

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

DATE: 3 JUNE 2019
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OFFICER:
SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS SCHEMES UPDATE REPORT



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SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To inform the Local Committee on the progress of the 2019/20 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 Greater Redhill STP, Chetwode Road, 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, capital maintenance work, and the Members Highway Fund. As well as the work that is being carried out on the Severe Weather Recovery Programme, the Greater Redhill STP, Chetwode Road, Horley Masterplan, A23 Resilience Project and the large scale, centrally funded maintenance schemes.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 On 3 December 2018, subject to final approval of Full Council in February 2019, the Reigate and Banstead Local Committee agreed a programme of capital works for the 2019/20 financial year. Subsequently the budget was amended with each Local Committee receiving £100,000 and a further amount based on a formula which includes factors such as road length and population. This resulted in Reigate and Banstead receiving an increased capital budget of £211,111.
- 1.2 As a result £81,111 of the capital budget has been allocated to fund the ITS programme, which was approved by the Local Committee in December 2018. The balance of £130,000 will be used to fund capital maintenance schemes, divided equitably between divisional members. It was agreed that schemes to be progressed through the capital maintenance budget would be agreed by the Reigate & Banstead Maintenance Engineer in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional members.
- 1.3 Members were further advised that in the 2019/20 financial year they would continue to receive a Member Highways Fund allocation of £7,500 per

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divisional member. It was agreed that the Member Highways Fund would be managed by the Maintenance Engineer on their behalf. The Cabinet Member for Highways has subsequently issued guidance to members on how the allocation can be used, including putting in place a number of constraints to avoid creating longer term problems.

- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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 2019-20 as follows:

- Capital ITS: £81,111
- Capital Maintenance: £130,000
- Member Highway Fund: £75,000 (£7,500 per division).
- **Total: £286,111**

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 are also in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highway maintenance and improvement schemes, including footway/carrageway resurfacing, the maintenance of highway structures such as bridges and embankments, major drainage schemes and traffic light maintenance.

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway improvement 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 capital maintenance works programme

The Reigate & Banstead Maintenance Engineer is contacting members to discuss what capital maintenance works they wish to promote in their divisions. A full update on works being progressed will be provided at the September Local Committee meeting.

2.4 Member Highway Fund

Nine of the ten county members have agreed to allocate £6,000 of their Member Highway Fund towards the provision of a Revenue Maintenance Gang in Reigate & Banstead. This funding will provide each member with the gang for 4 weeks and 4 days in their division. Additional funding has been identified to enable a gang to be procured for 42 weeks.

The gang started work on 7 May 2019 and will be used to respond to requests for work raised by residents both directly to members and also to the local area team. The gang will also be used to proactively react to issues identified by members and the local area team. It should be noted that priority is given to safety issues.

The gang's workload will be spread equitably between the nine divisions and monitored by the Maintenance Engineer. The only work to be issued to the gang in the remaining division will be to resolve safety issues eg. obstruction of sightlines by overgrown vegetation. An update of the work carried out by the gang in the first four months will be provided at the September Local Committee meeting.

The Maintenance Engineer will be working with members to agree what additional highway works they wish to carry out in their divisions with their remaining Member Highway Fund allocation.

2.5 Parking

An update on the parking review is provided in **Annex 1**.

Other highway related matters

2.6 Customer services

Table 1 below shows the number of enquiries received between January and March 2019 compared to the number received during the same period in 2018.

Table 1 Customer Enquiries

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Reigate & Banstead: Total enquiries (no.)	No. of R&B enquiries sent to the Local Area Office
Jan-Mar 2018	45,357	6,048	2,419
Jan-Mar 2019	34,644	4,446	1,822

Between January and March 2019, Highways and Transport received 34,644 enquiries and reports, an average of 11,548 per month. This is significantly less than over the same period last year, which can largely be attributed to the milder winter this year in comparison to the 2017/18 winter.

For Reigate & Banstead specifically, 4,446 enquiries have been received of which 1,822 were directed to the local area office for action, 94% of these

have been resolved. This response rate is slightly below the countywide average of 95%.

During the first quarter of 2019 Surrey Highways received 62 stage 1 complaints of which seven were for the Reigate and Banstead area. One was escalated to Stage 2 of the complaints process, the service was not found to be at fault following independent investigation. Two complaints were escalated to the Local Government Ombudsman, no fault was found.

2.7 Major Schemes

Greater Redhill STP (A23 Three Arch Road Junction)

Delivery of the Greater Redhill STP is almost complete. The majority of the work on this scheme was completed by the end of March 2019, as required by the C2C LEP funding body. There now follows a period of snagging and remedial works, including any necessary safety improvements as identified through the stage 3 safety audit process. All remaining works are due to be completed by the summer. This includes installation of additional bollards, to enforce the no parking along the A23 cycle route, south of the junction with Three Arch Road between the Shell garage and the junction with Prince Albert Square. These measures are necessary to improve safety of the shared pedestrian cycle route, and prevent further damage to the footway from parked vehicles.

Horley Master Plan - Horley Master Plan funding forms the local funding contribution for the STP project. Works are continuing to deliver public realm improvements for Horley town centre.

On completion of the final elements from the programme of works we will undertake project monitoring and evaluation. This is designed to measure and record the benefits provided by the built scheme and review against project objectives. A plan for this review work will commence shortly and will be overseen by the Member Task Group.

Public consultation on the proposed scheme for the A23 Three Arch Road junction has been completed. The analysis report and next steps on this project is the subject of a separate report provided for information to this Local Committee.

Further information on the Greater Redhill STP including the most recent newsletter which was published in March 2019 can be found on Surrey County Council's Major Schemes web page;

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

Chetwode Road

In 2013 Surrey County Council and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council entered into a Joint Statement of Intent that committed the two authorities to work together to deliver physical and social regeneration of the Preston estate.

One of the key priorities was to improve access, parking and traffic flow to benefit both existing and new residents, as a consequence of new development on the estate

To mitigate the effect of the new housing on the De Burgh site, part of the planning permission was to undertake work along Chetwode Road to improve traffic flow.

A preliminary scheme has been developed that includes improved on street parking, selected footway and carriageway repairs, and the upgrading of two bus stop waiting areas.

The improved parking is intended to provide sufficient width within Chetwode Road to permit two-way traffic to flow more easily than at present, aid bus access, and will accommodate the additional vehicles generated by the new housing on the De Burgh site.

The scheme has been developed in consultation with the Raven Housing Trust, internal and external service areas and with local County and Borough councillors. A local engagement exercise is now being planned for early June to inform local residents about the plans and to obtain their comments.

The outcome of the local engagement and details of the preferred scheme for Chetwode Road, will be the subject of a future report to the Local Committee.

A23 Resilience Project

The Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership approved a business case for the A23 Resilience project with a value of £4.9m. The business case was essentially to upgrade and repair drainage infrastructure and to carry out carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing on A25 Redstone Hill and specified locations on the A23 from Redhill Town Centre to south of Chequers roundabout in Horley.

Works commenced at the beginning of 2018, with an extensive survey of drainage asset data, as historically the Council has poor drainage records for this area. The survey included high pressure water cleansing of all gullies and highway drains to enable CCTV surveys. The survey work informed an extensive programme of drainage repairs and capacity improvements that have been ongoing since March 2018.

Carriageway resurfacing commenced in March 2018 at the section of A25 Redstone Hill under the rail bridge which was prone to flooding and had a very poor road surface. The following sections of the A23 have also been reconstructed/resurfaced as part of the A23 Resilience Project.

- Chequers roundabout, Horley.
- A23 Horley Road – between the junctions of Three Arch Road and Woodhatch Road.

- A23 Brighton Road – between the junctions of Woodhatch Road and Lodge Lane.
- A23 Brighton Road – Lodge Lane up to Bonehurst Bridge.

Carriageway reconstruction works on A23 London Road, Redhill from Lombard roundabout junction to the junction with Linkfield Lane is anticipated to start somewhere between October to December 2019. Similarly, resurfacing works on sections of A23 Bonehurst Road, Salfords will also be carried out during the same period.

In addition to the above, the main highway drainage through and around the Three Arch junction has been upgraded. Drainage improvement works will also been carried out north of the Three Arch junction as well as at the Hooley Lane junction and Grove Hill Road junction between October to December 2019 (subject to road space being available).

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.

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 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

Operation Horizon

The Operation Horizon Team’s programmes of major maintenance works for 2019-20 for the Reigate and Banstead area, are published on Surrey County Council’s website here:

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

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.

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 is provided in **Annex 1**.

2.10 Passenger Transport

The programme of Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) improvements along the routes served by local bus services 430/435 and 420/460, as part of the Greater Redhill STP works, is almost complete. One bus stop at Prices Lane, Woodhatch still requires improvement work. A revised structural design is required at this site, after which the new shelter installation and bus stop accessibility improvements are expected to follow subject to final costs and available funding.

2.11 Other key information, strategy and policy development

Winter Service

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.

2.16 Network Rail Bridge - Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood

Following an inspection of the railway bridge on Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood proposals have been put forward to install traffic lights in the long term, so that there will be single file traffic over the bridge. This decision has been made on structural safety grounds.

This road is currently closed due to Southern Gas Network carrying out works near to the bridge therefore it is not possible at this time to close the road at the bridge to install the traffic signals. Their works are programmed to be completed on the 2nd August and the traffic signal works will be coordinated to start as soon as is possible after this date. In the interim the bridge is being monitored under an increased weekly inspection regime to ensure bridge condition is safe whilst the traffic light project is developed.

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 – 2.4 of this report.
- 5.2 The key objective with regard to the 2019/20 budgets will be managed to a neutral position.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The Integrated Transport Scheme programme, the capital maintenance programme and Local Member Fund does not significantly impact on any of the areas identified on the table below. The Integrated Transport Schemes and capital 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 capital maintenance works and Local Member Highways Fund in Reigate and Banstead will be set out at the September Local Committee.
- 7.3 Information regarding the number of enquiries received by the local area team between January and March 2019 in comparison with the same period in 2018 is set out under section 2.6 of this report.
- 7.4 Information regarding the Severe Weather Recovery Programme, the M25 junction 8 works, the M23 Smart Motorway Scheme, the Greater Redhill STP, Chetwode Road, 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 Local Committee in September.

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Consulted:

Not applicable.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Summary of approved Local Committee capital works programme progress

Background papers:

Report to Reigate and Banstead Local Committee, 3rd December 2018, "Highways Forward Programme 2019/20"

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