

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 29 JUNE 2018

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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, 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 (Waverley) is asked:**

- (i) To note the committee approved works being progressed during 2018/19
- (ii) To approve that the £78K, 15% top slice of the parking surplus, be equally split between the 9 divisional members equating to £8666 per member.
- (iii) To approve the revocation of the national speed limit on Stovolds Hill and to approve the new 40mph speed limit on Stovolds Hill from the junction of the B2130 Dunsfold Road up to the entrance of Dunsfold Park, a distance of approximately 1300m as shown on Annex 2.
- (iv) 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 to facilitate scheme delivery during the year of the schemes identified by the Committee.

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:

2.1 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. Divisional members will have received a directive from the Cabinet Member, Colin Kemp, on how this fund is to be expended.
- 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 At the meeting of 22 September 2017 the local committee agreed that further parking surplus could be utilised in 2018/19 (and annually thereafter):- and up to 15% of the total available surplus could be top sliced annually, for the committee to separately resolve any relative priorities that arise across the entire nine divisions of Waverley.

In summary:-

Committee Budget	Amount
Capital maintenance	£36,363
Revenue maintenance	£168,182
Revenue Highway Fund	£75,000
Parking surplus (15% top slice of £520k)	£78,000

- 2.1.6 At the March committee it was agreed that £126k of the revenue maintenance be used to allocate £14k per divisional member for local highway priorities
- 2.1.7 It was agreed however that £4k of this £14k revenue budget should be allocated towards lengthsman type work, to be determined by the divisional member, and offered to the Parish/Town Councils if so determined. If not then the Maintenance Engineer would require an early instruction to enable expenditure of these monies for the provision of a vegetation gang through the year to carry out the work.
- 2.1.8 A further £25k was also allocated towards the lengthsman scheme, as in previous years, to enable Parish and Town Councils to bid for monies, to carry out locally important areas of highway work such as vegetation cut back, sign cleaning, ditch clearance etc.
- 2.1.9 The balance of the revenue budget, (approx £17k), is used to cover any contract overheads, and provides a small contingency fund for any unforeseen eventualities.
- 2.1.10 Some members did not expend part or all of the £10,000 allocated to them in 2017/18, if so this, will roll forward to 2018/19 on an individual basis, as parking surplus does not have to be spent in year.
- 2.1.11 At the Informal meeting held on the 20th April, members agreed that the 15% of this available parking surplus fund (£520K) which equates to £78,000 be split equally between all nine divisional members. This equates to a further £8,666.
- 2.1.12 In summary each of the 9 divisional members has allocated the following amounts:-

Member Budget	Amount
Works	£10,000
Localism	£4,000
Revenue Highway Fund	£7,500
Parking surplus	£8,666

2.2 *Programme of Works*

Capital

- 2.2.1. It was approved that £5k of capital maintenance is directed to signs and lines by the local team, and that the balance of capital funding, (approx £31k), is used by the area team to deliver any other works deemed necessary during the year.
- 2.2.2 The current committee running list of Local Transport Plan (LTP) schemes is currently valued in excess of £1.4m. It is intended to hold a member Highways Workshop during July/August to rationalise the current (LTP) list of capital schemes, their estimated costs, and relative priorities.

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Revenue

- 2.2.3 It is important that the individual member allocations are allocated at an early stage to ensure that works can be programmed effectively and enable early commitment to contractors for proposed expenditure for delivery before the end of the financial year.
- 2.2.4 All nine divisional members have been invited to meetings with the Acting Area Highway Manager in order to determine what local priorities exist for these allocations, and to enable early programming and ordering of works.
- 2.2.5 Divisional members who have yet to make their choices are encouraged to make contact with the Acting Area Highway Manager as soon as possible to ensure that these proposals can be programmed and avoid the funding being lost.
- 2.2.6 Annex 1 identifies the member expenditure currently planned.

Other highway related matters

2.3 Customer services

- 2.3.1 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.
- 2.3.2 For Waverley specifically, 6,233 enquiries have been received of which 2,338 were directed to the local area office for action, 94% of these have been resolved. This response rate is slightly above the countywide average of 92%.
- 2.3.3 Between January and March, Highways received 85 stage 1 complaints of which 12 were for the Waverley area. In addition four were escalated to Stage 2 of the complaints process, none of which were upheld following independent investigation

2.4 Traffic Orders

- 2.4.1 As part of the 2017/18 Highways Works Programme the Local Committee agreed a request from the Road Safety Team to lower the speed limit on the B2130 Dunsfold Road from national speed limit (60mph) to 40mph from the junction of Barrihurst Lane to approximately 1000m south west from Stovolds Hill in an effort to try and reduce casualties along this section of road. This change is shown at Annex 2.
- 2.4.2 Due to an administrative error it has been noted that since the scheme has been completed the speed limit on Stovolds Hill has remained at the national speed limit and has not been lowered to 40mph, which has caused confusion for local residents.
- 2.4.3 The Road Safety Team have conducted a speed survey on Stovolds Hill. The average recorded speed is 36mph in both directions. Therefore, in line with the Surrey County Council policy for 'Setting Local Speed Limits' it has been recommended to lower the speed limit on Stovolds Hill to 40mph which would provide consistency when using the B2130 Dunsfold Road and Barrihurst Lane.

- 2.4.4 Consultation has been carried out with Surrey Police who are in support of lowering of the speed limit on Stovolds Hill from National speed limit to 40mph, which is in line with the policy for 'Setting local Speed Limits'.

2.5 Street Lighting

- 2.5.1 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.

2.6 Major schemes

Farnham Redevelopment Works

- 2.6.1 Crest Nicholson started works on the 21st February to prepare land in Farnham Town Centre for the multi-million pound Brightwells Regeneration scheme. The plans include a Marks and Spencer Simply Food, a new six-screen cinema operated by Reel cinemas, eight restaurants and 24 retail units.
- 2.6.2 Works have commenced to facilitate the building work starting in July, to enable the creation of a temporary access haul road directly from the A31, complete with new access bridge, designed to reduce traffic disruption during the works.
- 2.6.3 The project also includes the refurbishment of Grade II listed Brightwells House, a new town square and re-landscaping at Brightwells Gardens with some 60 new trees to be planted. As well as providing over 800 new jobs, the scheme will provide extra housing for the area with 239 new apartments, 72 of which will be shared ownership.
- 2.6.4 It is also understood that Berkeley Homes, who are the developer involved with the Woolmead redevelopment, are seeking to commence the demolition of the entire site this summer.
- 2.6.5 Negotiations are ongoing to ensure that the amount of disruption involved with two large developments being carried out in the centre of Farnham, is mitigated wherever possible.

B3000 New Pond Road Rail Bridge

- 2.6.4 The Network Rail bridge works commenced at the end of April, as planned, and are ongoing as per the schedule below.
- 2.6.5 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.

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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

2.7 Centrally funded maintenance

Horizon 2

2.7.1 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 Waverley 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>

Additional £5m – Winter damage programme

2.7.2 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.

2.7.3 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.

2.7.4 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.

2.7.5 In addition to the £5m being invested during 2018/19, the cabinet approved on the 29th May to a further investment during 2018/19 of £7m followed by a further £8m in 2019/20 to improve the condition of the highways network.

2.8 Passenger Transport

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

2.9 Other key information, strategy and policy development

2.9.1 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 1.
- 7.2 The individual member allocations together with the £7500 Highway fund 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:

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

Annex 2 – Proposed Speed Limit change in Stovolds Hill, Dunsfold.

Background papers:

Local Committee (Waverley) March 2018 Highways Update.