

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**DATE:** 3 DECEMBER 2018  
**LEAD OFFICER:** ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** HIGHWAYS SCHEMES UPDATE REPORT

**AREA(S) AFFECTED:** ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee on the progress of the 2018/19 Integrated Transport and highways maintenance programmes in Reigate and Banstead, as well as other projects that are not funded through the Local Committee such as the Severe Weather Recovery Programme, the M23 Smart Motorway project, the A23 Three Arch Road junction, centrally funded maintenance and the A23 Resilience Project.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) 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, M25 Junction 8 scheme, the M23 Smart Motorway project, the Greater Redhill STP, Horley Masterplan, A23 Resilience Project and the large scale, centrally funded maintenance schemes.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 In December 2017, Reigate and Banstead 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 budget.
- 1.2 In March 2018, Reigate and Banstead 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 to fund major maintenance (Operation Horizon and the Winter Recovery Programme), drainage works and other capital highway schemes. Countywide revenue budgets are used to carry out both reactive and routine planned maintenance works.

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1.4 Developer contributions are also used in Reigate and Banstead 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 Reigate and Banstead Local Committee have delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2018-19 as follows:

- Capital: £36,363
- Carry forward from 2017/18: £11,000
- Revenue: £168,182
- **Total: £215,545**

In addition to the delegated highway budgets above, highway officers are continuing to look for other sources of funding for schemes.

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 Reigate and Banstead 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 parking review is provided in **Annex 1**.

## Other highway related matters

### 2.5 Customer services

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

**Table 1 Customer Enquiries**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>Reigate &amp; Banstead: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>No. of R&amp;B enquiries sent to the Local Area Office</b>
Jan-Sept 2017	90,788	10,760	5,598
Jan-Sept 2018	118,041	14,878	6,271

The total number of enquiries for the nine months between January and September 2018 is 118,041 an average of 13,115 per month. This is a slight reduction in the average for the first six months of 2018 which was 15,208 per month and is in line with the seasonal trend where the summer months generate less enquiries. However, the significant increase in the number of enquiries received in the nine month period in 2018 compared to 2017 reflects the work that needed to be undertaken to deal with the severe weather and subsequent highway defects caused by the severe weather.

For Reigate and Banstead specifically, 14,878 enquiries were received between January and September 2018, of which 6,271 (42%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 94% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly below the county average of 95%.

Since January, Highways & Transport have received 247 Stage 1 complaints (down 16% from the same period in 2017) of which 26 were for the Reigate & Banstead area. In addition four have been escalated to stag 2 of the complaints process where the service was found not to be at fault.

### 2.6 Severe weather recovery programme

A list of roads included within the severe weather recovery programme is published on Surrey County Council's website. This list consists of over 200 roads across the county and can be found at the following location on the website;

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

This list is continually being updated with new roads being added and information regarding those resurfacing works that have been completed being provided. All of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

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### 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. The Cold Weather Plan is now on Surrey County Council's website and can be found at the following location;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/salting-and-gritting>

Salting Routes can also be seen on a map on Surrey County Council's website at the following location;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/salting-and-gritting/salting-routes-in-surrey>

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 Major schemes

M25 Junction 8 (Reigate Hill, Reigate) Improvement Works

Highways England have a scheme that is being developed to carry out improvement works to the junction 8 roundabout. These works are likely to include improved lane widths on the roundabout, facilities for pedestrians and improvements to the traffic signals.

### 2.9 M23 Smart Motorway

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 Cophorne 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/>

### 2.10 Greater Redhill STP (A23 Three Arch Road Junction)

Delivery of the final schemes within the Greater Redhill STP, continues for completion by the end of 2018/19. The A23 shared footway/cycleway is substantially complete with final remedial works being carried out where required. An independent road safety audit of the scheme is underway.

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Safety issues have been raised by users of the shared footway/cycleway due to vehicles parking on the footway. Double yellow lines and bollards have been installed to try to prevent this, however we are expecting to install more bollards at locations where needed to try to prevent parking on the footway where needed.

The programme of Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) improvements along the routes served by local bus services 430/435 and 420/460 is almost complete. Work to install Real Time Passenger Information displays at key bus stops, new bus stop clearway markings and improved layouts are designed to provide better accessibility for passengers boarding and alighting at the stops, and will improve reliability of local bus services.

Surrey County Council's Countryside team have completed works to provide a new connection of the NCR1 cycle route through to Copsleigh Avenue, via the Salfords footbridge for crossing the railway.

#### 2.11 Horley Master Plan

Horley Master Plan funding forms the local funding contribution for the STP project. The schemes currently underway include the public realm improvements planned for Horley town centre.

Further information on the Redhill STP including the current newsletter can be found on the Surrey CC Major Schemes web page;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/reigate-and-banstead-major-transport-schemes>

#### 2.12 Centrally funded maintenance

The Operation Horizon Team's programmes of major maintenance works for 2018-19 for the Reigate and Banstead 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>

#### 2.13 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 is provided in **Annex 1**.

#### 2.14 Passenger Transport

As part of the Greater Redhill STP a number of Quality Bus Corridor improvements have been carried out, these improvements have included new bus shelters, with Real Time Passenger Information displays at key stops. Enforceable bus stop clearways have also been installed to try to reduce the

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number of drivers parking in bus stops which can result in reduced access to buses for the mobility impaired.

### 2.15 A23 Resilience Project

The Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership approved a business case for A23 Resilience with a project value of £4.9 million. The local contribution to the project was provided from Horizon funds already allocated to carriageway work for short sections of this route. The work consists of upgrading and repairing drainage infrastructure and to carry out carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing along the A23 at two specified locations; Redhill town centre and between Hooley Lane and the Chequers Lane roundabout junction with Balcombe Road.

Works completed so far include extensive drainage surveys. These surveys included high pressure water cleansing of all gullies and highway drains to enable CCTV surveys to be carried out. The survey work informed an extensive programme of drainage repairs and capacity improvements that have been on-going since March and are being carried out in advance of programmed carriageway work. Carriageway resurfacing works have also been carried out on the section of Redstone Hill under the railway bridge and at the Chequers roundabout. Carriageway resurfacing/reconstruction works then moved on to the length of Horley Road between Three Arch Road and Woodhatch Road, and this work was also successfully completed before the end of October. The Three Arch Road/Maple Road junction has been excluded from the project at this stage whilst discussions continue on how to achieve best value in relation to this resilience project and the separate proposals for the junction to be redesigned to a new alignment, although the main highway drainage through and around the junction has been upgraded.

No further resurfacing work can be carried out until April/May 2019 as the materials are susceptible to failure if laid at low temperatures. The next phase of surfacing will prioritise the section of Bonehurst Road up to Bonehurst Bridge, and then Brighton Road from Woodhatch Road junction through Salfords to Lodge Lane junction.

Drainage improvements are continuing throughout the winter period, including lengths of the A23 which have not been prioritised for carriageway work, but where road flooding is a problem, including Earlswood and Earlswood Common.

All work has been coordinated through the road space permit application process and widely publicised, and generally well received despite the obvious necessary inconveniences.

### 2.16 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 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 2018/19 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.

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 Progress on the programme of local committee capital highway works in Reigate & Banstead is set out in **Annex 1**.
- 7.2 Progress on the programme of local committee revenue highway works and Local Member Highways Fund in Reigate and Banstead is set out in **Annex 2**.
- 7.3 Information regarding the significant increase in the number of enquiries received by the local area team between January and September 2018 in comparison with the same period in 2017 is set out under section 2.5 of this report.
- 7.4 Information regarding the Winter Recovery Programme, the M25 junction 8 works, the M23 Smart Motorway Scheme, the Greater Redhill STP, Horley Masterplan, Centrally Funded Maintenance and the A23 Resilience Project is also included within this report.
- 7.5 Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

**8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 8.1 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.

**Background papers:**

- Report to Reigate and Banstead Local Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017, "Highways Forward Programme 2018/19 – 2019/20"
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