

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report provides an update on the 2018/19 programme of highway improvement and maintenance works funded by this committee, an update on other centrally funded projects being promoted in the local area, as well as details of expenditure on the budgets allocated to the committee in 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked:

- (i) To note the committee approved works being progressed during 2018/19.
- (ii) To note that allocations made for localism to the various Town and Parish Councils must be fully completed by **31st December 2018**. Any allocations not fully completed by this date will then be prioritised by the Maintenance Engineer, in consultation with the divisional member, to ensure that works are carried out this financial year, rather than risk the funding being lost.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is asked to agree the recommendations to enable progression of works orders and expenditure of the Committee budget.

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 for Waverley has an annual delegated highways budget with which to implement measures that contribute towards the objectives set out in Surrey County Council's LTP, according to local priorities.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 2018/19 Budget Programme of Works

Available Highway Budget

- 2.1.1 In summary the Committee budget is as detailed in the table below:-

Committee Budget	Amount
Capital maintenance	£36,363
Revenue maintenance	£168,182
Revenue Highway Fund	£67,500
Parking surplus (15% top slice of £520k)	£78,000

- 2.1.2 In summary each of the 9 divisional members has the following amounts allocated to them:-

Member Budget	Amount
Works	£10,000
Localism	£4,000
Revenue Highway Fund	£7,500
Parking surplus	£8,666

- 2.1.3 A further £25k was also allocated centrally towards localism to enable Parish and Town Councils to carry out locally important areas of highway work such as vegetation cut back, sign cleaning, ditch clearance etc.
- 2.1.4 Some members did not expend part or all of the £10,000 allocated to them in 2017/18. This would have been rolled forward to 2018/19 on an individual basis, as parking surplus does not have to be spent in year.

2019/20 Highway Budget

- 2.1.5 Surrey County Council, along with many other councils across the UK, faces unprecedented financial challenges. The County Council have to find £250m to close the funding gap over the next 3 years.
- 2.1.6 Although budgets for 2019/20 are yet to be confirmed, early indications are that a share of a £2m **Capital Maintenance** allocation may be made available to the 11 joint and local Committees. It is further anticipated that this capital

allocation will be shared equally across the 11 Districts and Boroughs and hence a budget of circa £180k may be made available.

- 2.1.7 It is also anticipated that during the next fiscal year there will be **NO Revenue Maintenance** allocation made available to the 11 joint and local Committees.
- 2.1.8 County Councillors may continue to be allocated a Revenue Highway Fund allocation, however this may again be £7.5 per member as in 2018/19, rather than the anticipated £10k reported earlier in the year.
- 2.1.9 If this is the case, then it may be possible to amalgamate the nine £7.5k amounts to provide a more meaningful service delivery of revenue activity.
- 2.1.10 It is important to note that this is only an early indication and the final amounts will not be ratified or disclosed until later in this financial year.
- 2.1.11 Once the allocations are known the Committee will be in a stronger position to determine how and what to expend this funding.

Property Infrastructure Contribution (PIC)

- 2.1.12 All PIC expenditure is subject to approval by SCC Transport Development Planning (TDP) officers, and that a PIC spending plan and bidding process is carried out by various groups within SCC, such as Countryside Rights of Way team, Passenger Transport group, Major Schemes group for match funding for larger projects, as well as Highways improvement projects.
- 2.1.13 The Planning Authority are in the last tranche of collecting PIC funding ahead of the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), so these amounts will diminish as they are drawn down.
- 2.1.14 TDP have advised that the following details the remaining approved contributions allocated through the bidding process to this Committee for highway schemes. These funds are not time limited and do not need to be expended this year.

Table 1 – PIC Amounts

Ward	Amount
Farnham Bourne	£32,871
Cranleigh West	£7,330
Godalming Central & Ockford	£826
Godalming Holloway	£12,830
Hindhead	£ 3,492
Shamley Green & Cranleigh North	£ 5,358
Witley & Hambledon	£ 7,235

- 2.1.15 However, PIC funding can only be used in the ward where it is collected and cannot be used in other areas. However to simplify the expenditure of the remaining PIC balances it is intended to amalgamate this by Division.

S106 agreements

- 2.1.16 Section 106 monies are also collected by the planning authority, however these funds are normally very specific on how they are expended as it is normal for these to be agreed upfront as part of the planning process and would form part of the conditions. It is important to note that these amounts do not constitute available funds in the same way as PIC.

Community Infrastructure Levy CIL

- 2.1.17 Waverley Borough Council will commence collecting CIL on 1st March 2019.
- 2.1.18 All s106 agreements will effectively cease in Waverley, with the exception of any large strategic sites such as a Dunsfold type situation, where a site specific s106 will still be required.

2.2 Programme of Works

Capital

- 2.2.1 It was approved that £5k of capital maintenance is directed to signs and lines by the local team, and that the balance of capital funding, (approx £31k), is used by the area team to deliver any other works deemed necessary during the year.
- 2.2.2 The committee running list of Local Transport Plan (LTP) schemes is attached at Annex 1.

Revenue

- 2.2.3 All nine divisional members have now fully allocated their funding on local priorities.
- 2.2.4 Annex 2 identifies the member expenditure allocations.

Other highway related matters

2.3 Customer services

- 2.3.1 The total number of enquiries received for the six months between January and September 2018 is 118,04, 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 line with the seasonal trend where the summer months generate less enquiries. This also reflects the work undertaken to deal with the severe weather and subsequent defects.
- 2.3.2 For Waverley specifically, 16,056 enquiries have been received since January of which 6,633 (41%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 97% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly above the countywide average of 95%.
- 2.3.3 Since January, Highways & Transport have received 247 Stage 1 complaints (down 16% from the same period in 2017) of which 30 were for the Waverley area. In addition 10 have been escalated to stage 2 of the complaints

process where the service was found to be at fault in one but with no injustice to the customer. One complaint has been raised with the Local Government Ombudsman but she chose not to investigate.

2.4 Winter Service

- 2.4.1 The Cold Weather Plan sets out the Winter Service for treating the highway in order to prevent ice from forming (precautionary salting), to melt ice and snow that has already formed (post salting), and removal of snow in a snow event.
- 2.4.2 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.
- 2.4.3 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.

2.5 Street Lighting

- 2.5.1 No update at this time

2.6 Major schemes

Farnham Redevelopment Works

- 2.6.1 Both Crest Nicholson and Berkeley Homes have now commenced works to prepare land in Farnham Town Centre for the multi-million pound Regeneration scheme.
- 2.6.2 Negotiations are ongoing to ensure that the amount of disruption involved with two large developments being carried out in the centre of Farnham, is mitigated wherever possible.

2.7 Centrally funded maintenance

Horizon 2

- 2.7.1 Horizon 2 is the name given to the Council's Asset Management Programme for the period 2017 – 2021. The programme of works to be delivered for Waverley has been revised since the last Committee meeting and can be found on the website at:

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

Additional £5m – Winter damage programme

- 2.7.2 The focus for this has been on the Surrey Priority Network SPN 2 & 3 (essentially B & C roads) and the list of schemes identified for this funding is currently being assessed.
- 2.7.3 If additionally some A & D roads were suggested by members, then most of these have been removed from the list and will be considered for inclusion in the existing county programmes. There are however some A roads which

are included on the list due to these already being categorised as a SPN 2 and having similar characteristics to B roads.

2.7.4 This programme of works is ongoing, however this is obviously subject to any clashes with other programmed highway work that is also occurring on around the network and our ability to permit network space.

2.7.5 In addition to the £5m being invested during 2018/19, the cabinet approved on the 29th May to a further investment during 2018/19 of £7m followed by a further £8m in 2019/20 to improve the condition of the highways network.

2.8 Passenger Transport

2.8.1 There was no update at the time of writing this report.

2.9 Other key information, strategy and policy development

2.9.1 There was no update at the time of writing this report.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Officers seek to implement the most cost effective measures which meet scheme objectives. 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 approved programmes are currently in the process of being delivered as identified in Annex 2.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 The Area Highway Manager will work with Divisional Members, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deliver this Financial Year's approved programme of works.

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Consulted:

As detailed within the report.

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Committee revised running list of Local Transport Plan schemes

Annex 2 – Progress of Committee capital and revenue schemes 2018/19.

Background papers:

Local Committee (Waverley) September 2018 Highways Update.

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