

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 22 JANUARY 2020
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, centrally funded highways maintenance programmes, and Road Safety schemes.

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 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 with a further amount based on a formula which included factors such as road length and population within the District. As a result the Mole Valley District received a capital budget of £166,667. 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 issued guidance to members on how the allocation could 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. These 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. The Local Area Team secured developer funding for the construction of a pedestrian crossing on the A24 in Ashted in the vicinity of The Greville School, traffic calming measures on roads outside Oakfield Junior and Fetcham Village Infant School and a 30mph speed limit reduction in Walliswood Village.

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/carriageway resurfacing, the maintenance of traffic signals 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

Progress on the works to be funded from Mole Valley 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 Parking

An update on the outcome of the 2020 review is provided in a separate report to this Local Committee.

Other highway related matters

2.6 Customer services

Table 1 below shows the number of enquiries received for the nine months between January and September 2019, compared to the number received during the same period in 2018.

Table1: Customer enquiries

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Mole Valley: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan – Sept 2018	118,041	11,634	4,839
Jan – Sept 2019	95,916	8,690	4,251

The total number of enquiries received by Surrey Highways for the nine months between January and 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%, due to the harsh winter weather However, this is greater than the number of enquiries received between January and September 2017 (90,788).

The table above shows that for Mole Valley specifically, 8,690 enquiries have been received since January of which 4,251 (49%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 96% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly above the countywide average.

Since January 2019, Highways & Transport have received 102 Stage 1 complaints, 50 of which were escalated to Stage 2. Within the 50 that were escalated to Stage 2, the Service was found to be partially or fully at fault in 18 of them. Unfortunately due to the change in the way that complaints are recorded, it is not possible at this time to give a breakdown of complaints per area or by borough/district.

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2.7 Local Drainage Maintenance Works

The following local drainage maintenance works that have been completed to date are as follows;

- Kingston Road, Leatherhead (outside property number 257) – installation of additional gully.
- Warwick Close, South Holmwood (opposite property number 1) – investigation to be carried out however our current data shows that there is no issues at this location
- Westcott Road, Dorking (outside Thetford Lodge) – removed concrete from gully and reset gully cover.
- A24 Leatherhead Road, Ashted (outside Downsends School) – CCTV investigation. Work to be programmed.
- Cleeve Road, Leatherhead – South East Area Team to contact utility company to carry out repair to drainage. Both SCC and Thames Water have undertaken investigation and repair to date.
- Russ Hill, Charlwood – drainage investigation and repair work complete.
- Russ Hill, Charlwood – repair of exposed drainage pipe, work complete.
- A217 Reigate Road, Dorking – drainage repair work completed.

The following local drainage maintenance works are proposed to be carried out in March

- Pine Dean, Bookham – drainage investigation.

The client jetter has been in attendance at the majority of the above sites, to assist the Drainage Investigation Gang.

An additional 5 weeks of drainage investigation for missing assets has been carried out in Fetcham, Bookham and Ashted, with an additional 3 weeks of drainage investigation to be carried out in Leatherhead, Dorking and surrounding villages.

2.8 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.

2.9 Major Schemes

Transform Leatherhead

An update on this scheme is the subject of a separate report to this local committee.

Centrally funded maintenanceOperation Horizon

The Operation Horizon Team programmes of major maintenance works for 2019-20 for the Mole Valley 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

A list of roads included within the severe weather recovery programme has been published on Surrey County Council's website. This lists 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 includes information regarding those roads which have been moved to this current financial year and which roads have been completed. All of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

Winter gritting routes update

The Highways 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 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.

Centrally Funded Drainage maintenance

Surrey County Council maintain 12,275 gullies, and 88 soakaways in Mole Valley. This is an important activity that reduces the likelihood of flooding on the public highway, and helps to keep roads and footways safe.

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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.

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.

The programme for gully cleaning in Mole Valley during 2019/20 has been updated, with 10,850 gullies due to be cleaned in Mole Valley and 37 soakaways.

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

To date, 4,333 gullies, and 15 Soakaways have been completed.

2.10 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**.

2.11 Passenger Transport

A number of schemes within Mole Valley are being carried out to support passenger transport. Design work to improve access to a bus stop on the A25 in Buckland for the mobility impaired is to be carried out using some of the Integrated Transport Scheme budget for this financial year.

2.12 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.

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 Local Committee capital works programme is set out under section 2.2 and Annex 1 of this report.
- 7.2 Progress on the Local Committee capital maintenance works programme is set in Annex 2 of this report.
- 7.3 Progress on works funding through the Members Highway Fund is set out in Annex 3 of this report.
- 7.4 Information regarding the centrally funded maintenance 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:

Not applicable.

Annexes:

Annex 1: An update on the progress of the approved Local Committee capital works programme.

Annex 2: Summary of the capital maintenance works programme.

Annex 3: Summary of Members Highway Fund works programme.

Sources/background papers:

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 12th December 2018 – Highways Forward Programme 2019/20 – 2020/21.
- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 3rd March 2019 – End of year update and 2019/20 forward programme amendments to capital budget.