

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**DATE:** **21 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

**SUBJECT:** **HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

**DIVISION:** **ALL**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee on the progress of the 2018/19 Integrated Transport and highways revenue maintenance programmes in Tandridge, as well as other projects that are not funded through the Local Committee such as the Severe Weather Recovery Programme, the Caterham Masterplan, the M23 Smart Motorway project and the centrally funded maintenance.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Programmes of work have been agreed in consultation with the Committee. The Committee is asked to note the progress of the Integrated Transport Scheme programme and revenue maintenance expenditure. As well as the work that is being carried out on the Severe Weather Recovery Programme, the M23 Smart Motorway project and the centrally funded maintenance schemes.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

1.1 In December 2017, Tandridge Local Committee agreed a programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) for 2018/19 to be funded from the Local Committee's devolved budget.

1.2 In March 2018, Tandridge 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 are used 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 can also be used in Tandridge 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 Tandridge Local Committee have delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2018-19 as follows:

- Capital: £36,363
- Revenue: £168,182
- **Total: £204,545**

In addition to the above Council has approved an allocation of £7,500 per county member to address highway issues in their divisions. Guidance on uses for this funding has been provided to divisional members.

Highway officers within the local area office are also continuing to look for other sources of funding for schemes that have been identified within the Integrated Transport Scheme Programme. As a result funding has been secured from Section 106 developer funding for improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities on Banstead Road, Caterham outside Le Personne retirement housing.

The budgets delegated to Local Committee are in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highways maintenance and improvement schemes, including footway/carriageway resurfacing, the maintenance of highway structures including bridges, culverts and embankments, and the maintenance of safety barriers.

### 2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Tandridge is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions, as well as those being progressed by the Road Safety Team 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 parking review is provided in **Annex 1**.

## Other highway related matters

### 2.5 Customer services

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.

For Tandridge specifically, 10,135 enquiries have been received since January of which 3,662 (36%) 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 92%.

**Table 1** below shows the number of enquiries received between January-June 2018 compared to the number received during the same period in 2017.

**Table 1: Customer enquiries**

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Tandridge: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan – Jun 2017	65,281	6,014	3,235
Jan – Jun 2018	91,245	10,135	3,662

During the first 6 months of 2018, Highways received 162 stage 1 complaints (down 18% from 2017), of which 15 were for the Tandridge area. In addition two have been escalated to stage 2 of the complaints process, where the service was found not to be at fault.

### 2.6 Severe weather recovery program

A first list of roads included within the severe weather recovery programme has been published on Surrey County Council's website. This list 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-winter-damage-v3.0.pdf](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/169430/Roads-for-extensive-repairs-winter-damage-v3.0.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.

## 2.7 Major Schemes

Following the adoption of the Caterham Masterplan as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Surrey County Council's South East Area highways team have been working with Tandridge District Council and other stakeholders to progress the proposals within the Masterplan document.

Further information regarding the Caterham Masterplan can be found on Tandridge District Council's website at the following address;

<https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Planning-and-building/Regeneration-and-major-projects/Caterham-masterplan>

Highways England are continuing works to improve the busy 18km (11 miles) stretch of the M23 between junction 8 near Merstham and junction 10 near Copthorne by upgrading it to an "all lane running" (ALR) smart motorway.

These works began in March 2018 and are expected to be completed by early 2020. These works will result in;

- An additional lane for traffic increasing capacity to reduce congestion.
- More technology on the road to manage incidents.
- More reliable journeys.

Updated information regarding this scheme can be found on Highways England website at the following location;

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m23-junctions-8-to-10-smart-motorway/>

## 2.8 Centrally funded maintenance

The Operation Horizon Team programmes of major maintenance works for 2018-19 for the Tandridge area, which is in addition to the winter recovery programme works, 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>

Major maintenance works being carried out in the Tandridge District within this financial year includes carriageway resurfacing work on Broadbridge Lane in Smallfield and pavement resurfacing in Hillbury Road, Warlingham.

## 2.9 Road Safety

The Road Safety Working Group meets every 6 months to review personal injury collision data provided by Surrey Police. The Road Safety Working Group is attended by Surrey County Council Road Safety Engineers, Surrey County Council Highway Engineers and Surrey Police. An update on road safety schemes that have been identified by the Road Safety Working Group and are being progressed by the Road Safety Team is provided in **Annex 1**.

## 2.10 Passenger Transport

There are no Integrated Transport Schemes that directly contribute to improvements in passenger transport.

However the provision of improved pedestrian crossing facilities in Banstead Road, Caterham which is a scheme being funded through developer contributions, will help to improve pedestrian access to local bus stops. The feasibility report for this scheme is complete and consultation with the local member and district councillor has been carried out. Developer contributions for this scheme have been released by Tandridge District Council to Surrey Highways, and consultation with residents as well as detailed design work will continue shortly.

## 2.11 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 in regards to the Local Committee's delegated budget is detailed in sections 2.1 – 2.3 of this report.

Delegated budgets are closely monitored throughout the financial year and monthly updates are provided to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Local Committee has put in place arrangements whereby monies can be vired between different schemes and budget headings.

### **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 local committee capital highway works in Tandridge is set out in **Annex 1**.
- 9.2 Progress on the programme of local committee revenue highway works and Local Member Highways Fund in Tandridge is set out in **Annex 2**.
- 9.3 Information regarding the significant increase in the number of enquiries received by the local area team is set out under section 2.5 of this report.
- 9.4 Information regarding the Severe Weather Programme, the Winter Gritting Routes, Caterham Masterplan, M23 Smart Motorway works and Centrally Funded Maintenance works is also included within this report
- 9.5 Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 10.1 The Area Team Manager will work with Divisional Members, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deliver this Financial Year's Divisional Programmes, as set out under section 2.1 to 2.3 of this report and detailed under Annex 1.
- 10.2 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 Tandridge Local Committee, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Highways Forward Programme 2018/19-2019/20
- Report to Tandridge Local Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – Highways Forward Programme Revenue Budget 2018/19.