

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

DATE: 12 JUNE 2019
LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER
SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE
DIVISION: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee on the progress of the 2019/20 Integrated Transport Programme, the capital maintenance programme, the Members Highway Fund highways maintenance programmes, Transform Leatherhead and other highways and transport projects being carried out in Mole Valley.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Programmes of work have been agreed in consultation with the Committee, and the Committee is asked to note the progress of the Integrated Transport Scheme programme, capital maintenance programme and Members Highways fund. As well as work that is being carried out on the large scale, centrally funded maintenance and improvement schemes.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 On 12 December 2018, subject to final approval of Full Council in February 2019, the Mole Valley Local Committee agreed a programme of capital works for the 2019/20 financial year.
- 1.2 Following the meeting held on 12 December 2018, the capital budget was subsequently 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. As a result Mole Valley received a reduced capital budget of £166,667 from the previous amount of £181,818. This budget was approved by Full Council on 5 February 2019.
- 1.3 It was agreed at the Local Committee meeting held on 13 March 2019, that £85,667 of the capital budget be allocated to fund the ITS programme approved by the Local Committee in December 2018. It was also agreed that the balance of £81,000 be used to fund capital maintenance schemes, divided equitably between divisional members, as agreed by the Maintenance Engineer in consultation with each divisional member.

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- 1.4 Members were further advised that they would continue to receive a Member Highways Fund allocation of £7,500 per 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.
- 1.5 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved budget, countywide budgets are also 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.
- 1.6 Developer contributions are also used in Mole Valley 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 Mole Valley Local Committee has delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2019-20 as follows:

- Capital (ITS): £85,667
- Capital Maintenance: £81,000
- Member Highway Fund: £45,000
- **Total: £211,667**

In addition to the delegated highway budgets above, highway officers are continuing to look for other sources of potential funding for schemes. As a result the Local Area Team has secured developer funding for the construction of a pedestrian crossing on the A24 in Ashted in the vicinity of The Greville School, as well as traffic calming measures on roads outside Oakfield Junior and Fetcham Village Infant School.

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/carrageway 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 Mole Valley 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 Mole Valley 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

Five of the six county members have agreed to allocate £6,000 of their Member Highway Fund towards the provision of a Revenue Maintenance Gang in Mole Valley. 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 five 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 2017 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.)	Mole Valley: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan – Mar 2018	45,357	4,107	1,597
Jan – Mar 2019	34,644	3,060	1,199

The table above shows that for Mole Valley specifically, 3,060 enquiries have been received between January and March 2019 of which 1,199 were directed to the local area office for action, of these 96% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly higher than the countywide average of 95%.

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Between January and March 2019, Highways & Transport received 62 Stage 1 complaints of which 5 were for the Mole Valley area, two of which were escalated to stage 2 of complaints process. Of these 2 complaints that were escalated to stage 2, one was partially upheld following independent investigation.

2.7 Major Schemes

Dorking Sustainable Transport Package (STP)

The Dorking STP is a transport project to improve connections between Dorking Deepdene and Dorking Main railway stations and to improve the passenger facilities at Dorking Deepdene Station. Works completed have provided more accurate travel information for passengers, more space for pedestrians and cyclists on the route between the two stations and better wayfinding across Dorking.

The Dorking STP is now complete following installation of a final real time information screen at Bus Stop A opposite Dorking Main.

The £0.8 million project was focused on improving connections between Dorking Deepdene and Dorking Main railway stations and the passenger facilities at Dorking Deepdene Station. Works completed have provided better passenger waiting facilities, more space for pedestrians and cyclists on the route between the two stations, and better wayfinding information across Dorking.

Further information can be found on the project web page and in the latest newsletter (May 2019), both available from:

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

Wider Network Benefits Scheme

Work on the Coast to Capital LEP funded “Wider Network Benefits” Intelligent Transport Systems Project across Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge areas is now complete.

Dorking Transport Study

An update on the Dorking Transport Study is provided in **Annex 1**.

Transform Leatherhead

An update on Transform Leatherhead is provided in **Annex 1**.

2.8 Centrally funded maintenance

Operation Horizon

The Operation Horizon Team programmes of major maintenance works for 2018-19 for the Mole Valley area are now published on Surrey County Council’s website here:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley

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

Severe weather recovery program

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

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

This list is updated every month and includes information regarding when work is programmed to be carried out on each road listed, as well as which roads have been completed. Information is also provided on those roads which have been added to the programme. All of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

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.

2.9 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

A number of schemes within Mole Valley are being carried out to support passenger transport, including the installation of Real Time Passenger Information infrastructure at bus stops in Westcott. There is also an

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Integrated Transport Scheme to carry out some design work to improve access to a bus stop on the A25 in Buckland for the mobility impaired during this financial year.

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 Consultation has been carried out with residents and other consultees identified within the Surrey County Council’s “Consultation for Local Highway Improvement Schemes – Officer Good Practice Guide”, on proposals to install traffic calming measures in Bell Lane and School Lane. The aim of these traffic calming measures is to support the introduction of a mandatory 20mph speed limit outside Oakfield Junior and Fetcham Village Infant Schools.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY 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 the Local Member Fund does not significantly impact on any of the areas identified on the table below. The Integrated Transport Schemes capital maintenance and Local Member Fund 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 Mole Valley is set out in **Annex 1**.
- 7.2 Progress on the capital works programme is set out under section 2.3 of this report.
- 7.3 Progress on the Members Highway Fund is set out under section 2.4 of this report.
- 7.4 Information regarding the severe weather recovery programme, Transform Leatherhead, Operation Horizon and Road Safety schemes is also included within this report.
- 7.5 The 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:

Consultation has been carried out on the proposed traffic calming scheme outside Oakfield Junior and Fetcham Village Infants School as set out under section 4.1 above.

Annexes:

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

Sources/background papers:

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 12th December 2018 – Highways Forward Programme 2019/20 – 2020/21.

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