

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM & EWELL)****DATE: 25TH JUNE 2018****LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER (NE)****SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE****DIVISION: ALL****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report summarises progress with the Local Committee's programme of Highways works for the current Financial Year 2018-19.

Members are encouraged to start considering the strategy and priorities for next Financial Year, 2019-20.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked:

- (i) Authorise the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s) to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Committee is asked to provide the necessary authorisation to deliver its programmes of work in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

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 Epsom & Ewell has been delegated Highways budgets to be able to contribute to the objectives set out in Surrey County Council's LTP, according to local priorities.

2. ANALYSIS:**2.1 Local Committee finance**

- 2.1.1 Outturn figures from 2017-18 are shown in Table 1 below. It has been agreed to carry forward the capital under/overspends into the new Financial Year 2018-19. Revenue under/overspends will not be carried forward.

Table 1 Outturn from 2017-18 (rounded figures)

	Budget	Expenditure	Outturn
Revenue	£39,300	£38,100	£1,200 underspend
Capital	£77,000 base budget £36,000 plus £17,000 underspend from 2016-17 plus £2,000 transferred from revenue plus £22,000 external funding	£64,000	£13,000 underspend

- 2.1.2 The capital underspend resulted from a refund of £13,800 that was received from Kier too late in the Financial Year to be able to reinvest.
- 2.1.3 The Local Committee in Epsom & Ewell has been delegated Highway budgets in the current Financial Year 2018-19 as follows:
- Committee revenue: £168,182
 - Member revenue: £37,500 (£7,500 per Division)
 - Capital: £36,364
 - Capital under/over spend carried forward from 2017-18: £13,000
 - **Total: £255,046**
(2018-19 budget £242,045 plus 2017-18 carry forward £13,000)
- 2.1.4 The funds delegated to the Local Committee are in addition to funds allocated at a County level to cover various Highways maintenance and improvement activities, including inspection and repair of safety defects, resurfacing, structures, vegetation maintenance, and drainage. These activities are summarised separately on this agenda.
- 2.1.5 At its meeting in March 2018 Committee couldn't decide allocations for its 2018-19 budgets as they were not confirmed at the time. Therefore Committee agreed to authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, to allocate Committee's Highways revenue and capital funding to suitable and beneficial activities and projects, once the details of additional revenue funding had been confirmed. As well as Committee's delegated budgets detailed above, additional revenue funding will be available from the parking surplus, which is expected to cover the cost of this Financial Year's Parking Review. The Area Highway Manager consulted the Chairman and Vice Chairman and allocated the regular 2018-19 budgets as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Allocation of budgets for 2018-19

Allocation	Amount
Revenue for day to day maintenance To cover various revenue concerns across the Borough for example: patching and kerb works, minor safety schemes, extra vegetation.	£100,000
Revenue to deliver the Parking Review	£40,000
Parking surplus contingency	£9,824
Divisional allocations	£100,000 £20,000 per Division
Capital ITS schemes	£42,045
Capital contingency	£13,000
Total Assuming £49,824 parking surplus	£304,869

2.1.6 In addition to the regular Highways capital and revenue budgets detailed above Committee is able to make allocations from the parking surplus. The surplus must be spent according to section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/section/55>). Expenditure can cover all types of highway improvement and maintenance. The parking surplus and associated expenditure is detailed in Table 3 below.

Table 3 Parking surplus – financial summary

Surplus	Amount	Expenditure / Allocation	Amount
2013-14	£27,500	Atkins study	£27,500
2014-15	£34,000	Mopeds and handhelds	£14,000
2015-16	No surplus	2015-16 parking review	£10,000
2016-17	£34,800	2016-17 parking review 2017-18 parking review	£10,000 £35,000
2017-18	£49,824	2018-19 parking review 2018-19 contingency	£40,000 £9,824
Total Based on £49,824 income from parking surplus	£146,124	Total	£131,500

2.1.7 Officers will update Committee with progress in the delivery of its works programmes at each Committee meeting. In addition Committee Chairmen are provided with detailed monthly finance updates, which detail all the orders raised against the various budgets, as well as the works planned for each of the budgets.

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

2.2.1 The allocation for Capital ITS schemes is being used to promote capital schemes previously approved by the Local Committee. In accordance with Committee's authorisation in March 2018, this programme has been decided by the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Table 4 below summarises progress with this capital programme.

Table 4 Progress with Annual Capital ITS Programme

Scheme	Description	Progress	Cost
Spread Eagle Junction	Extend footway on Ashley Road arm to reduce crossing distance, and align tactile paving.	Committee decided in September 2013 to defer this scheme until the outcome of the Plan E Major Scheme bid is known.	-
South Street / Ashley Avenue pedestrian phase	Introduction of new pedestrian phase to existing traffic signals.	A new pedestrian phase is now being constructed as part of the Plan E major scheme.	-
Stoneleigh Park Road to Bradford Drive	New cycle link – construction.	Detailed design complete, preparations being made for construction.	£12,000
Ewell Village AQMA Package: review of parking outside Coop 3rd priority	Remove conflict between pedestrians and vehicles and improve area.	Officers have discussed the scheme with Members. Agreed to deliver in phases, with the first phase being the implementation of a new load bay as part of the next parking review.	- <i>Developer funded</i>
East Street junction with Kiln Lane	New pedestrian crossing on northern arm of existing traffic signal junction. New parking layby near Chuters Grove.	Detailed design complete. Officers are working with the project team to enable the key elements of the scheme to be delivered within the available budget. The estimated cost of this scheme is very high due to the complexity of the traffic management. If there is any funding left over for the Chuters Grove parking layby consultations will be needed with Members and the local community. Hoping to construct in Summer 2018.	£246,200 <i>Developer funded.</i>

Scheme	Description	Progress	Cost
Aldi, Kingston Road, Ewell	Pedestrian and passenger transport improvements	Feasibility / detailed design nearly complete for measures at the Ruxley Lane / Kingston Road junction. Options and prices being prepared. Scope has been extended to include consideration of a pedestrian crossing across Kingston Road adjacent to Aldi. Will need Member and public consultation once feasibility report is finalised.	£107,200 <i>Developer funded</i>
East Street	New cycle link between Kiln Lane and Hook Road	This scheme can only go ahead if there is funding left over after the East Street junction with Kiln Lane Scheme. Straightforward scheme as mostly signs. Need to arrange detailed design, consultation and then implementation. Delayed following delays with the Kiln Lane / East Street scheme.	- <i>Developer funded</i>
Chessington Road, Ewell	New cycle link between Riverholme Drive and Longmead Road	Signs installed, awaiting programme date for kerb adjustments at side road crossing points.	£2,000
Mill Lane junction with St Mary's Close and London Road, Ewell	Pedestrian improvements.	Detailed design in progress in anticipation of construction later this Financial Year.	£10,000
Yew Tree Bottom Road	Pedestrian improvements.	Detailed design in progress in anticipation of construction later this Financial Year.	£9,300
Fair Green	New cycle link.	Feasibility study in progress. Route would be over common, not Public Highway. May need to abandon this scheme as there has been no response from the relevant Borough officers despite repeated attempts to communicate.	-
West Park Road	Tidy up speed limit on approach to Noble Park development.	Officers working to finalise the detailed design in consultation with the Divisional Member and the local community, make the necessary Legal Orders, and implement the scheme.	£8,200 <i>Developer funded.</i>

Scheme	Description	Progress	Cost
Headley Road, Ashtead	Review of equestrian facilities, especially the electronic warning signs.	Large buttons now installed at the equestrian crossing near the Queen's Stand. Need to prioritise options for improvement with the equestrian community, and then arrange for implementation.	£10,700
Waterloo Road	New Zebra Crossing.	Feasibility study in progress.	£5,000
Total – noting that costs are approximate <i>These costs include £361,600 contributions from developer funding</i>			£410,600

2.2.2 Officers will keep the Chairman, Vice Chairman and appropriate Divisional Member updated as these schemes are delivered, taking decisions as necessary to ensure the programmes are delivered, and cost variations managed

2.3 Local Committee revenue works programme

2.3.1 Of the £100,000 that has been allocated for day to day maintenance works, £34,600 has now been committed to various minor repairs, including vegetation management, patching of small areas of footways and carriageways and repairing damaged verges. A further £13,900 worth of works are currently being planned. The remainder will be planned and committed to works as the Financial Year progresses.

2.3.2 Of the £100,000 that has been allocated for Divisional Allocations, which include Members' £7,500 individual Highway allocations, £12,600 has been committed to various schemes include verge repair and protection, footway repair works, grit bins, and new signs. A further £56,000 worth of works are currently being planned in consultation with Divisional Members, including large scale patching of a number of roads.

2.4 Parking

2.4.1 The 2017 annual review objections have been considered and final decisions made. Works orders have been placed and implementation is substantially complete. The traffic orders came into operation on 1st March 2018. Site visits and assessments for the 2018 annual review have been completed and is reported as a separate agenda item.

Other highway related matters

2.5 Customer services

2.5.1 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.

2.5.2 For Epsom & Ewell specifically, 2,466 enquiries have been received of which 1,128 were directed to the local area office for action, 92% of these have been resolved. This response rate is in line with countywide average.

- 2.5.3 For the first quarter, Highways received 85 stage 1 complaints of which nine were for the Epsom & Ewell area. In addition four were escalated to Stage 2 of the complaints process, none were upheld following independent investigation.

2.6 Major schemes

- 2.6.1 The next phases of the **Plan E** Major Scheme are now under construction at the two South Street junctions outside the Playhouse at one end and outside the Marquis of Granby at the other. Regular updates are available to any interested part via a weekly e-newsletter. For the latest newsletter, and to sign up to receive regular updates, please see the Surrey County Council website here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-transport-policies-plans-and-consultations/major-transport-projects/epsom-and-ewell-major-transport-schemes>

- 2.6.2 The **Epsom Banstead STP** remains on hold pending the release of a further opportunity to bid for Coast to Capital (C2C) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growth Deal funding. No details or provisional timescales have yet been announced by the LEP. Following our previous bid submission made at the end of last year, we have been recommended by the LEP to re-submit this project business case should additional Growth Deal funding suitable for STP projects be made available. We are confident that the Epsom Banstead STP will provide necessary sustainable transport improvements that are aligned with current LEP strategic priorities and objectives to support economic growth and other related benefits for the local and wider area.

- 2.6.3 The Surrey County Council project webpage will be kept up to date with further information as soon as this becomes available: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/epsom-and-banstead-major-transport-schemes>

- 2.6.4 The **Wider Network Benefits** Intelligent Transport Systems Project is now nearing completion, with all CCTV and ANPR Cameras now installed and functioning, feeding information into Surrey County Council's Network Management and Information Centre (NMIC) in Leatherhead. One CCTV Camera is being relocated in Epsom to improve sight lines at no additional cost to Surrey County Council.

- 2.6.5 All Variable Message Signs (VMS) are now installed and are now being commissioned prior to full operation.

- 2.6.6 Work continues at the NMIC to link these different technologies to gain maximum benefit for network management. The Traffic Operations team continue to work on upgrading traffic signal controllers and generating traffic signal strategies which can be deployed in line with the use of the other component elements of the scheme.

2.7 Centrally funded maintenance

- 2.7.1 Operation Horizon reports for 2018-19 are available on the Surrey County Council website. These reports list road that are due to be treated in the current Financial Year 2018-19. Also on the same page of the Surrey County Council website are lists of roads for consideration for future Financial Years.

For more information please see here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highways-information-online/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>.

2.7.2 The list of roads in Epsom and Ewell that is being considered as part of the Winter Damage programme is contained in Annex A.

2.8 Road safety

2.8.1 No update at the time of writing.

2.9 Passenger Transport

2.9.1 No update at the time of writing.

2.10 Other key information, strategy and policy development

2.10.1 Over the coming months Officers will be reviewing the Epsom and Ewell Local Transport Strategy in preparation for consultation with and approval by Committee.

2.10.2 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.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 None at this stage. 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 programmes are being delivered.
- 7.2 Members are encouraged to start considering the strategy and priorities for next Financial Year.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 The Area Team Manager will work with Divisional Members, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deliver this Financial Year's Divisional Programmes.

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Consulted: N / A

Annexes: 1

Sources/background papers: None

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