

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

DATE: 13 JUNE 2018

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL DIVISIONS IN GUILDFORD

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report provides an update on the 2017/18 programme of highway improvement and maintenance works funded by this committee, an update on other centrally funded projects being promoted in the local area, as well as details of the budgets allocated to the committee in 2018/19 and recommendations on expenditure of the same.

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

- (i) To note the committee approved works being progressed during 2018/19
- (ii) To resolve to advertise the making of a traffic order for Lysons Avenue and Sheepfold Road as detailed in paragraphs 2.3.1 & 2.3.4 respectively and shown in Annex 3 and 4.
- (iii) To delegate to the Acting Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, the ability to resolve any problems encountered or objections received from the advertising of the TRO but additionally to facilitate scheme delivery during the year of the schemes identified on Annex 2.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is asked to agree the recommendations to enable early progression of works orders.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:
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- 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 Guildford 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:

2018/19 Budget Programme of Works

Available Highway Budget

- 2.1.1 At the full Council meeting of 6 February 2018 it was agreed to establish a new Member Local Highway Fund from 2018/19 of £7.5k per divisional member, rising to £10k in 2019/20 and £15k in 2020/21
- 2.1.2 Additionally the countywide devolved Committee revenue budget has increased from £450k in 2017/18 to £1.85m in 2018/19. It is proposed to rise to £2m in 2019/20 and £2.5m by 2020/21.
- 2.1.3 This is to be allocated equally across the 11 Committees equating to £168,182 of revenue monies per Committee.
- 2.1.4 The countywide devolved Capital will remain at £400k for 2018/19, and again this is to be shared equally between the 11 committees, equating to £36,363.
- 2.1.5 *In summary:-*

Budget	Amount
Capital maintenance	£ 36,363
Revenue maintenance	£168,182
Revenue Highway Fund (£7500 per divisional member)	£ 75,000

Programme of Works

Capital

- 2.1.6 Annex 1 details the Local Transport Plan (LTP) list of capital schemes, their estimated costs, and relative priorities, which have been approved previously by the committee.
- 2.1.7 The transportation task group that reports to this committee met on 6th March 2018 to agree recommendations on how to expend the devolved budget. They prioritised a number of improvement schemes which had been deferred due to budget constraints during 2017/18.
- 2.1.8 The task group recommended that the capital schemes detailed in Annex 2 are implemented during 2018/19 at a total forecast estimate of £143,000 of the Committee allocation.

Revenue

- 2.1.9 The task group further recommended that the revenue schemes identified on Annex 2 are also implemented in the coming year at a total forecast estimate of £60,000
- 2.1.10 It was also agreed to continue utilising a community gang for small ad hoc vegetation works throughout the year which has proved a successful and well received in the past
- 2.1.10 The £7500 Highway fund per member needs to be allocated to enable early commitment to contractors for proposed expenditure. Could members who have not yet provided their choices please let the Acting Area Manager have these as soon as possible to ensure that these proposals can be programmed and avoid the funding being lost.
- 2.1.11 Annex 2 also identifies the member expenditure currently planned from the Highways fund allocation.

Other highway related matters

2.2 Customer services

- 2.2.1 Highways & Transport received 45,357 enquiries and reports during the first quarter of 2018, an average of 15,119 per month, this is a significant increase from the same period in the last three years.
- 2.2.2 For Guildford specifically, 5,486 enquiries have been received of which 2,289 were directed to the local area office for action, 91% of these have been resolved. This response rate is slightly below the countywide average of 92%.
- 2.2.3 Between January and March, Highways received 85 stage 1 complaints of which seven were for the Guildford area. In addition one was escalated to Stage 2 of the complaints process, no fault was found following independent investigation.

2.3 Parking

- 2.3.1 Lysons Avenue (B3166), Ash Vale – To advertise the intent to make permanent the temporary TRO covering the double yellow lines.
- 2.3.2 The temporary TRO was introduced following many complaints from local residents, Parish Council, effected due to vehicles being parked close to the traffic islands on Lysons Avenue, and vehicles being forced to drive on the wrong side of the road facing oncoming traffic, to continue their journey.
- 2.3.3 A temporary TRO was made to come into effect on the 10th April 2017 which introduced temporary double yellow lines for a maximum period of 18 months. As result of introducing the waiting restrictions, road safety has been improved. It is, therefore, proposed to make a permanent TRO for the existing double yellow lines, before the temporary TRO expires.
- 2.3.4 Sheepfold Road (D4021), Guildford – Re-advertising the provision of a “time limited” free on-street parking place

The proposal below was advertised and consultation carried out at the same time. However, the markings and signs were not implemented until after the completion of the process and as a result the Surrey County Council lawyer (highways) suggested that the waiting restriction in the road be re-advertised. In addition, the existing double yellow lines on the north side of the road will be extended in line with the proposed parking place.

“Vehicles have routinely mounted the footways to park immediately adjacent to the shops situated on the A323 Worplesdon Road at the junction with Sheepfold Road. This represents a serious hazard to pedestrians and other drivers and to prevent this bollards have recently been installed in the footway. However, in the interests of trade at these shops, it is now intended to provide a “time limited” all-comers, free on-street parking place in that length of the south-east side of Sheepfold Road, which extends from a point 15 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Worplesdon Road south-westwards for a distance of 20 metres.

The parking place will operate between 8.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, with waiting limited to a period of thirty minutes, no return permitted for a further period of two hours. The local shopkeepers are in support of this measure, which should provide an area for vehicles to park whilst visiting the local shops but by limiting the time that any one vehicle can be left in the parking place ensure a reasonably quick turnover of vehicles and therefore of people visiting the local shops. Any vehicle displaying a disabled person’s Blue Badge will, of course, be able to wait for any period without time limit in the parking place, thereby ensuring that any disabled person with such a Badge can park their vehicle in the parking place for any period without time limit.”

2.4 Street Lighting

- 2.4.1 The County Council’s Street Lighting engineers are currently investigating the potential of converting all of the current street lights to LEDs. A detailed

report will be taken to the County Council's Cabinet in the autumn for a final decision.

2.5 Major schemes

- 2.5.1 The following provides updates on schemes within the Guildford Town Centre Transport Package that are being progressed. The package was agreed by the Local Committee in December 2015 and awarded funding by the EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership in the Spring of 2016.

Millbrook Car Park

- 2.5.2 Construction work is now substantially complete on the scheme at the junction of A281 Millbrook and the car park.
- 2.5.3 The new layout enables vehicles to turn right out of the car park and head southbound from Guildford without the need to circulate the gyratory first.

A25 / A320 Stoke Crossroads

- 2.5.4 The Stoke Crossroads scheme, previously reported to Guildford Local Committee in June 2016 is due to commence construction during the next cycle. Originally planned as part of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, the scheme was ultimately included to be built as part of the Guildford Town Centre Transport Package.
- 2.5.5 The scheme will provide new controlled crossing facilities at surface level on all arms of the junction for pedestrians and cycles, upgraded signal phasing to make the junction work more efficiently for traffic and carriageway resurfacing. Construction is programmed to take place from August until November 2018. As the work will involve temporary lane closures and diversions, the majority of the work will take place at night to minimise the impact on local traffic.
- 2.5.6 During the same period, Highways England will be undertaking work to widen the A3 off-slip and provide a new toucan crossing at the junction of the slip with Woking Road. Detailed planning is taking place between officers from Surrey, Highways England and Kier to ensure that the works are carried out in coordination with each other.
- 2.5.7 A series of communications activities will be taking place in the lead up to, and during, construction to minimise impacts during the works and enable residents and businesses to plan accordingly. This will include a letter drop to properties/businesses near the junction, social media notifications and a regular email subscription newsletter. The Works Communication Team at Surrey County Council is also planning a meeting with divisional and borough members in the vicinity of the junction to brief them on further details of the project prior to the commencement of work.

A25 cycle corridor (Parkway)

- 2.5.8 Construction work began in April to widen the shared-use facility on the south side of A25 Parkway. The existing shared-use pathway narrows to 2.5 metres

in places and alternates between shared use and segregation between pedestrians and cycles.

- 2.5.9 The path is being widened up to 4 metres and segregated along its length between Boxgrove Roundabout and Stoke Crossroads to enable pedestrians and cyclists to pass each other more easily. The scheme is expected to complete in July 2018 and will tie in with the upgraded Stoke Crossroads junction, due to start later this year.

Walnut Tree Close

- 2.5.10 During the last period officers have continued to engage with land owners to seek an area of land that might be used as a vehicle turning head for the trial scheme.
- 2.5.11 Solutions for alternative turning locations are now being concentrated on as it has not been possible to reach an agreement for a turning location as per the original design.

A25 cycle corridor (Woodbridge)

- 2.5.12 This scheme will fill another gap along the A25 cycle corridor by providing a shared use path of up to 3 metres wide on the south side of the A25 between Woodbridge Road and Woodbridge Meadows. This will include raising the height of the bridge parapet, widening the footway and converting the mandatory cycle lane over Woodbridge (Old) to provide a safe off-road route.
- 2.5.13 The work is programmed to start in January 2019 and be completed in May 2019. It is expected that one lane of the westbound carriageway over the bridge will be temporarily closed during the construction works on the bridge. Further updates will be provided to the local committee on the scheme in the lead up to the work.

Tunsgate

- 2.5.14 Members will recall that at its meeting of the 22 March 2017, approval was given for the Public Realm enhancements to the Tunsgate part of the town centre.
- 2.5.15 The scheme is being sponsored and funded by Guildford Borough Council and implemented by SCC through their contractor Kier.
- 2.5.16 Highway works commenced in September 2017 and works have been progressing up from the Tunsgate arch with setts being laid along the carriageway, and Yorkstone slabs laid to the widened footways. The contractor has not always been able to work productively, in order to facilitate the Queensbury development, which opened on 12th March. The latest revised programme for these highway works is for completion in late June.

Farnham Road Rail Bridge

- 2.5.17 It is anticipated that works will commence on this bridge in December 2018. No update has been received from Network Rail at the time of writing this report.

B3000 New Pond Road Rail Bridge

2.5.18 The Network Rail bridge works commenced at the end of April, as planned, and are ongoing as per the schedule below.

2.5.19 Unfortunately as anticipated these works have created additional delays in the area, but this is being closely monitored, and if changes are deemed necessary to the temporary traffic management locally, then then will be upgraded to suit.

Summary of scheduled works:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 23 April to Friday 13 July 2018	08:00 – 18:00	Full closure of New Pond Road (B3000) with diversions
Sunday 29 April to Monday 30 April 2018	01:15 - 04:00	Preparatory work; installation of temporary scaffold bridge for road utility diversion
Saturday 26 May to Tuesday 29 May 2018	00:55 – 04:55	Removal of old overbridge and replacement of new overbridge
Sunday 24 June 2018	00:55 – 10:40	Removal of the temporary utility cable scaffold bridge
Sunday 24 June to Friday 13 July 2018	08:00 – 18:00	Reinstate utilities, completion of road surfacing, road markings
Friday 13 July 2018	18:00	New Pond Road (B3000) re-opened

2.6 Centrally funded maintenance

Onslow Street / Bridge Street

2.6.1 The road tables proposed for this pedestrian crossing point are programmed to be constructed in mid-September. The proposal is to carry out off carriageway works during the day and carriageway works at night, in order to expedite the scheme and reduce the unavoidable congestion in this busy part of the town centre.

2.6.2 The formal process to advertise the intent to locate the tables on carriageway is currently in process.

Horizon 2

2.6.3 Horizon 2 is the name given to the Council's Asset Management Programme for the period 2017 – 2021. The programme of works to be delivered for Guildford remains as presented in the annex to the March Local Committee and can be found on the website at :-

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>

2.6.5 Some of the Major Maintenance schemes programmed for 18/19 anticipated for construction during July/ August (Permits permitting), are shown below. Other identified schemes may not be as far progressed and will be delivered in due course, and members will be advised nearer the time.

- C93 North Street – High Street to Commercial Road
- B3000 Puttenham Heath Road, Compton - A3 (northbound) Roundabout to The Street
- D44 Bisley Camp Road, Pirbright – Connaught Road to Brunswick Road
- A248 Dorking Road, St Marthas – Blacksmith Lane to Mill Lane

Additional £5m – Winter damage programme

- 2.6.6 The focus for this has been on the Surrey Priority Network SPN 2 &3 (essentially B & C roads) and the list of schemes identified for this funding is currently being assessed.
- 2.6.7 If additionally some A & D roads were suggested by members, then most of these have been removed from the list and will be considered for inclusion in the existing county programmes. There are however some A roads which are included on the list due to these already being categorised as a SPN 2 and having similar characteristics to B roads.
- 2.6.8 Officers have already started to walk these roads to determine what treatment (patching or Local Structural Repair) is needed in each of these locations and the extent of the work needed. This will be done over the next few weeks, and it is hoped that the majority of this work will be effected over the next 2-3 months. This is obviously subject to clashes with other programmed highway work that is going on around the network and our ability to find network space and permitting.
- 2.6.9 In addition to the £5m being invested during 2017/18, the cabinet approved on the 29th May to further investment during 2018/19 of £7m and then a further £8m in 2019/20 to improve the condition of the highways network.

2.7 Passenger Transport

- 2.7.1 The University of Surrey has recently completed a tendering exercise to appoint a bus operator to provide the local bus network which primarily supports their students and staff, but also many other residents of Guildford. On 29 July 2018 the Stagecoach bus company will replace Arriva as the local bus service provider which has access to the main Campus and Manor Park.

2.8 Other key information, strategy and policy development

- 2.8.1 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 programmed and delivered as identified in Annex 2.
- 7.2 The £7500 Highway fund per member needs to be allocated to enable early commitment to contractors for proposed expenditure. Members who have not yet provide their choices do need to do so as soon as possible to ensure that the works can be programmed and to avoid the funding being lost.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

ITEM 12

- 8.1 The Acting 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:

Annex 1 – Capital prioritised list of schemes.

Annex 2 – Progress of Committee capital and revenue schemes 2018/19.

Annex 3 – Details of proposed waiting restrictions in Lysons Avenue.

Annex 4 – Details of proposed waiting restrictions in Sheepfold Road.

Background papers:

Local Committee (Guildford) March 2018 Highways Update.