borough Council have agreed to manage grass cutting in your Borough. It will be for the Borough Council to determine service levels but at a minimum they will be cutting the urban grass four times and the rural grass twice. Within Surrey Heath there is about 467,000 square metres of urban highway grass and 362,000 square metres of rural highway grass. Areas classified as “urban” are normally verges in residential areas.

## Defects



In 2017 we repaired 37,702 dangerous defects, 2,659 of which were in Surrey Heath.

There were 257 accident and emergency call outs in Surrey Heath last year.

## What happens to potholes?

We regularly inspect the roads and pavements for potholes and other problems however we rely on the public to report problems to us in between these inspections.

### Ways for the public to report

 Online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk) (24 hours a day)  
 0300 200 1003 (local rate) 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

We prefer that reports are made online because this means we collect all the information we need including an accurate location of the problem. Residents can also track problems and see what has already been reported on the online map.

### What happens after the report is made?

One of our inspectors will visit the location within one week, look at the problem and decide what to do next:

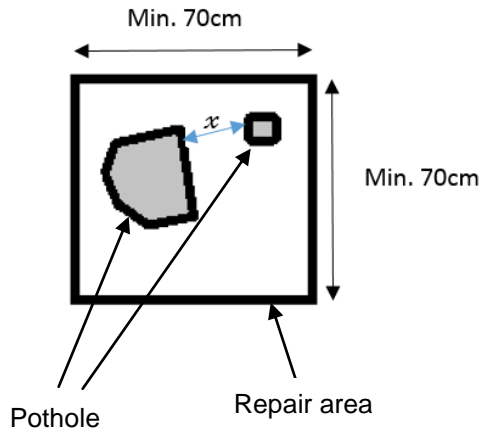
- what type of repair needs to be made;
- when it needs to be made (we repair more risky defects in a shorter timescale); or
- determine if no repair is necessary (we will monitor instead)

Our inspector follows the highway safety manual. The manual takes into consideration lots of factors including where in the road the problem is. For example if the problem is on the pavement or in a cycle lane this is treated more seriously than if the problem was in the middle of the road.

More information about the highway safety manual is available at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadsafetystandards](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadsafetystandards)

## What repair do we make?

We provide a list to our work team of all the defects that need repairing each day. Our work team must repair all of these risky defects by the end of the day in order to keep the network safe. This means the repair team may sometimes leave other non-urgent potholes nearby.



The work team may find other potholes nearby. These additional potholes may be repaired along with the pothole listed for repair, providing the patch size is not too big.

The distance "x" is determined by the work team on site. They will consider:-

- the strength of the road to hold the repair,
- the amount of tarmac they have on them,
- other engineering factors.



Before - three defects treated as one single defect



After

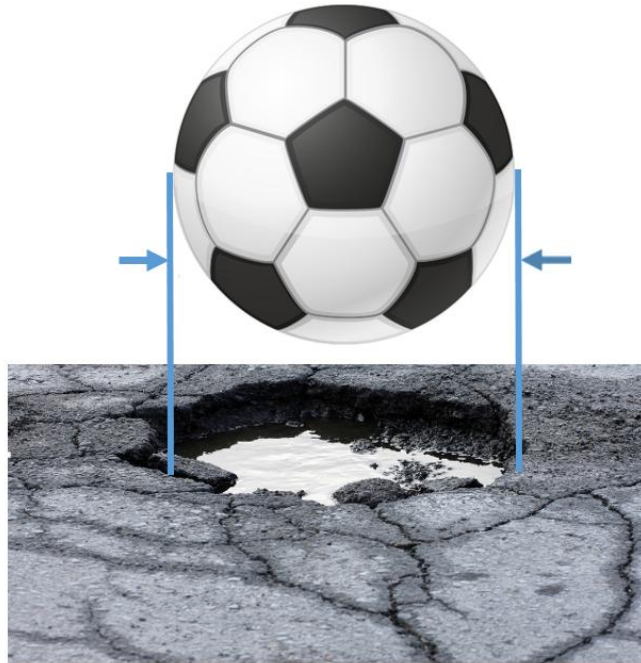


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Not all potholes affect safety, and they will not normally be repaired, unless they are likely to become safety problem in the near future.

**What size is my pothole?**

The descriptions used on the website refer to the width of the pothole (not depth).



**Summary of the classification of potholes**

Highest risk Priority 1	Medium risk Priority 2	Low risk Priority 3	Priority 4 (May be unpleasing to the eye but not considered a safety issue)
What happens to this pothole?			
Make safe within 2 hours	Make safe or repair within 5 working days	Repair within 20 working days	We do not usually repair these potholes
Individual or multiple potholes with very high risk of interaction with vehicles or pedestrians and likely to result in serious or fatal consequence	Individual defect greater than 40mm in depth and 150mm in diameter (Cycle lanes 25mm depth and 75mm diameter)	Individual defect greater than 30mm in depth and 150mm in diameter (Cycle lanes 20mm depth and 75mm diameter).	Individual or multiple defects less than 30mm in depth or less than 40mm but unlikely to worsen (20mm in cycle lanes).
