

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

DATE: 2 DECEMBER 2019
LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER

SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS SCHEMES UPDATE REPORT

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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 Major Scheme work, including the centrally funded major maintenance works, the Greater Redhill STP/A23 Three Arch Road junction scheme and the Winter Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to:

- (i) 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 Greater Redhill STP, 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 is being used to fund capital maintenance schemes, divided equitably between divisional members. It was agreed that schemes to be progressed through the capital maintenance budget will be agreed by the Reigate & Banstead Maintenance Engineer in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional members.

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- 1.3 Members also have 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 the Member's behalf. The Cabinet Member for Highways has 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 are being 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. Examples of this are strategic and neighbourhood CIL contributions (please see section 2.5), bids such as to LEP and DfT safety schemes on the A217.

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/c carriageway 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

Progress on the works to be funded from Reigate & Banstead's 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 Mole Valley revenue maintenance gang is provided in **Annex 3**.

2.5 Neighbourhood CIL

On 16th September 2019, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council asked for views on how neighbourhood CIL funding raised from new development, should be used to improve facilities and services in local areas. The Local Area Team submitted the following project suggestions for neighbourhood CIL funding to Reigate and Banstead Borough Council;

- A217 Brighton Road/Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood – enlarge island to prevent U-turns.
- A2022 Croydon Lane, Banstead – Zebra Crossing between Longcroft Avenue and entrance to Sunrise Senior Living.
- B2032 Dorking Road, Walton-on-the-Hill – embankment support and resurface footway.
- B2032 Dorking Road, Walton-on-the-Hill – repair to block paving on the roundabout at the entrance to Pfizer.
- Bonsor Drive, Kingswood – footway resurfacing.
- Bushfield Drive, Redhill – resurfacing edge of carriageway to install double yellow lines.
- Frenches Way, Redhill – new zebra crossing near junction with Wiggie Lane.
- Hillford Place, Redhill – footway resurfacing.
- Holly Lane, Banstead – footway and highway drainage improvements.
- Manor Road, Reigate – width restriction.
- Dorking Road/Headley Common Road/Pebble Hill Road, Tadworth – junction improvement.
- Portland Drive, Merstham – additional parking bays.

At the time of writing this report, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Area Panel had not selected the first round of projects for funding.

The Area Panel meetings are held quarterly, and councillors may choose to let Neighbourhood CIL funds accrue to fund a larger project later, rather than choosing to fund smaller projects. However, suggested projects which have not been funded in this round, will remain on the list for consideration for Neighbourhood CIL funding until they are delivered. Whilst projects remain on Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Neighbourhood CIL list for funding, Surrey County Council will also continue to seek other sources of funding for these projects.

2.6 Parking

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

2.7 Street lighting

Work has continued on the programme to roll out LED lighting for existing street lights across the county. The legal agreement between SCC and the Service Provider has taken longer than expected but is nearing conclusion. It is now expected that the programme to install the LED lighting will commence early in the New Year. Once the programme is complete it is expected that

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the Council will save 60% of its current energy costs for street lighting. Prior to rolling out the programme a successful pilot site has been running in Kingfisher Drive, Guildford since late 2018. This was expanded in the summer to test the robustness of the Communication Management System (CMS), that comes with this upgrade, which has also been successful.

Other highway related matters

2.8 Customer services

Table 1 below shows the number of enquiries received between January and September 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-Sept 2018	118,041	14,878	6,271
Jan-Sept 2019	95,916	11,759	5,827

Between January and September 2019, the total number of enquiries received was 95,616 an average of 10,657 per month. This is a 19% decrease on the number received during the same period in 2018, when we experienced severe winter weather. However, this is greater than the number of enquiries received between January and September 2017.

For Reigate & Banstead specifically, 11,759 enquiries have been received during the first 8 months of 2019, of which 5,827 or 49%, were directed to the local area office for action. Of these 95% have been resolved. This response rate is in line with the countywide average.

Since January 2019, Highways & Transport have 102 Stage 1 complaints, 50 of which were escalated to Stage 2. Within 18 of these Stage 2 complaints, the service was found to be partially or fully at fault. In addition 3 have been escalated to the Local Government Ombudsman, none of which were upheld.

2.9 The following local drainage works have been carried out during the 2019/20 financial year;

- High Street, Banstead – construction of a new soakaway.
- Epsom Lane South, Tadworth – relocation of the existing gullies to improve the efficiency.

2.10 Major Schemes

Greater Redhill STP/A23 Three Arch Road Junction

Delivery of the Greater Redhill STP is complete. Final remedial works including safety improvements identified through the stage 3 road safety audits are being finished. Bollards to prevent vehicles parking along the A23

cycle route south of the junction with Three Arch Road between the Shell petrol garage and Prince Albert Square have now been installed. These measures are necessary to improve safety for users of the shared pedestrian cycle route, and prevent further damage to the footway from parked vehicles.

The programme of Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) improvements along the routes served by local bus services 430/435 and 420/460 is complete. A revised structural design for the bus stop at Prices Lane, Woodhatch has been produced. Subject to available funding a new bus shelter and improved bus stop layout will follow.

Additional locally funded works are being completed that will provide public realm improvements for Horley town centre.

On completion, all of the remaining works will undertake a period of monitoring and evaluation. This is designed to measure and record the benefits provided by the built scheme and review against objectives. A plan for this review work will be produced shortly and will be overseen by the Member Task Group.

Public consultation on the proposed scheme for the A23 Three Arch Road junction was completed earlier this year, with the results taken to the June Local Committee outlining the next steps. The detailed design stage for this scheme is now underway.

Further information on the Redhill STP including the current newsletter can be found on the Surrey CC 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 – on-street parking project

Following approval of this scheme by the Local Committee in September, Surrey County Council's Highways Design team have continued work on the detailed design of this scheme. Once the detailed design is complete

The parking scheme was presented to the Local Committee in September and approved for implementation. The report included the outcome of the local consultation on this scheme which was carried out in July. Since the committee meeting SCC Highway Design team have been completing the detailed design of this scheme.

An early contractor involvement meeting has been held with Kier, who have indicated that the project could be ready for construction in March, subject to the outcome of a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit. A key point from this meeting was that due to the narrowness of Chetwode Rd, Kier requested the closure of the road at the locations where the parking lay-bys will be constructed. This will have implications for the De Burgh site construction access traffic and the local bus service, both of which will need alternative routing. Arrangements for these diversions will be evaluated in the coming weeks with the appropriate County and Borough officers.

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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. The survey included high pressure water cleansing of all gullies and highway drains to enable the CCTV surveys to be carried out. 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.
- A23 London Road – from Lombard Roundabout to the junction with Linkfield Lane.

A summary report providing detailed information regarding the work carried out under this scheme will be submitted to the Local Committee in March 2020 when the scheme will be complete.

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 improvement works include the following;

- Upgrading the traffic signal installation throughout the junction
- Adding an extra lane on the A217 northbound approach
- Widening into the existing verge and extending the anti-clockwise exit slip road
- Adding an extra lane on the north circulatory section of the roundabout
- Widening lanes on the east and west bridge section of the roundabout
- Improving road signs and markings

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- Widening and realignment on the A217 southbound to two lanes that merge prior to Wray Lane

Additional information regarding this scheme can be found on the Highways England website at the following location;

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m25-junction-8-junction-improvement/>

Surrey County Council are liaising with Highways England regarding traffic management required whilst these works are carried out.

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 Cophorne 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/>

2.11 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. The programme was updated in September and can be found 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, was updated in October, 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>

All of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

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2.12 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**.

2.13 Drainage maintenance

Surrey County Council maintain 16,606 gullies/catchpits and 1,657 soakaways in Reigate & Banstead. 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, 14,880 gullies/catchpits are due to be cleaned in Reigate & Banstead, and 262 soakaways.

As the cleaning programme is managed on a Countywide basis, cleans in Reigate & Banstead will take place through the course of the year. To date, 10,087 gullies, and 129 soakaways have been completed this year

2.14 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 and the location grit bins 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.

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, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 2.1 of this report.
- 5.2 The key objective with regard to the 2019/20 budgets will be to manage the budgets 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 works to be funded from Reigate & Banstead's Local Committee's capital maintenance allocation is set out in **Annex 2**.
- 7.3 An update of the work being funded by members from their Member Highway Fund allocation, including the work being carried out by the Mole Valley revenue maintenance gang is provided in **Annex 3**.
- 7.4 Information regarding the number of customer enquiries, the Greater Redhill STP/A23 Three Arch Road junction, A23 Resilience Project, M25 Junction 8 Improvement Works, the M23 Smart Motorway Scheme, Centrally Funded

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Maintenance, the Winter Service and Road Safety works 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 an End of Year 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

Annex 2: Progress on works funded through the Local Committee's Capital Maintenance Allocation.

Annex 3: Update on the work being funded from the Members Highway Fund.

Background papers:

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