

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)



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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.

Committee is asked to agree the strategy for allocation of Local Committee budgets for next Financial Year 2019-20.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked:

- (i) To approve the provisional allocation of budgets for 2019-20 as shown in Table 3 below (paragraphs 2.1.7 to 2.1.13 refer);
- (ii) To add five schemes to the forward programme for feasibility studies, to be funded from the parking surplus (paragraph 2.14 refers);
- (iii) To note that unless funding were to be allocated for a new traffic regulation order, and appropriate authorisation given, the bollards that currently prevent vehicular access to the end of Sunbury Lane, Walton, would need to be removed (paragraphs 2.10.1 to 2.10.3 refer);
- (iv) 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:

Recommendations are made to facilitate development of Committee's 2019-20 Highways programmes, while at the same time ensuring that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Members are fully and appropriately involved in any detailed considerations.

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 in Elmbridge 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 The Local Committee in Elmbridge has been delegated Highway budgets in the current Financial Year 2018-19 as follows:
 - Committee revenue: £168,182
 - Member revenue: £67,500 (£7,500 per Division)
 - Capital: £36,364
 - **Total: £272,046**
- 2.1.3 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.
- 2.1.4 In accordance with Committee's authorisation in March 2018, the Area Highway Manager consulted the Chairman and Vice Chairman and allocated the regular 2018-19 budgets as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Allocation of budgets for 2018-19

Allocation	Amount
Street Smart	£40,000
Patching	£100,000
Vegetation and drainage works	£28,182
Member Highways allocations	£67,500 (£7,500 per Division)
Local Structural Repair (LSR – smaller scale resurfacing) in St Mary's Road in Surbiton	£38,634
Total	£272,046

- 2.1.5 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. A high level statement of the parking surplus is presented in Annex A. In December 2016 the Elmbridge Local Committee approved a £370,000 allocation from the parking surplus to develop its Cycling Strategy, and a range of Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) for potential future CIL bids. Expenditure against the £370,000 allocation is summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Parking surplus funded ITS programmes – financial summary

Allocation	Committed to date	Expenditure to date	Uncommitted (and therefore available for new projects)
£100,000 for cycling related schemes and projects	£87,800	£41,062	£12,200
£50,000 for pedestrian crossing schemes	£38,800	£31,400	£11,200
£50,000 for Road Safety Outside Schools schemes	£24,900	£20,200	£25,100
£20,000 for other ITS schemes	£25,900	£9,300	-£5,900
£150,000 for potential major schemes	£150,000	£35,500	-
Total	£327,400	£137,462	£42,600

2.1.6 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.

2.1.7 Based on the Medium Term Financial Plan (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-performance/medium-term-financial-plan>) that was agreed by Surrey County Council's Cabinet on 27th March 2018, the Highways budget allocations for the eleven Local and Joint Committees for 2019-20 are expected to be approximately as follows:

- £2,400,000 revenue (split between Committees to be confirmed)
- £810,000 individual Member Highways allocation (£10,000 per Member)
- £400,000 capital (£36,364 per Committee)

2.1.8 If the split of revenue between the Local Committees were to be the same in 2019-20 as it has been in previous years, Committee might expect revenue and capital Highways budgets as follows:

- £233,000 revenue
- £90,000 individual Member Highways allocation (£10,000 per Member)
- £36,000 capital
- **£359,000 Total**

2.1.10 Committee will be aware that in the context of the current financial challenges faced by the County Council, the Medium Term Financial Plan is likely to be reviewed, and any Highways budgets allocated to Local Committees may well change. In this context it is recommended that Committee makes provisional allocations of its 2019-20 budgets as detailed in Table 3 below, subject to confirmation of the Medium Term Financial Plan in due course.

Table 3 Recommended provisional allocation of budgets for 2019-20

Allocation	Amount
Street Smart	£40,000
Carriageway patching	£100,000
Revenue for day to day maintenance To cover various revenue concerns across the Borough for example: footway patching and kerb works, minor safety schemes, extra vegetation.	£129,000
Member Highways allocations	£90,000 (£10,000 per Division)
Total	£359,000

2.1.12 If the recommended provision allocation of budgets for 2019-20 were to be approved, over the coming months officers would work with Members to identify priorities for the Member Highways allocations and priority sites for carriageway patching.

2.1.13 It is likely that there will be further parking surplus income during 2018-19, which Committee could allocate to programmes of works in 2019-20, in addition to the regular Highways budgets.

2.1.14 Of the £370,000 allocated from the parking surplus for the development of ITS schemes, £40,200 is available for the development of new projects. Annex B shows Committee's prioritisation list of ITS schemes. With the allocation of funding from the parking surplus to develop schemes, and with the availability of CIL to deliver schemes, many of the Local Committee's priority ITS schemes are being developed already. It is recommended to add the following five schemes to the forward programme for feasibility studies, to be funded from the £370,000 parking surplus allocation, in anticipation of future CIL bids for funding to implement these schemes:

- A245 Byfleet Road Pedestrian / Cycle improvements – part of cycling strategy
- B365 Seven Hills Road Cycle Route – part of cycling strategy
- Woodstock Lane South – investigation of new footway, speed management and safety improvements

- A309 Kingston Bypass cycle route between Woodstock Lane and the Scilly Isles – part of cycling strategy
- A317 Church Street and High Street, Weybridge – review pedestrian crossings to alleviate congestion

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

2.2.1 Table 4 details the Local Committee funded capital works programme for 2018-19.

Table 4 Local Committee funded capital works programme for 2018-19

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
St Mary's Road, Surbiton	LSR	£38,634	Site walked with contractor; awaiting detailed costs and programme dates..
Total expected investment		Approximately £38,634	

2.2.2 The Local Committee is able to promote a programme of works funded through external sources. Table 5 below details progress with these externally funded schemes.

Table 5 Externally funded schemes

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Danes Hill, Oxshott	New footway and modifications to vehicular entrance.	£150,000	Scheme being developed and delivered in partnership with Danes Hill School. <i>Funded by Danes Hill School.</i>
Stoke Road	Reduce speed limit to 30mph	£20,000	Feasibility in progress to develop traffic calming in consultation with the local community. Officers are working with the Divisional Member and the local community to agree locations for the CIL funded VAS signs. <i>CIL funded. If the traffic calming feasibility study were to require further funding Committee agreed to use the Parking Surplus for this project.</i>
Entrance to Chelsea FC training ground	Road safety improvements to include speed reducing measures.	£15,000	Scheme being developed in partnership with Chelsea FC to improve safety at the entrance to their training ground. <i>Funded by Chelsea FC.</i>
Burwood Road junction with Pleasant Place	Pedestrian and traffic management improvements	£66,000	Construction of final phase of project due to start in September 2018. Officers working with suppliers to arrange installation of VAS signs. <i>CIL funded.</i>

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Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Long Ditton Schools	School safety measures	£86,500	Ditton Hill Zebra Crossing complete. Detailed design for Sugden Road Zebra Crossing nearing completion; legal notice to be advertised imminently; new CIL bid needed to cover balance of costs. See comments below. <i>CIL funded.</i> (£34.5k already secured; £52k subject to further bid to be considered on 12 th September 2018.)
Hinchley Wood Schools	Pedestrian and cycle facilities, traffic management and safety measures	£30,000	Public consultation in progress. <i>CIL funded (£260k available altogether).</i>
Ashley Road/New Zealand Avenue	Measures to reduce overcrowding on pedestrian crossing and outside school entrance.	£80,000	Detailed design being developed in consultation with Ashley School and local Members. Traffic signal improvements to be implemented as part of the forthcoming traffic signal refurbishment. <i>CIL funded (£130k available altogether).</i>
A307 Portsmouth Road, Esher (near Scilly Isles)	New pedestrian refuge island to improve access to bus stops near Scilly Isles	£115,000 for three schemes (£160k available altogether)	Detailed design complete; officers making preparations for implementation. <i>CIL funded.</i>
Between Streets by Painshill Park – near bus stops towards High Street	New pedestrian refuge island and improvements to dropped kerbs at side roads.		Public consultation in progress. <i>CIL funded.</i>
Portsmouth Road near Ditton Reach	New pedestrian refuge island and improvements to dropped kerbs at side roads.		Public consultation in progress. <i>CIL funded.</i>
Manor Road North to Giggs Lane along Claygate Lane	New cycle route	£5,000	Public consultation in progress. <i>CIL funded (£25k available altogether).</i>
Seven Hills Road, Weybridge	Carriageway resurfacing	-	CIL bid unsuccessful. This road was treated as part of the Winter Damage programme.

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
St George's Avenue, Weybridge	Carriageway resurfacing	-	CIL bid unsuccessful. The resurfacing of the worst section nearest the station is due to be included as part of the Brooklands Sustainable Transport Package major scheme, which has recently been awarded funding from the Enterprise EM3 LEP.
Total expected investment in 2018-19		Approximately £567,500	

2.2.3 The detailed design for the last element of the **Long Ditton Schools** scheme is nearing completion. To date a total of £110,000 has been invested to deliver the different elements of this scheme – £30,000 Local Committee funding and £80,000 CIL funding. The original CIL funding award was £90,500, of which £10,500 is remaining. The cost of the final element of this scheme – a new Zebra Crossing in Sugden Road at the site of the previous School Crossing Patrol – is estimated to be £62,500. An opportunity arose to bid for CIL funding for consideration at Elmbridge Borough Council's Strategic Spending Board on 12th September, for £52,500 to cover the balance of the cost estimate to complete this scheme.

2.2.4 Details of the history of this scheme, together with a description of the proposed new Zebra crossing in Sugden Road, are included in the CIL application form, which was circulated in August 2018 for Member comment, and which is included in Annex C. In consultation with the Divisional Member, officers have arranged the advertisement of the legal notice for the proposed new Zebra crossing, and are working to complete the detailed design. Subject to a positive outcome from Elmbridge Borough Council's Strategic Spending Board on 12th September, officers would make arrangements to construct the new Zebra crossing at the earliest opportunity.

2.3 Local Committee revenue works programme

2.3.1 In December 2016 Committee approved a number of schemes to be funded from the Long Ditton Trust Fund. Table 6 below details progress to date with these schemes.

Table 6 Long Ditton Trust Fund works

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Parking area alongside Manny's in Fleece Road	Carriageway resurfacing	£6,800	Complete.
Planters in Fleece Road	Remove all existing vegetation, repair damage, plant with low growing shrubs and bulbs.	£7,300	New drought resistant planting now complete, including improvement of soil quality, mulching, etc.

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Verge maintenance in Windmill Lane	Clearance of dead trees and excessive vegetation growth.	£tbc	There is no sustainable way to maintain this area in the long term. Officers are discussing the priority of this element with the Divisional Member, and would recommend no action.
Verge at Rectory Lane junction with Church Road	Planting of the bank verge in consultation with Elmbridge Borough Council.	£1,900	Complete.
Total anticipated cost		Approximately £16,000 (£19,000 available in total)	

2.3.2 Committee has approved a number of schemes to be funded using the £370,000 allocation from the parking surplus mentioned above. Table 7 below details progress to date with these schemes.

Table 7 Parking surplus funded programmes

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Cycling related schemes and projects £100,000 allocated by Committee in December 2016			
Terrace Road Shopping Parade	Feasibility study and public consultation.	£3,100 final cost	Feasibility study complete and reported to Committee in March 2018. CIL bid for funding to implement scheme was not successful.
A245 Byfleet Road footway works	Clearance works and dropped kerbs following previous petition to Local Committee.	£17,600 final cost	Complete. Officers have concluded that the footway is not suitable for designation as a shared surface without further significant works.
Thames Ditton cycle parking	Installation of new cycle parking.	£7,644 final cost	Completed August 2018.
Automatic cycle counters (Borough wide)	New sites, approximately £1,800 per site, sites to be determined.	Up to £10,000 £5,300 spent to date	Permanent counters now installed on the A307 near Sandown Park and closer to the border with Kingston near the junction with St Leonards Road. One more site could be implemented, to be agreed with the Cycling Task Group. Candidates initially discussed by the Task Group include the Grovelands end of Terrace Road.

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Community fund	To deliver small improvements suggested by communities such as dropped kerbs.	£10,000	On hold. To be reviewed at the next Cycling Task Group.
Promotion of 'code of conduct' and website	Publication of promotional materials.	£3,000	Will follow and be informed by the 'cycle survey' below.
Cycle survey	Online survey of attitudes to cycling.	£3,000	See 'Bike Hire Feasibility' below. Also the Borough Council have set up an online survey (no charge against this fund): https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/153011083859 .
Targeted cycle training / hardship fund	Subsidised cycle training.	£5,000 £300 spent to date	Working with the Borough's refugee officer, training has been delivered to families needing to ride their bikes for utility purposes but needing familiarisation with the highway environment. A community day planned with the Lower Green Development Officer has been postponed due to vehicles on the green.
Bike Maintenance	Training course in bicycle maintenance.	£3,000	May be incorporated into 'Bikeability Plus' below.
'Bikeability Plus' promotion in schools (replaces 'Bike-It')	Complete Bike-It programme, approximately £5,000 per school.	Up to £20,000 £1,618 spent to date	Safety talk given to year 7 students at a secondary school. We have offered to follow up with further training. 'Bikeability Plus' includes 'Learn to Ride' (LTR). It has been offered through the Borough's 'Shout' programme run at Bell Farm in April and August. A total of 25 children have been trained, with 23 riding successfully by the end of their session and the other 2 close but needing more practice. Burhill are the first school to have booked Learn to Ride for school time, with 23 pupils booked in for October.
Elmbridge bike hire	Feasibility study.	£3,000 final cost	The final report has been received and reviewed by Officers. It has been presented to the Task Group, as result of which the Borough Council will present a brief for a follow-up survey at the next Task Group and if members decide it is worthwhile to proceed it will do so using the 'cycle survey' allocation.
Manor Road North to Giggs Lane along Claygate Lane	Feasibility study.	£2,500 final cost	£25,000 CIL bid approved by Elmbridge Borough Council in 2018. Progress detailed in Table 5 above.

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Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Total anticipated cost		Approximately £87,800	
Pedestrian Crossing schemes £50,000 allocated by Committee in December 2016			
A307 Portsmouth Road, Esher (near Scilly Isles)	Feasibility study for pedestrian refuge island to improve access to bus stops near Scilly Isles	£5,400 final cost	£160,000 CIL bid approved by Elmbridge Borough Council in 2018 for this and two other schemes. Progress detailed in Table 5 above.
Hersham Station	Feasibility study for improved pedestrian crossing facilities	£7,000 Including: £4,300 in 2017-18	Initial feasibility study complete; traffic modelling to assess potential congestion impact complete; officers preparing addendum to original feasibility report.
Portsmouth Road near Ditton Reach	Feasibility study for new pedestrian crossing facilities	£6,900 final cost	£160,000 CIL bid approved by Elmbridge Borough Council in 2018 for this and two other schemes. Progress detailed in Table 5 above.
Walton High Street	Feasibility study for new (or replacement) Zebra Crossing between the Heart and Boots	£tbc Including: £5,200 in 2017-18	Feasibility study complete and reported to Committee in March 2018. Officers to review with Divisional Member before deciding next steps.
Between Streets by Painshill Park – near bus stops towards High Street	Feasibility study for improved pedestrian crossing facilities and safety improvements	£9,300 final cost	£160,000 CIL bid approved by Elmbridge Borough Council in 2018 for this and two other schemes. Progress detailed in Table 5 above.
Borough wide mobility improvements across Borough	Feasibility study to identify dropped kerbs and other minor pedestrian improvements across the Borough	£5,000	Feasibility in progress.
Total anticipated cost		Approximately £38,800	

Location	Proposed works	Cost	Status
Road Safety Outside Schools schemes £50,000 allocated by Committee in December 2016			
Hinchley Wood Schools	Feasibility study for improved pedestrian and cycle facilities, traffic management and safety measures.	£4,800 final cost	£260,000 CIL bid approved by Elmbridge Borough Council in 2017. Progress detailed in Table 5 above.
Milbourne Lane	Feasibility study to follow Road Safety Outside Schools Audit.	£9,000 Including: £1,300 in 2017-18	Road Safety Outside Schools Audit visit complete; feasibility report nearing completion.
Ashley Road/New Zealand Avenue	Feasibility study to follow Road Safety Outside Schools Audit – to include consideration of overcrowding on pedestrian crossing traffic island and footway outside school entrance	£6,100 final cost	£130,000 CIL bid approved by Elmbridge Borough Council in 2018 for this and two other schemes. Progress detailed in Table 5 above.
St Matthew's School, Downside	Feasibility study for improved pedestrian facilities	£5,000	Road Safety Outside Schools Audit previously completed in 2016; feasibility report nearing completion.
Total anticipated cost		Approximately £24,900	
Other schemes £20,000 allocated by Committee in December 2016			
Bridge Road	Feasibility study for pedestrian and road safety improvements to address very narrow footways and pattern of cycling casualties.	£5,900 final cost	Feasibility study complete and reported to Committee in March 2018. Officers to review with Divisional Member before deciding next steps – this could be incorporated into the Walton Road casualty reduction scheme.
Bridge strike sites – highest priority sites are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hersham Road, Walton on Thames • Molesey Road, Hersham • Portsmouth Road, Esher (east of Scilly Isles) 	Feasibility study for advanced warning signs and route sign improvements.	£2,000	Feasibility in progress.
Pine Grove, Weybridge	Feasibility study for measures to mitigate through traffic in the Triangle area	£5,000	Road Safety Outside Schools Audit completed; speed surveys completed; feasibility report nearing completion.

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West Molesey	Feasibility study to tidy up and clarify existing restrictions for HGVs	£2,000	Feasibility in progress.
Walton Road between Esher Road and Avern Road	Casualty reduction	£5,000	Feasibility in progress.
Station Road, Esher	Feasibility study to improve streetlighting underneath railway bridge	£1,000	Design brief being prepared.
Hare Lane, Claygate, between Raleigh Drive and Loseberry Road	Feasibility study to include speed assessment for reduction in speed limit to 20mph and improved pedestrian facilities	£5,000	Feasibility in progress; speed surveys completed, but need to be repeated due to a problem with the data collection.
Total anticipated cost		Approximately £25,900	
Potential major schemes £150,000 allocated by Committee in December 2016			
Esher Transport Study	<p>Study to investigate causes and possible mitigations of congestion in and around Esher.</p> <p>Funding package includes £50,000 CIL contribution and £58,000 PIC to deliver the casualty remedial scheme</p>	<p>£158,000 Including: £10,000 in 2016-17 £21,200 in 2017-18</p>	<p>Traffic surveys – complete</p> <p>Casualty remedial scheme for Esher Green – detailed design complete; public notice advertised for raised tables; PIC funding identified for construction; officers planning for construction with supply chain.</p> <p>Lammas Lane speed limit change – propose to deliver as part of casualty remedial scheme.</p> <p>Scilly Isles and Café Rouge junction – feasibility report nearing completion – slight change in road markings implemented as part of re-surfacing scheme.</p> <p>Optimisation scheme – officers to start design process in Autumn with workshop for local Members.</p>
Brooklands Transport Study	Study to investigate causes and possible mitigations of congestion on the approaches to Brooklands.	£100,000	Officers are making preparations for traffic surveys and other data gathering.
Total anticipated cost		Approximately £258,000 including £58,000 PIC funding	

2.3.3 In June 2018 Committee approved a number of roads for a patching programme using the £100,000 patching allocation. At the time, the

countywide Winter Damage programme was under development. An additional £15M had just been announced to support the Winter Damage programme, but no discussion had taken place to decide which roads might benefit from the additional monies. Since June 2018, the additional £15M has been used to extend the Winter Damage programme to include A roads and D roads. Previously the Winter Damage programme had focussed on B and C roads. A number of the A and D roads for which Committee had approved its own funding have now been included in the Winter Damage programme.

- 2.3.4 In this context officers have been working with Members to identify priorities in each Division in which to invest the £100,000 patching allocation, making sure that Committee's investment is coordinated with the Winter Damage Programme. This has resulted in a number of changes from the prioritised list of roads approved by Committee in June 2018 – the new prioritised list is shown in Annex D. All roads that were approved by Committee in June 2018, but which do not appear in Annex D will be treated as part of the Winter Damage programme.
- 2.3.5 Committee's revenue funding, including the Members' £7,500 Highways allocations, is now fully committed.

2.4 Parking – 3 year parking strategy

- 2.4.1 The reviews in **Cobham** and **Weybridge** have been completed.
- 2.4.2 The works to implement the proposed changes in the **Molesey, Dittons, Esher, Claygate, and Hinchley Wood** are now complete apart from some snagging.
- 2.4.3 The **Walton and Hersham** review proposals were advertised on 8th June 2018, with a closing date for comments and objections of 6th July. The feedback is being analysed and collated prior to being shared with councillors for their consideration.

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 was 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 proliferation of Safety Defects.
- 2.5.2 For Elmbridge specifically, 10,292 enquiries have been received since January of which 4,173 (41%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 92% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly below the countywide average of 93%.
- 2.5.3 For the first half of 2018, Highways received 162 Stage 1 complaints (down 18% from 2017) of which 24 were for the Elmbridge area. In addition 12 have been escalated to stage 2 of the complaints process where the service was found to be at fault in four of these.

2.6 Major schemes

- 2.6.1 The Business Case for Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) funding for the **Brooklands Sustainable Transport Package (STP)** was submitted in April 2018. In July 2018 the LEP announced that its Programme Management Group had approved the Business Case and funding will be awarded subject to a Legal Agreement being finalised and signed. This Agreement is currently being drafted.
- 2.6.2 The Business Case requested £2.172 million LEP Grant funding and the project would also be funded from £0.724 million local contribution (£2.896 million total).
- 2.6.3 The project proposes to take forward a number of elements, subject to acquiring all relevant permissions:
- A high quality cycle/walking route between the Brooklands Business Park, Weybridge Railway Station and Weybridge town centre.
 - Improving the pedestrian crossings and changes to improve road safety in the vicinity of Weybridge Railway Station.
 - Changes at Weybridge Railway Station including potentially increasing cycle storage and improving the footway by the station entrance.
 - Seeking to make improvements to and safeguarding access through private roads in Brooklands. The LEP approval requires that an agreement is reached with the private road land owner before expenditure will be ratified for this element of the project, and a 3 month period has been identified for review of progress.
 - Providing better public bus facilities.
- 2.6.4 The cycling/walking scheme, which is the most significant of the project elements in terms of costs, requires a number of permissions/agreements in place where the route uses land that is not Public Highway. Immediately north of Weybridge Railway Station, the proposed cycling/walking route along Heath Road would necessitate constructing a path on Weybridge Heath Common Land. Following an application to the Planning Inspectorate in October 2017 and a site visit with an Inspector in May 2018, we are still awaiting the outcome of the application. At the Elmbridge Local Committee meeting in June, the Local Committee agreed to authorise the making of a Cycle Track Order which is necessary to convert part of Public Footpath 23 Walton & Weybridge to a Cycle Track. The making of this Order will now be progressed.
- 2.6.5 In anticipation of the Legal Agreement being finalised, the Project Team is currently formalising the project delivery programme and procurement strategies. The project is planned for delivery up until the end of financial year 2020-21 with the majority of works to be carried out in 2019-20. For more information please see the Surrey County Council website here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/elmbridge-major-transport-schemes>.
- 2.6.6 A number of elements of the **Esher Transport Study** are progressing:
- The initial **traffic surveys** are complete, and were reported to Committee in September 2017.

- The detailed design is complete for the **casualty remedial scheme at Esher Green**. The legal notice for the new raised tables has been advertised, with no objections received. Officers are working with the supply chain to plan for the construction of this scheme later this Financial Year 2018-19.
 - The feasibility study for the **Scilly Isles and Café Rouge junctions** is nearing completion, and will include recommended improvements to the signs on the approaches to the Scilly Isles, and the road markings both at the Scilly Isles and also between the Scilly Isles and Café Rouge. Officers are expecting to be able to present this feasibility study to Committee in December 2018, in time for a CIL bid in early 2019. One slight change to the road markings was implemented as part of the recent re-surfacing scheme.
 - Officers intend to arrange a Member workshop to agree the scope of the **optimisation scheme** in Autumn 2018. The aim of this workshop is to identify, in detail, the improvements to include in the scope of this scheme, and to agree priorities for movement of road users at different times of the day and on different days of the week.
- 2.6.7 The Local Committee appointed County Councillors Oliver, O'Reilly and Borough Councillor Harman to the **Brooklands Transport Study** Task Group. The first meeting of the Group was held on 19th October 2017, where the scope of the study was discussed and agreed. Officers are making preparations for traffic surveys to take place during Autumn 2018. Officers are working with Elmbridge Borough Council to develop surveys to try to understand the catchment of the study area, and travel patterns to and from the study area.
- 2.6.8 Officers are preparing a briefing note to summarise the findings of the **Walton to Halliford Transport Study**, in preparation for a meeting with the Member Task Group in Autumn 2018. The aim of this meeting would be to review the findings of the study and agree what, if any, schemes should be promoted on the basis of the available evidence.

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 roads that are due to be treated in the current Financial Year 2018-19. Also on the same page of the Surrey County Council website is the latest information regarding the Winter Damage programme, and lists of roads for consideration for future Financial Years or the Horizon programme. For more information please see here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highways-information-online/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>.

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 Officers have discovered that the bollards that prevent vehicular access to the end of Sunbury nearest the River Thames, in Walton, are not lawful. There is no record that a traffic regulation order was ever made at the time these were installed.

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bollards were installed some years ago. Without a legitimate traffic regulation order, these bollards constitute an unlawful obstruction of the Public Highway.

- 2.10.2 As things currently stand there is no funding allocated to make a traffic regulation order. Without funding for a new order, and appropriate authorisation to make an order, officers would have no choice but to make arrangements for the bollards to be removed, now that this matter has been brought to the Council's attention.
- 2.10.3 The Divisional Member has been made aware of this concern. Committee is asked to note this concern, and the possible consequences. Elmbridge Borough Council has also been made aware of the situation, and made the following comments:

"As you are probably aware we have been having problems with traveller encampments since February this year sometimes two or three at a time. The removal of these bollards would leave the area open to travellers and would undoubtedly be attractive. We have already had them in Waterside Drive near the river on a number of occasions. If the decision is not to make the order then we will have to consider some form of protection at the turning head otherwise there will be clear access to the whole of the river bank in this location."

- 2.10.4 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 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.

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 asked to approve the strategy for spending next Financial Year's budgets.
- 7.3 Members are encouraged to work with Officers to identify individual schemes for next Financial Year's Divisional Programmes.

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, and to identify individual schemes for next Financial Year's programme of investment.

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Consulted: N / A

Annexes: 4

Sources/background papers: None

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