



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**TRAVEL SMART
LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND (LARGE BID)
PROGRAMME 2012-13**

17 SEPTEMBER 2012

SUMMARY

In June 2012, the County Council was successful in securing an award of £14.304 million in grant funding from the Department for Transport's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). This is in addition to the award of £3.93 million LSTF Key Component secured in July 2011. Both grants are for the period up to 31 March 2015 and jointly form the Surrey Travel SMART programme. As part of the Surrey Travel SMART programme, a total of £4,854million has been allocated for sustainable travel improvements in Redhill / Reigate. This paper outlines the funding allocation and the indicative 2012/13 programme.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:

- i) Note the successful award of £14.304 million of grant funding made to Surrey County Council for the Travel SMART bid.
- ii) Agree the 2012/13 Redhill / Reigate Travel SMART programme.
- iii) Agree to delegate amendments to the Travel SMART Programme to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Travel SMART Programme Manager in consultation with the appropriate officers and Members.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council has been successful in securing £18.234 million from the Department for Transport's (DfT) Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) to deliver the Surrey Travel SMART programme. £3.93 million was awarded in July 2011 with a further £14.304 million awarded in June 2012 as part of the large bid of £16 million. The aim of the fund is to deliver sustainable travel measures that support economic growth and carbon reduction. A total of £4,854 million of the large bid funding is allocated for sustainable travel improvements in Redhill/Reigate.
- 1.2 The DfT have requested that Surrey County Council identify additional funding of £1.696 million in order to deliver the full £16 million Travel SMART programme contained within Surrey's original large bid. A number of potential funding sources are currently being explored, including any additional Section 106 funding. We will be discussing potential sources of funding with our partners in due course.
- 1.3 Following Cabinet approval to accept the grant and to fund the shortfall, the DfT have offered the opportunity to all the successful authorities to re-profile the spend over the three years. Following assessment of the programme regarding deliverability and risk, officers have developed a revised spend profile which has been submitted to the DfT. This is now subject to HM Treasury approval (due mid September). The revised profile is set out in Table 1 below. Although the profile has been revised between the different years of the programme, the total amount of funding allocated to Redhill/Reigate has remained unchanged.

Table 1: Redhill / Reigate Travel SMART Large Bid Funding Profile 2012/13 – 2014/15

£'000s	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total
Traffic Management (car park VMS)				
DfT Revenue	£0	£0	£0	£0
DfT capital	£0	£250	£0	£250
Local Contribution	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total	£0	£250	£0	£250
Bus priority and corridor improvements				
DfT Revenue	£0	£20	£40	£60
DfT capital	£0	£200	£240	£440
Local Contribution	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total	£0	£220	£280	£500
Walking and Cycling				
DfT Revenue	£0	£0	£0	£0
DfT capital	£61	£160	£118	£339
Local Contribution	£100	£350	£265	£715
Total	£161	£510	£383	£1,054
Information, travel planning and marketing				
DfT Revenue	£613	£778	£1,084	£2,475
DfT capital	£100	£175	£300	£575
Local Contribution	£0	£0		£0
Total	£713	£953	£1,384	£3,050
Total Revenue				
Total Revenue	£613	£798	£1,124	£2,535
Total Capital				
Total Capital	£161	£785	£658	£1,604
Total Local Contribution				
Total Local Contribution	£100	£350	£265	£715
Overall Total	£874	£1,933	£2,047	£4,854

Note: Bold figures in the table above indicate figures that have been revised from the original bid

- 1.4 Local contribution refers to committed S106 developer contributions where monies have been secured on improvements that complement the work of the LSTF programme. This local contribution was included as part of the large bid submission to the DfT.

Progress in Redhill/Reigate

- 1.5 Under the Key Component Bid, Redhill / Reigate was awarded £60,000 per annum to encourage children to participate in cycling through the national 'Bike It' scheme. This initiative is ongoing to March 2015.

- 1.6 Under the Large Bid, officers from both the County Council and Borough Council have been developing schemes within the draft programme submitted to the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) on 16 July, and considered during a briefing to the Task Group on the 20 August 2012. This has included discussions with external stakeholders, interest groups and transport providers.
- 1.7 An updated programme for 2012/13 is attached as **Annex A** and provides details of funding for each of the schemes. The remainder of this section outlines the key elements of the Redhill/Reigate Travel SMART programme.

Bus Priority and corridor improvements

- 1.8 During the life of the Travel SMART programme, £500,000 capital funding is allocated to deliver bus corridor improvements, including intelligent bus priority measures at signalised junctions, clearways, bus cages and revised waiting restrictions at bus stops. Multimodal transport access points will be created to upgrade key bus stops, improving the interchange between modes including cycling, walking and bus travel. Consultation with bus operators through our Redhill and Reigate Bus Punctuality Partnership has begun. This includes Metrobus and Southdown, who operate bus services on key corridors in the area as identified in the LSTF bid.
- 1.9 The Redhill / Reigate package includes bus priority and corridor improvements to four corridors:
- a. Redhill town centre (and connecting to Park 25, and via East Surrey Hospital), south along the A23 to Horley
 - b. Redhill town centre north along the A23 to Merstham
 - c. Redhill town centre to Reigate town centre, east-west along the B2034 Blackborough Road
 - d. Redhill town centre east-west along the A25 Reigate Road and extending to Merstham – Redhill/Reigate East / Surrey hospital services
- 1.10 These works will include the provision of high quality and accessible passenger facilities, improved passenger information including electronic travel information, traffic management measures to improve bus service reliability and, where appropriate, will complement the walking element of the bid to provide safe and level pedestrian access to/from bus stops.

Walking and cycling

- 1.11 The overall Travel SMART investment in walking and cycling improvements in Redhill / Reigate is £1,054,000. Over two thirds of this investment comprises local contribution that is already committed

derived from secured S106 funding. For the 2012/13 programme, four schemes have been identified, with a value of £62,000.

- 1.12 The schemes in the work programme have been developed following discussion with colleagues in Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Surrey County Council and through public consultation. Detailed design maps are yet to be finalised, but Annex B provides an outline of the new cycle routes being delivered as part of the programme:
- a. Route 1A Frenches Road to Route 1 (A23 Merstham – Redhill corridor)
 - b. Route 2A Water colour to route 2 (Merstham – Redhill via National Cycle Route 21)
 - c. Route 3 Park 25 to Redhill town centre
 - d. Route 4 Whitebushes to Redhill Town Centre

Information, travel planning and marketing

- 1.13 The information, travel planning and marketing element of the Redhill/Reigate programme has been awarded £3,050,000 over the lifetime of the bid. There are three main elements to this part of the programme: community engagement, business engagement and information provision.

Community Engagement

- 1.14 A total of £225,000 has been allocated to community engagement, which will focus on activities in two areas of deprivation: Merstham and West Redhill/Cromwell Road area. The two main aspects of this will be a fund made available to the local community to develop and deliver initiatives that will deliver travel choice and access improvements, with a focus on initiatives that can assist local people in accessing employment and training opportunities. Similar funds have been established in the other two Travel SMART Towns, Woking and Guildford. Examples of small grant awards include funding for secure cycle parking and support for provision of accredited cycle maintenance training and work experience for job seekers in the Westborough area.
- 1.15 The second element will be to establish Travel SMART hubs which will be a centre for provision of sustainable travel advice and support. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council are leading on work to shape the hub proposals.

Business Engagement

- 1.16 The Travel SMART programme will deliver a package of measures to businesses in the Redhill/Reigate area. This will include delivery of professional travel planner training to large employers as well as services including eco driver training and personalised travel planning

in order to assist businesses in reducing the costs associated with commuting, business travel and parking.

- 1.17 In addition, Travel SMART Business Forums will be established in each of the two town centres. The aim of the forums will be to identify local travel issues, develop plans to address issues and generate proposals for the allocation of a £100,000 funding to solve them. It is intended that the Travel SMART Business Forum for Redhill will form an element of the established Redhill Regeneration Forum. The County Council will lead on the establishment of a Travel SMART Business Forum in Reigate, in consultation with the Reigate Business Guild.
- 1.18 In order to ensure a strong link between the business forum and the local committee, a Business Travel Champion will be identified from the local committee task group. The Business Travel Champion will present the forum's priorities and emerging proposals to the LSTF Task Group in the first instance. The Task Group will review proposals prior to consideration by the Local Committee.
- 1.19 As agreed at the Task Group on 20 August 2012 the Business Travel Champions for Redhill will be Dr Hack and Cllr Mrs Bramhall and for Reigate will be Dr Grant-Duff. **Annex C** below provides further information about the Business Travel Champion role.

2. CONSULTATIONS

- 2.1 Early work to consult with the business community in Redhill / Reigate was carried out during the bid development process in 2011. Subsequently, public consultation on the large bid proposals was carried out in April and May 2012. Full details of the results of that consultation are set out in **Annex D** to this report.
- 2.2 The consultation generated significant support for cycle lane improvement in order to increase participation in cycling. With regard to bus user improvements, punctuality, reliability and information on bus routes for journey planning received the highest percentage of positive responses by respondents. The former will be addressed through the proposed bus corridor improvements with associated real time information improvements and journey planning forming part of the information and travel planning element of the programme.

3. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The business case for the Surrey Travel Smart included a financial section that does not form part of this report and was approved by the DfT.

4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Equalities and Diversity will be taken into account during the design of schemes, but does not form part of this report. Where appropriate, full Equalities Impact Assessments will be carried out for individual elements of the programme.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report. However, the planned improvements may well reduce the potential for serious injury collisions, improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and improve traffic flow.

6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) and the Task Group set up specifically for the LSTF have been involved in developing draft programmes for the 2012/13 financial year. The Local Committee and Task Group will have an on-going involvement in shaping the programmes locally and monitoring progress during the project.
- 6.2 The 2012/13 programme provides some 'quick wins' to enable the large project to make a good start within its first financial year of three and deliver the objectives of the bid as well as meeting the specific needs of Surrey.
- 6.3 The 2012/13 programme will make use of available local contribution funding through s106 agreements which, coupled with the LSTF funding, enable schemes to be implemented.
- 6.4 The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:
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Reason for Recommendations

- 6.5 The 2012/13 programme has been developed in consultation with borough officers to ensure that it complements other planned activity in Redhill / Reigate and that the LSTF funding can be effectively spent within the financial year. Any amendments to the programme will require consultation with all relevant county and borough Members and officers.

7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 7.1 The programme of works approved by this Local Committee will be developed further to enable implementation during 2012/13 where possible, and in future years as appropriate.
- 7.2 Planning work on the 2013/14 and 2014/15 programmes will be undertaken during the autumn of this year and the Task Group will be asked to assist the development of these. It is anticipated that the Local Committee will be asked to consider the 2013/14 programme at the December Local Committee meeting.
- 7.3 It should be noted that unspent LSTF funding cannot be carried forward into the following financial years and any programme under spends in each financial year within the fund has to be returned to the DfT.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid – Surrey Travel SMART (December 2011).

Annexes

- Annex A – Redhill / Reigate Travel SMART Programme
- Annex B – Plan of proposed cycle routes
- Annex C – Business Travel Champion role
- Annex D – Results of Redhill / Reigate Public Consultation