

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

**DATE:** **5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**LEAD OFFICER:** **ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT:** **HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE**

**DIVISION:** **ALL**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee on the progress of the 2018/19 Integrated Transport Programme, highways maintenance programmes, the Dorking sustainable transport package and the Dorking Transport Study in Mole Valley.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of this report.**

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Programmes of work have been agreed in consultation with the Committee, and the Committee is asked to note the progress of the Integrated Transport Scheme programme and revenue maintenance expenditure. As well as work that is being carried out on the large scale, centrally funded maintenance and improvement schemes.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 In November 2017, Mole Valley Local Committee agreed a programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) and revenue maintenance expenditure for 2018/19 to be funded from the Local Committee's devolved budgets.
- 1.2 In March 2018, Mole Valley Local Committee agreed a revenue maintenance expenditure for 2018/19, to be funded from the Local Committee's devolved budget, following the approval of the 2018/19 budget by full Council on 6 February 2018. Where it was agreed that the revenue allocation to Local Committees be increased, and a member Local Highways Fund be introduced.
- 1.3 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved budget, countywide budgets have been used over the past year to fund major maintenance (Operation Horizon), drainage works and other capital highway schemes. Countywide revenue budgets are used to carry out both reactive and routine planned maintenance works.

1.4 Developer contributions are also used in Mole Valley to fund either wholly or in part, highway improvement schemes to mitigate the impact of developments on the highway network.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### 2.1 Local Committee finance

The Mole Valley Local Committee has delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2018-19 as follows:

- Capital: £36,363
- Capital carry forward from 17/18 £9,000
- Revenue: £168,182
- **Total: £213,545**

In addition to the delegated highway budgets above, highway officers are continuing to look for other sources of potential funding for schemes. The Local Area Team also secured developer funding for the construction of a pedestrian crossing on the A24 in Ashtead in the vicinity of The Greville School, as well as traffic calming measures on roads outside Oakfield Junior and Fetcham Village Infant School.

The budgets delegated to Local Committee outlined above were also in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highway maintenance and improvement schemes, including footway/carriageway resurfacing, the maintenance of highway structures including bridges and culverts and major drainage schemes.

### 2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Mole Valley is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions, road safety schemes and the Parking Review.

### 2.3 Local Committee revenue works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee revenue works programme is set out in **Annex 2**. An update on the Member Local Highways Fund is also provided.

### 2.4 Parking

An update on the 2017 parking review is provided in **Annex 1**; a separate report is also presented to this local committee regarding the 2018 parking review site visits and assessments.

### **Other highway related matters**

### 2.5 Customer services

The total number of enquiries received between January and June 2018 was 91,245, an average of 15,208 per month. This is a 40% increase on the number

of enquiries received during the same 6 month period in 2017, and reflects the huge effect of the severe weather and subsequent defects.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>Mole Valley: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)</b>
Jan – Jun 2017	65,281	7,317	3,235
Jan – Jun 2018	91,245	8,745	3,549

**Table 1: Customer enquiries**

For Mole Valley specifically, 8,745 enquiries have been received since January of which 3,549 (41%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 95% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly higher than the countywide average of 93%.

Between January and June 2018, Highways received 162 Stage 1 complaints (down 18% from 2017) of which 12 were for the Mole Valley area. Two of these complaints have been escalated to Stage 2 of the complaints process, where the service was found not to be at fault.

## 2.6 Winter recovery program

A first list of roads included within the winter recovery programme has been published on Surrey County Council's website. This lists consists of over 100 roads across the county and can be found here;

[https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/169430/Roads-for-extensive-repairs-v21.pdf](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/169430/Roads-for-extensive-repairs-v21.pdf)

Subject to road space being available, work on these roads should be completed over the next few months and all of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

## 2.7 Winter gritting routes update

The Cold Weather Plan sets out the Winter Service for treating the highway in order to prevent ice from forming (precautionary salting), melt ice and snow that has already formed (post salting), and removal of snow in a snow event. As in previous years, members will be sent an electronic copy of the 2018-19 Cold Weather Plan along with links to revised 2018-19 gritting routes, prior to the commencement of the Winter Season.

County Councillors can request and pay for new grit bins, or extension of use of an existing grit bin, by contacting the Maintenance Engineer, who will advise.

## 2.8 Dorking Transport Study

An update on the Dorking Transport Study is provided in **Annex 1**.

## 2.9 Young Street Bridge Works

Maintenance on the Young Street bridge over the River Mole began during the first week of August, when the carriageway surface and kerbing was removed to expose the bridge deck.

The work planned to be carried out whilst the road is closed is as follows;

- Bridge bearings underneath the bridge to be refurbished
- Waterproofing of the bridge deck
- Concrete repairs
- New kerbing and footway
- Installation of 2 bridge joints
- Carriageway resurfacing on the bridge
- Parapet refurbishment works

It is currently planned to have Young Street reopen to traffic by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 with a temporary 40mph speed limit, so that the parapet refurbishment works can be carried out. However, this is subject to change due to possible unforeseen circumstances encountered whilst carrying out the maintenance work.

## 2.10 Dorking STP

The Dorking STP is a transport package to improve connections between Dorking Deepdene and Dorking Main railway stations and the passenger facilities at Dorking Deepdene Station. The majority of the works that form the Dorking Sustainable Transport Package (STP) have been delivered and have provided more accurate travel information, more space for pedestrians and cyclists on the route between the two stations and better wayfinding information across Dorking. The remaining elements are due to be completed by the end of September of 2018.

Work to install two new on-platform shelters at Dorking Deepdene Station is complete.

The foundation for the final wayfinding totem sign outside Dorking Deepdene Station is currently scheduled for installation in mid-August and the fitting of the totem sign will follow. It was not possible to install this totem whilst the final on-platform works at Dorking Deepdene were being carried out, due to the works compound required for the works causing an obstruction.

The final main element of the project being taken forwards covers improvements to the access area outside the entrance to Platform 2 of Dorking Deepdene Station as well as sign decluttering/improvements. The works have been programmed to begin on 03 September and are currently expected to last for 5 working days. Improvements to the access area outside Dorking Deepdene Station include resurfacing, removing some of the surplus guard railing at the access point to the station, removing surplus signs, relocation of a lamp column and revising the tactile paving at the toucan crossing (both sides of the A24). Work to improve and declutter existing signs between Dorking Main and Dorking Deepdene Stations on the east side of the A24 as well as on the west side of the A24 by Bus Stop A will also be carried out.

Updates are also provided via the newsletters on the Mole Valley Major Transport Schemes web page: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/mole-valley-major-transport-schemes>

## 2.11 Wider Network Benefits Scheme

Work is nearing completion on the Coast to Capital LEP funded “Wider Network Benefits” Intelligent Transport Systems Project across Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge areas.

The LEP funded element of the project was completed at the end of March 2018, with some remaining match funding from Surrey County Council being spent in April to Sept period.

All of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras associated with this scheme have now been installed. Surrey Police are already benefiting from this technology which contributes towards their prevention of crime and disorder functions. Surrey CC Officers continue to develop the real time journey system using the average journey time data derived from these cameras, which will help to highlight incidents and delays on the road network across the district.

The vast majority of the traffic monitoring CCTV cameras have also now been installed across the District and are being configured for use at Surrey’s Network Management Information Centre (NMIC) in Leatherhead. These cameras cover many of the key routes/junctions on some of the Districts’ busiest roads.

The majority of the Variable Message Signs (VMS) have been installed and have begun to display messages to motorists, the remainder are scheduled to be installed during August and September.

The “Dial up Signal Control” (DUSC) changes to traffic signal junctions are near to completion. All equipment has been installed and will be fully working by the end of September 2018. Surrey Officers at the NMIC continue to develop the DUSC strategies that will create more proactive programming of the junctions, recognising the need to respond to specific road network problems such as both planned and emergency motorway and local road closures.

## 2.12 A24 Mickleham Bypass Average Speed Cameras

The average speed cameras have been installed and are now enforcing speeds in both directions. Follow up speed surveys will be carried out to check the effectiveness of the scheme after at least three months of operation.

## 2.13 Centrally funded maintenance

The Operation Horizon Team programmes of major maintenance works for 2018-19 for the Mole Valley area are now published on Surrey County Council’s website here:

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

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley)

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### 2.14 Other key information, strategy and policy development

No additional information at present.

#### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 No options to consider 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 Not applicable at this stage. Officers will consult the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional members as appropriate in the delivery of work programmes.

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 The financial implications of the Local Committee's delegated budget is detailed in sections 2.1 – 2.3 of this report.

The key objective with regard to the 2017/18 budgets will be managed to a neutral position.

#### **6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 The Integrated Transport Scheme programme and the revenue maintenance programme does not significantly impact on any of the areas identified on the table below. The Integrated Transport Schemes and maintenance work is carried out in order to improve the road network for all users.

<b>Area assessed:</b>	<b>Direct Implications:</b>
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	No significant implications
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications
Public Health	No significant implications

#### **7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 9.1 Progress on the programme of capital highway works in Mole Valley is set out in Annex 1.

9.2 Information regarding the significant increase in the number of enquiries received by the local area team us set out under section 2.5 of this report.

9.3 Information regarding the winter recovery programme, the Young Street bridge works, Dorking Sustainable Transport Package, Wider Network Benefits, A24 Mickleham Bypass Average Speed Camera scheme and centrally funding maintenance is also included within this report.

9.4 Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

#### **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 Delivery of the highway works programme will continue and a further update report will be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

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**Consulted:**

Not applicable

**Annexes:**

Annex 1: Summary of approved Local Committee capital works programme progress

Annex 2: Summary of approved Local Committee revenue works programme progress and update on Local Member Highways Fund.

**Sources/background papers:**

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Highways Forward Programme 2018/19-2019/20

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