



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 26 SEPTEMBER 2018
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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

AREA: WOKING (ALL)

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To report progress made with the delivery of proposed highways schemes, developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2018/19 financial year.

To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes and revenue maintenance.

To report on relevant topical highways matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee is asked to:

- i) Note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2018/19 financial year.
- ii) Note the budgetary position.
- iii) Agree the advertising and making of a Traffic Regulation Order for the reduction of a length of speed limit on the A320 Guildford Road, Sutton Green from 60mph (national speed limit) to 50mph.
- iv) Note the revised Forward Programme and is invited to provide feedback on this updated Forward Programme through the Area Highway Manager, copied to Bryony.Clifford@surreycc.gov.uk, by 26 October 2018.

A further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all highway related schemes and works.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) states the aim of improving the highway network for all users, through measures such as reducing congestion, improving accessibility, reducing personal injury accidents, improving the environment and maintaining the highway network so that it is safe for all users.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Local Committee finance

Revenue budget 2018/19

- 2.1.1 The revenue budget for the 2018/19 financial year has been increased to £168,182. Up to 25% of this money can be used for investigation, planning and design of schemes; the rest must be used for scheme delivery. This budget can also be used for part funding to unlock Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and developer funding monies.

Capital budget 2018/19

- 2.1.2 The capital budget for the 2018/19 financial year has been confirmed as £36,363, which is unchanged from the budget for 2017/18. S106 developer funds have also been carried forward from 2017/18 to support the Vicarage Road pedestrian crossing scheme.

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme 2018/19

- 2.2.1 The Highways Update report presented to the Joint Committee on 6 December 2017 outlined recommendations for the Joint Committee's capital programme for the upcoming financial year. The Joint Committee approved the proposed ITS schemes referred to in paragraph 2.3.2 of that report. The LSR element of the capital works programme was to consist of those schemes carried over from the 2017/18 financial year plus any additional schemes identified by the Maintenance Engineer, as referred to in paragraph 2.3.5 of the December 2017 report. These schemes are set out in Table 1 below.
- 2.2.2 As previously agreed by the Joint Committee, a flexible approach will be taken in progressing schemes based on the available budget.

Table 1 – Capital works programme 2018/19

Scheme Name	Scheme type / Limits	Progress	Estimated cost (£)
ITS Redding Way, Knaphill – removal of bus gate (rising bollards and prohibition) and possible new safety features.	Construct – removal of bus gate / bollards and realignment of junction with roundabout	Design complete. Cost estimate being finalised.	120,000

Vicarage Road (S106 funded)	Construct – relocation of bus stop, kerb line alterations and installation of pedestrian crossing.	Design complete. Crossing has been formally advertised – no objections as at 24/08). Construction programmed for October 2018.	133,900
Southwood Avenue LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road (Micro Asphalt).	Contingency scheme.	65,000
Greenvale Road LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road (Micro Asphalt).	Contingency scheme.	15,000
Birdswood Drive LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road (Micro Asphalt).	Contingency scheme.	20,000
Bateson Way LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road	Contingency scheme.	24,000
Burnham Road LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road	Contingency scheme.	33,000
Burnham Close LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road	Contingency scheme.	13,000
Clinton Close LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road	Contingency scheme.	22,000
White Rose Lane LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road	Contingency scheme.	75,000
Guildford Road LSR	Carriageway maintenance - whole road	Contingency scheme – on provisional winter damage programme	£7,000

2.3 Local Committee revenue works programme 2018/19

2.3.1 Table 2 below shows the spend progress to date.

Table 2 – 2018/19 Revenue Maintenance Expenditure

Item	Allocation (£)	Committed Spend to date (£)
Revenue maintenance allocation	168,182	134,500
Contractor OHP	Included in allocation	7,277
Total	£168,182	£141,777

2.4 Parking

The 2017 review is complete apart from one small section of single yellow line. The 2018 review was reported to the Woking Joint Committee on 20 June. The proposals are due to be advertised towards the end of August. (It cannot be done sooner as the Parking Team are currently advertising some amendments related to the town centre redevelopment).

Other highway related matters

2.5 Customer services

2.5.1 The total number of enquiries received for the six months between January and June 2018 is 91,245, an average of 15,208 per month. This is a 40% increase on the number received during the same period in 2017 and reflects the huge effect of the severe weather and subsequent defects.

2.5.2 For Woking specifically, 5,227 enquiries have been received since January of which 2,142 (41%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 93% have been resolved. This response rate is in line with the countywide average.

2.5.3 For the first half of 2018, Highways received 162 Stage 1 complaints (down 18% from 2017) of which seven were for the Woking area. In addition one has been escalated to stage 2 of the complaints process where the service was found not to be at fault.

2.6 Major schemes

2.6.1 Woking Integrated Transport Project

No update received.

2.6.2 Woking Sustainable Transport Package (STP)

A business case bid for project funding has been submitted at the end of August to the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (EM3 LEP) for the Woking STP. In partnership, Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council have jointly developed the £4.4m package of sustainable transport improvements for Woking. The scheme, planned for delivery from the end of 2018 through to 2021, will improve connectivity between Woking town centre / rail station and existing routes that orbit the town, providing vital 'spokes' to fill in missing gaps in the network. It will serve key areas of residence and employment which are currently inadequately provided for by sustainable modes to support the anticipated increase in journeys to and from the area related to significant redevelopment of the town centre and rail station.

The Woking STP will complement the Woking Integrated Transport Project (ITP) for the town centre, and aims to encourage more people to walk, cycle, travel by bus and use the train. By encouraging more people to travel sustainably, we will reduce congestion, pollution, and encourage more people to live healthier lives. In turn this meets the

primary EM3 LEP objectives to unlock economic growth in the area by providing transport infrastructure and improvements to support growth in jobs, homes and employment space. Measures to improve connectivity will include installing new pedestrian and cycle facilities, upgrading existing and providing new crossing points and enhancing public transport to create Quality Bus Corridors.

Feasibility work is almost complete for the package of sustainable transport schemes. Consultation on the project is being planned for later this year. This will provide opportunity for feedback on the proposals which in turn will help inform the development of the final scheme designs. A funding decision from the EM3 LEP is expected to be known by the end of this year. A report with full details of the Woking STP scheme will be brought to a later meeting of this Joint Committee, including seeking permissions for the advertisement of legal notices and traffic orders as required.

Further details can be found on the Surrey CC Major Schemes web pages using the link here - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/woking-major-transport-schemes>. This page will be kept up to date with all latest project information.

2.6.3 LED street light conversion

No update received – the following is what was reported to the Joint Committee in June;

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.

2.6.4 Woking Local Transport Strategy (LTS)

The Woking LTS forms part of Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) and was adopted in 2015; it has not been formally updated since. The strategy is intended to support the growth set out within Woking Borough Council's Local Plan and provide a programme of transport infrastructure required to deliver this growth. It draws together a broad evidence base together with a forward programme of aspirational infrastructure improvements to provide a basis for future funding bids. The Woking Local Transport Strategy is published online here: www.surreycc.gov.uk/localtransportstrategies.

The Forward Programme is an annex to the LTS and it has been reviewed by officers in the last 3-4 months to update details of identified infrastructure schemes. The forward programme is attached as Annex A to this report. This is the first review of the forward programme since it was published in 2015; the forward programme will be reviewed annually going forwards to ensure it remains up to date and relevant.

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The forward programme currently published was based on the Transport for Surrey, Transport Evaluation for Woking Borough Council's Core Strategy, 2026 Transport Assessment Report which took into account developing needs within Woking based on the Core Strategy 2012.

This first annual update reviews each scheme, recognising that some schemes within the original forward programme have now been completed, and that others may have been re-scoped.

2.7 Centrally funded maintenance

2.7.1 Table 3 below shows the Horizon 2 Woking **Roads** programme for 2018/19 showing the month during which the works are proposed.

Table 3 - 2018/19 Horizon 2 Woking Roads Programme

Horizon 2 – 2018/19 Carriageway programme, Woking				
Road name	Location	Limits	Type of work	Status
A320 Egley Road	Woking	Mayford Green Roundabout	Road Major Maintenance	Complete
A247 High Street / Broadmead Road	Old Woking	High Street to Broadmead Bridge (district boundary)	Road Major Maintenance	Complete
B382 Old Woking Road	Woking	Sheerwater Road to Lincoln Drive	Road Major Maintenance	Complete
A322 Bagshot Road	Knaphill	Chobham Road to Redding Way	Road Major Maintenance	Complete
D3725 Princess Road	Maybury	Maybury Hill to Windsor Way	Road Major Maintenance	Complete
D3740 Weston Way	Woking	Lincoln Drive to Lovelace Drive	Road Major Maintenance	Complete

2.7.2 Table 4 below shows the Horizon 2 Woking **Pavement (Footway)** programme for 2018/19.

Table 4 - Horizon 2 Woking Pavement (Footway) Programme

Horizon 2 – 2018/19 Pavement (footway) programme, Woking				
Road name	Location	Limits	Type of work	Status
D3612 Birdwood Drive	St Johns	Gorsewood Road to Hermitage Woods Crescent (both sides)	Footway Slurry	October
D3698 Bonsey Lane	Westfield	Westfield Avenue to end (both sides)	Footway Slurry	September
B367 Coldharbour Road	Woking	Coldharbour Rd to Engliff Lane (both sides)	Footway Slurry	October
D3715 Constitution Hill	Woking	Guildford Rd to Guildford Rd (eastern side)	Footway Slurry	September
D3640 Kingsway	Woking	Triggs Lane to Goldsworth Rd (both sides)	Footway Slurry	October
D3699 Maple Grove	Westfield	Full length (both sides)	Footway Slurry	September
D3783 Maybourne Rise	Mayford	From outside No 5 westbound to Follyfield (both sides)	Footway Slurry	September
D3647 Meadway Drive	Horsell	High Street to Ridgeway	Footway Slurry	October
D3705 The Moorlands	Kingfield	Full length (both sides)	Footway Slurry	September
D3693 Wych Hill Lane	Woking	York Road	Footway Slurry	September

2.8 **Road safety**

2.8.1 Table 5 below shows the Woking road safety programme for 2018/19.

2.8.2 Speed limit review – A320 Guildford Road

A fatal collision took place in December 2016 on the A320 Guildford Road near the junction with Whitmoor Lane, close to the Sutton Green Garden Centre. At this point, the A320 is subject to the National speed limit of 60mph. When this incident was discussed at the subsequent

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Road Safety Working Group, it was decided to undertake speed surveys to determine if a reduction in the speed limit would be appropriate. To the north of this length of national speed limit, the road is subject to a 50mph limit and to the south, just before the junction with Burdeshott Road where the road becomes narrower, a 40mph limit is in place.

Speed surveys carried out in May 2017 indicated that the average mean speed of northbound traffic was 47.6mph and for southbound traffic, this figure was 47.2mph.

Based on Surrey County Council's speed limit policy, these figures suggest that whilst a reduction to 40mph to match the speed limit further south would not be appropriate, reducing the existing national limit to 50mph to match that further north would be appropriate.

Consequently, it is proposed to advertise a reduction in the speed limit over the length of the A320 as shown in the plan at Annex B, from 60mph (national speed limit) to 50mph and to make the relevant Traffic Regulation Order assuming that any objections that may be received can be resolved.

Surrey Police have been involved in this process and support the proposed speed limit reduction.

The Woking Joint Committee is asked to approve the advertising of this speed limit reduction and note that because part of this reduction is in Guildford Borough, similar approval is being sought from the Guildford Local Area Committee.

Table 5 - 2018/19 Woking Road Safety Programme

Scheme Name	Detail	Update
A322 Bagshot Road, Brookwood (Heath House Road to The Fairway)	Speed surveys, sign opposite Heath House Road and additional 40mph repeater signs	Design being progressed
A320 Guildford Road, Mayford (Prey Heath Road to Burdeshott Road)	Speed surveys – possible reduction to 50mph. NB – cross boundary, will also need to go to Guildford Local Cttee	Approval being sought for speed limit reduction (see above)
B380 Westfield Road	Provide pedestrian refuge islands	Design being progressed

2.9 Passenger Transport

Nothing to report.

2.10 Other key information, strategy and policy development.

Nothing to report.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Options, where appropriate, have been presented in this report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Consultation is routinely carried out for highway-related schemes with relevant key parties, including residents, Local Members, Surrey Police and Safety Engineering. Specific details regarding consultation and any arising legal issues are included in individual scheme reports as appropriate.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Proposed ITS schemes are prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. As far as is practicable, Officer proposals follow the Countywide scheme assessment process (CASEE) and the prioritisation order determined by this.
- 5.2 The Committee Capital and Revenue Maintenance budgets are used to target the most urgent sites where a specific need arises, to keep up with general maintenance activities that reduce the need for expensive repairs in the future, and to support local priorities. The nature of these works is such that spend may vary slightly from that indicated.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
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:

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress with all schemes and budgets.
- 7.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update is presented at the next meeting of this Committee.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 Officers will continue to progress delivery of all schemes and ensure effective use of all budgets.

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Consulted:

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Annexes:

Annex A – LTS Forward Programme

Annex B – plan showing extent of proposed speed limit reduction on the A320 Guildford Road.

Background papers:

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