

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)****DATE: 6 DECEMBER 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 is being 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 have also received a Member Highways Fund allocation of £7,500 per divisional member. It has been agreed that the Member Highways Fund is managed by the Maintenance Engineer on their behalf. The Cabinet Member for Highways has also 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/carriageway 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 September 2019 compared to the number received during the same period in 2018.

**Table 1: Customer enquiries**

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Tandridge: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan – Sept 2018	118,041	12,724	4,774
Jan – Sept 2019	95,916	10,164	5,107

The total number of enquiries received for the nine months from the start of January to the end of September 2019 was 95,916 which is an average of 10,657 per month. This is a 19% decrease on the number received during the same period in 2018, when the number of enquiries increased by 40%, reflecting the severe winter weather experienced in 2018. The total number of enquiries received during the same period in 2019 is still higher than the 90,788 enquiries received during the same period in 2017.

The table above shows that for Tandridge specifically, 10,164 enquiries have been received from the beginning of January until the end of September 2019, of which 5,107 (50%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 96% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly above the countywide average of 95%.

Between the start of January and end of September 2019, Highways & Transport received 102 Stage 1 complaints of which 50 were escalated to Stage 2, of these the Service was found to be partially or fully at fault in 18 cases. Three complaints have been escalated to the Local Government Ombudsman, none of which have been upheld.

## 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 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.

## 2.7 Major Schemes

### Caterham Hill – Flood Risk Management

Current flood risk management efforts in this area involves a broad programme of work, including but not limited to:

- Maintenance and surveys
- The capital flood defence infrastructure project, and
- DEFRA's pilot project on adaption to climate change

### Capital Flood Defence Infrastructure Project

The Flood Defence Scheme aims to reduce the risk of flooding in Caterham Hill and Old Coulsdon through a programme of interventions. Surrey County Council, with input from Thames Water and the highway departments of both Surrey and Croydon Council, has commissioned an outline business case to assess options for the scheme. Three locations are being assessed for the economic viability and benefit of capital works, and a decision on how the scheme will progress is expected in January 2020. Funding for these options has yet to be agreed.

### Sustainable Drainage (SuDS)

A project is currently being scoped to install sustainable drainage (SuDS) in the area. This will improve and enhance the existing drainage in the area at a small-scale level, making it more environmentally sustainable. SCC are assessing where and what level of SuDS will be the most effective. Results from this assessment are expected in early 2020; funding for SuDS installation has not yet been agreed.

### DEFRA Pilot – Community Engagement

Caterham is one of the locations where DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) are running a pilot project on adaption to climate change. The project is examining ways of engaging and communicating with local communities on climate change issues, such as flooding. The results of this pilot will inform best practice for the rest of the country. The project group met in October 2019 to test a community engagement flood simulation exercise. This role-playing simulation will be used to communicate flood risk and resilience to the wider community next year.

### Planning Policy

Tandridge District Council has submitted a draft aspirational planning policy to improve drainage requirements and reduce the flood risk impacts of both minor and major developments.

### Smallfield Programme

During the development of the Options Report, drainage surveys and investigations were carried out, which has allowed numerous drainage blockages and other drainage issues to be addressed. This has resulted in significantly reducing the flood risk from the 2013/14 levels.

Following the completion of the Options Report, the Project Board have decided on a combination of four options from this report to take forward, but there is currently a funding shortfall for these works of £2 million. These proposed works are located on third party land and Surrey County Council is currently preparing a strategy to engage with these landowners and get their permission for the works to be carried out. Getting legal agreements for construction on third party land can take time to address and resolve.

At present, the funding shortfall is a major obstacle. However, Surrey County Council held a stakeholder meeting on 4 December 2019 to ask stakeholders what funding can be contributed to address the shortfall and move the works forward.

### Caterham Bourne Programme

The Flood Reduction Options Report identified the most cost-effective approach to improving flood risk in this area is as being a combination of enhanced maintenance and small-scale improvements across the catchment. Further large-scale capital improvements were considered and found not to be economically viable for the limited improvements to flood risk that they would deliver.

Following the flooding on 2013/14, Surrey County Council invested over £1 million in drainage and flood alleviation works in the area. Numerous issues on the Bourne were investigated and remedial works carried out. Three large flood alleviation lagoons were built in the Halliloo Valley to store water and a new culvert is being built so that water can move between the lagoons more effectively. Further work on the lower lagoon is being considered to improve its function.

The inter-agency group is still meeting to coordinate the improvements along the Bourne and move forward with flood risk management in the area.

## 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 within a report on Surrey County Council's website here:

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

These reports provide an update on the progress of these work programmes, with the September update now available.

### 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, can be found at the following location on Surrey County Council's website;

[https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/169430/Roads-for-extensive-repairs-severe-weather-recovery-v1.pdf](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/169430/Roads-for-extensive-repairs-severe-weather-recovery-v1.pdf)

This list also provides an update on the progress of these works, with the October update now available.

### 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.

The Highways Cold Weather Plan 2019-20, can be found on Surrey County Council's website at the following location;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/salting-and-gritting>

Those routes that are salted under the Highways Cold Weather Plan 2019-20, are available to view on the online 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."

### 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, 3,474 gullies, and 90 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.

## 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 in 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:**

- 7.1 Progress on the programme of local committee capital highway works in Tandridge is set out in **Annex 1**.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 Information regarding flood risk management, Operation Horizon, the Severe Weather Recovery Programme, winter salting routes and drainage maintenance and road safety are also included within this report.
- 7.4 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:**

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.

### **Sources/background papers:**

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