

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 2019/20 programme of highway 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 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked:

- (i) To note the committee approved allocations and works being progressed during 2019/20.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The committee is asked to agree the recommendation to enable progression of works orders and expenditure of the Committee budget during 2019/20.

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 Highway Budget**Available Highway Budget 2019/20**

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

Committee Budget 2019/20	Amount
Capital maintenance	£200,000
Revenue maintenance	£0
Revenue Highway Fund (9 x £7.5k)	£67,500
Parking surplus (15% top slice of £562k) {equally by 9 members £9366 each}	£84,300

2.1.2 £5000 of the Capital fund was allocated for the provision of new signs and lines throughout the year, to be administered by the Local Team.

2.1.3 At the March Committee, all nine divisional members agreed to allocate £5k from their £7.5k Highway fund, to secure a vegetation gang resource to carry out local revenue maintenance works administered by the Local Team.

2.1.4 Additionally the 15% top slice of the Committee parking surplus account of circa £562,000, figure of £84,300, was also agreed to be equally split between the nine divisional members.

2.1.5 This does not have to be expended in the financial year but must be spent according to section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/section/55>). Expenditure can cover all types of highway improvement and maintenance.

2.1.6 Individual divisional member's allocation is summarised in the table below and detailed at Annex 2:-

Member Budget 2019/20	Amount
Capital maintenance	£21,666
Revenue maintenance	£0
Revenue Highway Fund (£5000 from £7500 allocated to revenue maintenance)	£2,500
Parking surplus	£9,366

Parking

2.1.7 The proposals for the 2018 review were advertised on 29 March 2019 with a closing date for objections of 26 April.2019. The comments and objections

were collated and analysed and shared with members on 20 June 2019, and have now been agreed, so detailed design is taking place with implementation expected to start in September 2019.

Property Infrastructure Contribution (PIC)

- 2.1.8 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.
- 2.1.9 With the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), these PIC amounts will diminish as they are drawn down.
- 2.1.10 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.

Ward	Amount
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

S106 agreements

- 2.1.11 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.
- 2.1.12 Annex 3 provides details from the Transportation Development Planning of all the agreements related to the various developments across the Waverley area, complete with the various amounts agreed and the details of the intended expenditure.
- 2.1.13 Waverley BC have confirmed that there is no further funding, so this update details all the PIC held, some of which is already allocated to a scheme but other require allocation. If any members have any particular ideas for spending the unallocated PIC sums, then this will have to be tabled at the next IDG for discussion/approval.
- 2.1.14 With regard to S106, this update includes all signed S106 agreements, irrespective of whether the money has yet to be paid. If the money has not

yet been paid, it is shown as a zero, with the trigger for payment identified. Whilst most of the s106 money has to be spent on specific schemes.

Programme of Works 2019/20

Capital

2.1.15 At the informal meeting held on the 8th February 2019, members of this Committee were advised of the £200,000 capital maintenance allocation and given options on how to expend this budget.

2.1.16 It was recommended that the Committee resolve to approve the following:

- Allocate £5,000 to continued provision of new signs and lines.
- Divide the remaining £195,000, nine ways to provide each divisional member with a capital allocation of £21,666.

2.1.17 The committee running list of Local Transport Plan (LTP) schemes is attached at Annex 1.

Revenue

2.1.18 At the informal meeting held on the 8th February 2019, members of this Committee were also advised that there would not be a revenue maintenance budget for 2019/20, however there would be a £67,500 revenue Highway Fund.

2.1.19 It was further recommended that the Committee resolve to approve the following:

- Allocate £45,000 from the £67,500 Highway fund (£5000 per member) to be used to buy in a Community Gang, as in 17/18, to enable these eminently worthwhile maintenance issues to be carried out. Members would have direct control on the input of the works list to the Maintenance Engineer.

2.1.20 Meetings between each Divisional member and the area teams have now been carried out and the Committee budgets are virtually allocated.

2.1.21 Members will have been receiving updates directly from their LHOs to what works are being carried out in their divisions utilising their Highway fund.

Other highway related matters

2.2 Customer services

2.2.1 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. This reflects the milder winter and impact of proactive repair programmes including the severe weather funding.

2.2.2 For Waverley specifically, 9,234 enquiries have been received since January of which 4,338 (47%) 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%.

- 2.2.3 For the first half of 2019, Highways received 56 Stage 1 complaints and 25 were escalated to Stage 2, of which the Service has been found to be partially or fully at fault in 12 cases. In addition one has been escalated to stage 2 of the complaints process where the service was found not to be at fault.

2.3 Street Lighting

- 2.3.1 A trial of LED lighting units is being carried out in Kingfisher Drive, Merrow, to demonstrate the difference in intensity and colour. This has been successful and is now being rolled out across the county.

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 2019-20 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 Major schemes

A31 Resilience Project.

- 2.5.1 The A31 Resilience Project is a grouping of carriageway and highway drainage schemes that have been funded by the Local Enterprise Partnership, Enterprise M3 (EM3). The overarching business case was approved in 2018, as one of six projects comprising the 'Unlocking Guildford Package' which was submitted jointly with Guildford Borough Council.
- 2.5.2 The Resilience business case was predicated on the poor asset condition and its impact on journey times, particularly during periods of high rainfall. The road is beset with drainage and carriageway issues which reflect its age, and the design standards of the era in which it was constructed. These defects create poor driving conditions during moderate rainfall, and flooding and restricted carriageway availability during more intense storms. Flooding has accelerated deterioration of the carriageway. A lengthy section of the Hogs Back carriageway failed during a period of hot weather in 2017 necessitating a period of immediate closure, and a major unplanned reconstruction operation.
- 2.5.3 The limits of this project are from Guildford to the County Boundary, across both Guildford and Waverley Borough areas.
- 2.5.4 The project has a total value of £3.712m. of which 75% is funded by EM3 and 25% by Surrey County Council.
- 2.5.5 The programme of work for the project consists of drainage work to resolve / attenuate six designated highway wetspots that are recorded along the route, and extended carriageway resurfacing along the Hogs Back and in Alton Road.

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- 2.5.6 The first phase of the project, which was completed in early August, reconstructed the carriageway across all lanes as it transitions from the single lane Farnham Road to the dual carriageway Hogs Back, across the A3. This is being followed by a significant length of carriageway resurfacing to both west bound lanes of the Hogs Back, west of the Puttenham junction. The value of work at these two locations will be of the order of £1.4m.
- 2.5.7 Further drainage investigation and repair will continue through 2019, before major construction recommences in 2020/21.
- 2.5.8 The A31 wetspot locations in Waverley are:-
- Alton Road (County Boundary to Chamber Lane)
 - Alton Road near Junction Runwick Lane
 - Alton Road outside Coxbridge Business Park
 - Shepherd & Flock roundabout (and eastern approach)
- 2.5.9 The drainage improvements at Coxbridge Business Park will be the most complex, involving the provision of a silt trap and petrol interceptor to prevent pollution spillage directly to the River Wey, and servicing access for maintenance. The Environment Agency have been consulted on this, and endorse the draft proposals. The junction will then be reconstructed / resurfaced, between Coxbridge Roundabout and Runwick Lane.
- 2.5.10 Subject to the budget and expenditure constraints, the next priority length for resurfacing will be the east bound carriageway of Alton Road in the vicinity of Chamber Lane.

2.6 Centrally funded maintenance

Horizon 2

- 2.6.1 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

- 2.6.2 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 delivered.
- 2.6.3 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.
- 2.6.4 In addition to the £5m being invested during 2018/19, the cabinet approved on the 29th May 2018 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.

2.7 Passenger Transport

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

2.8 Other key information, strategy and policy development

2.8.1 The traffic signal junction at Hickleys Corner is being upgraded with the latest equipment and controller technology.

2.8.2 This will analyse the traffic arriving at the junction more holistically over a longer distance, and provide continuous updates to the timings.

2.8.3 A camera is also to be provided at the junction to enable dynamic changes to be made remotely, if issues occur on any of the arms. The camera element is being part funded by Cllr MacLeod.

2.8.4 It is hoped that these improvements will go some way to mitigate for the additional barrier down times at the level crossing.

2.9 Gullies

2.9.1 Surrey County Council maintain 18,067 gullies/catchpits, and 129 soakaways in Waverley. This is an important activity that reduces the likelihood of flooding on the public highway, and helps to keep roads and footways safe.

2.9.2 Not all assets 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.

2.9.3 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.

2.9.4 For 2019/20, 3,831 gullies/catchpits have been cleaned, and 2 soakaways of the 7 due to be cleaned.

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

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 processed 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.

Annex 3 – TDP details of PIC and s106.

Background papers:

Local Committee (Waverley) March 2019 Highways Update.

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