

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**DATE:** 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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, capital maintenance works, Members Highways Fund works, Operation Horizon, Severe Weather Recovery Programme, Flood Risk Management, Winter Salting Routes and Drainage 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, and the Committee is asked to note the progress of the Integrated Transport Scheme programme, capital maintenance works and the Member Highway 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 30 November 2018, subject to final approval of Full Council in February 2019, the Tandridge Local Committee agreed a programme of capital works for the 2019/20 financial year.
- 1.2 Following the meeting held on 30 November 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 Tandridge Local Committee 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 £76,667 of the capital budget has been allocated to fund the ITS programme approved by the Local Committee in November 2018. The balance of £90,000 be used to fund capital maintenance schemes, divided equitably

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between divisional members, as agreed by the Maintenance Engineer in consultation with each divisional member.

- 1.4 Members have been further advised that they will 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 (CIL funding) 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 has delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2019-20 as follows:

- Capital (ITS): £76,667
- Capital Maintenance: £90,000
- 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.

The budgets delegated to the Local Committee outlined above are in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highway maintenance and improvement schemes, including footway/carrageway resurfacing, and the maintenance of 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 Tandridge 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

Progress on the works to be funded from Tandridge Local Committee's capital maintenance allocation is set out in **Annex 2**.

## 2.4 Member Highway Fund

An update of the work being funded by Members from their Member Highway Fund allocation, including the work being carried out by the Tandridge revenue maintenance gang, is provided in **Annex 3**.

## 2.5 Parking

An update on the 2018/19 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 June 2019 compared to the number received during the same period in 2018.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>Tandridge: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)</b>
Jan – Jun 2018	91,245	10,135	3,662
Jan – Jun 2019	67,592	7,055	3,458

**Table 1: Customer enquiries**

The total number of enquiries received for the six months between January and June 2019 is 67,592 an average of 11,265 per month. This is a 26% decrease on the number received during the same period in 2018, when the number of enquiries increased by 40%. This reflects the milder winter and the impact of repair programmes include the severe weather funding.

The table above shows that for Tandridge specifically, 7,055 enquiries have been received between January and June 2019 of which 3,458 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 96%.

Between January and June 2019, Highways & Transport received 56 Stage 1 complaints of which 25 were escalated to Stage 2, of these the Service was found to be partially or fully at fault in 12 cases. Two complaints have been escalated to the Local Government Ombudsman, who chose not to investigate.

## 2.7 Major Schemes

### Caterham Hill – Flood Risk Management

The flood risk management work is progressing over a broad programme of work. This is split between maintenance and surveys, capital flood defence infrastructure project and DEFRA's pilot project on adaption to climate change.

### **Capital Flood Defence Infrastructure Project**

The feasibility flood defence scheme (Outline Business Case), commissioned by SCC with input from Thames Water and both highway authorities covering

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the catchment area is ongoing. This project is assessing 3 locations for the viability of capital works and is assessing the catchment area for opportunities for Sustainable Drainage works. This work will inform the draft local plan policy and identify locations for Tandridge District Council and the London Borough of Croydon to construct sustainable drainage.

#### **DEFRA's pilot engagement project on adaption to climate change**

The project board which consists of officers from Tandridge District Council, the London Borough of Croydon, Surrey County Council, Thames Water and the Environment Agency continue to meet with the flood action group in Caterham Hill.

A meeting of the pilot engagement project was held on 8th August which included members of the project board, District councillors and residents. The meeting reviewed examples of community engagement in surface water flood risk areas where there are no feasible capital schemes. The next steps on the project will explore how to engage the community regarding flooding awareness and sustainable drainage.

#### **Survey and Maintenance**

Building on the success of the survey and investigation in Caterham Hill, Surrey County Council carried out further investigations in the High Street of Caterham Hill and in the village of Smallfield. Detailed drainage information gathered from these surveys have been uploaded on to Surrey County Council's drainage database. This information will inform the capital flood defence schemes being developed in these locations and will be included in the flood risk modelling.

#### Smallfield Flood Risk Management

The project board of officers from Surrey County Council, the Environment Agency, Tandridge District Council and Thames Water have continued to support the Flood Action Group in Smallfield. It should be noted that the project board and the flood action group continues to make significant advances into understanding and reducing the flood risk to this community.

The Surrey Network Resilience Team continues to follow up on work generated from the 1,500m long watercourse survey, working with residents and landowners on improving the ditch network efficiency.

The Area Highway office carried out three weeks of drainage investigation and maintenance work within Smallfield. This was used to address locations that the flood group and residents had raised as concerns. The work was able to locate and reinstate a 500m length of un-recorded drainage network.

The feasibility study into a flood defence scheme for Smallfield is coming to completion and will be finalised in October.

## 2.8 Centrally funded maintenance

### Operation Horizon

The Operation Horizon Team programmes of major maintenance works for 2019-20 for the Tandridge 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>

### Severe weather recovery program

The budget for the severe weather recovery programme is fully allocated for this financial year. The list of roads included within this programme, in the Tandridge District is shown in Annex 4.

Those roads which had patching work carried out last financial year, in preparation for surfacing dressing works in this financial year, have now had their surface dressing works completed.

### Winter salting 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.

A review has been carried out of the Priority 2 salting routes. Local member feedback from this review has been incorporated in to the revised Priority 2 salting routes. These will be available to view on the online map prior to the start of this winter season. The online map is available 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>

Priority 1 routes were reviewed and updated before the last winter season in 2018, following Local Committee engagement. Only small operational changes to the Priority 1 routes have been made since that time.

Officers from the Local Area Teams, Safety Inspectors and Streetworks Inspectors have helped to inspect all of Surrey's 1,900 grit bins over the summer. The grit bin fill programme is more than 50% completed, with the repair and replacement programme set to follow in late September. All grit bin works will be completed before winter season starts in late October.

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."

An updated Cold Weather Plan will be produced shortly and will be uploaded on to Surrey County Council's website.

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### Drainage maintenance

Surrey County Council maintain 10,568 gullies/catchpits and 707 soakaways in Tandridge. This is an important activity that reduces the likelihood of flooding on the public highway, and helps to keep roads and footways safe.

Not all gullies/catchpits and soakaways are cleaned on an annual basis, as some require cleaning more frequently and others less so, depending on local circumstances such as whether there are trees nearby, or the location is rural or urban.

Each year, the programme of cleaning is updated and optimised based on the condition the assets were found to be in when they were last visited. The programme is also adjusted to take into account local issues such as roads where access to assets is difficult due to parked cars and other obstructions.

For 2019/20, 9,941 gullies/catchpits are due to be cleaned in Tandridge, and 96 soakaways.

As the cleaning programme is managed on a Countywide basis, cleans in Tandridge will take place through the course of the year.

To date, 1,686 gullies, and 32 soakaways have been completed this year.

### 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

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. Work on this scheme is now complete.

### 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 of the Local Committee's delegated budget is detailed in sections 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and – 2.1 of this report.

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.

<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 An update on the Local Committee capital maintenance work programme and the Members Highway Fund is provided in **Annex 2** and **Annex 3** of this report.

9.3 Information regarding flood risk management, Operation Horizon, the Severe Weather Recovery Programme (**Annex 4**), winter salting routes and drainage maintenance are also included within this report.

9.4 Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 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 capital maintenance works.

Annex 3: Summary of Members Highway Fund works.

Annex 4: Severe Weather Recovery Programme Update.

**Sources/background papers:**

- Report to Tandridge Local Committee, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Highways Forward Programme 2019/20 – 2020/21.