

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)****DATE:** 11 MARCH 2020**LEAD OFFICER:** ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER**SUBJECT:** HIGHWAYS SCHEMES 2019/20 – END OF YEAR UPDATE**AREA(S) AFFECTED:** ALL DIVISIONS**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee on the outcome of the 2019/20 Integrated Transport Scheme (ITS) and highway maintenance programmes in Mole Valley.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of this report.**

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To update the Local Committee on the outcome of the 2019/20 highway works programme in Mole Valley.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 At the Mole Valley Local Committee meeting held on 12 December 2018, the Mole Valley Local Committee approved a programme of highway works for Mole Valley funded from the Local Committee's delegated capital and revenue budgets for 2019/20. Following final approval of Full Council on 5 February 2019, the capital budget was subsequently amended, with each Local Committee receiving £100,000 and a further amount based on the number of members in the area, resulting in Mole Valley receiving a capital budget of £166,667.
- 1.2 £85,667 of the capital budget was allocated to fund the ITS programme approved by Local Committee in December 2018. The balance of £81,000 was used to fund capital maintenance schemes, divided equitably between divisional members, as agreed by the Maintenance Engineer in consultation with each divisional member.
- 1.3 Divisional members continued to receive £7,500 each of Member Highway Funding to use on the highway or local authority owned land to provide a benefit to the local community. It was agreed that the Member Highway Fund should be managed by the Maintenance Engineer on the member's behalf.
- 1.4 At the Mole Valley Local Committee meeting held on 22 January 2020, the Mole Valley Local Committee approved a programme of highway works for the

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2020/21 financial year, funded from the Local Committee's delegated capital and revenue budgets. The budgets for the 2020/21 financial year are as follows;

- Capital (ITS): £42,400
- Capital Maintenance: £198,000
- Member Highway Fund (Revenue Maintenance): £45,000
- **Total: 285,400**

- 1.5 In January 2020, the Local Committee agreed that the capital maintenance budget would be divided equitably between divisional members giving a total of £33,000 per divisional member, and that the schemes to be progressed will be identified by members in consultation with the Area Maintenance Engineer. Members were also advised that they will each continue to receive an allocation of £7,500, to address highway issues in their division.
- 1.6 This report provides information to the Local Committee on the outcome of the 2019/20 Integrated Transport and highways maintenance programmes as well as progress on road safety and developer funded schemes in Mole Valley. It also provides information to the Local Committee regarding progress on local drainage maintenance and centrally funded maintenance programmes.
- 1.7 In addition to the Local Committee's Integrated Transport Schemes and revenue maintenance expenditure for 2019/20, Countywide budgets have been used over the past year to fund major maintenance including major road resurfacing, major footway resurfacing and the maintenance of traffic signals. Countywide revenue budgets have also been used to carry out both reactive and routine planned maintenance works.
- 1.8 **Annex 1** provides updates on the Integrated Transport Schemes, developer funded schemes, road safety schemes and the parking review.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### **Local Committee Finance**

- 2.1 The Mole Valley Local Committee's delegated highway budgets for the 2019-20 Financial Year were as follows:

- Capital (ITS): £85,667
- Capital Maintenance: £81,000
- Member Highway Fund (Revenue Maintenance): £45,000
- **Total: £211,667**

In addition to the delegated highway budgets above, highway officers within the local area office continued to look for other sources of funding for schemes in the 2019/20 financial year, which have been identified within the Integrated Transport Scheme Programme. As a result funding has been secured from PIC developer funding for the installation of a pelican crossing on the A24 Epsom Road, Ashted and traffic calming measures outside Fetcham Village Infant School and Oakfield Junior School to support a 20mph speed limit.

- 2.2 A number of ITS improvement schemes and road safety schemes have been progressed in 2019/20 as highlighted below and set out in detail in **Annex 1**.

- Dene Road, Ashtead - St. Giles Infant School: installation of traffic calming measures outside the school to support a 20mph speed limit.
- Blackbrook Road, North Holmwood: improvements to road signs to highlight the existing 40mph speed limit and installation of bollards to highlight the existing culverts.
- Reigate Road, Headley Road and Park Rise, Leatherhead – installation of “Unsuitable for HGVs” signs.
- Smalls Hill Road, Leigh – remarking of edge of carriageway and road centre line marking to highlight existing bend.

2.3 The budgets delegated to Local Committee were in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highways maintenance schemes. Including footway/carriageway resurfacing and the maintenance of traffic signals.

#### **Local Committee capital works programme 2019/20**

2.4 Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Mole Valley, during the 2019/20 financial year is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions, the Road Safety Team and the Parking Review.

#### **Local Committee capital maintenance works programme 2019/20**

2.5 Progress on the works funded from the Local Committee’s capital maintenance allocation is set out in **Annex 2**.

#### **Member Highway Fund**

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

#### **Parking**

2.7 An update on the Parking review is provided in Annex 1.

#### **Customer services**

2.8 **Table 1** below shows the number of enquiries received between January and December 2019, compared to the number received during the same period in 2018.

**Table 1: Customer enquiries**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>Mole Valley: Total enquiries (no.)</b>	<b>Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)</b>
Jan-Dec 2018	144,409	14,024	6,193
Jan-Dec 2019	126,399	11,273	5,574

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- 2.9 The total number of enquiries received in the calendar year 2019 was 126,399, with an average of 10,533 enquiries per month, this represents a decrease of approximately 14% from the total received in 2018. This is possibly due to the milder winter and the work that has taken place to improve the website and online reporting.
- 2.10 There has also been a decrease in the number of safety defects being reported. All reports are categorised at the point of logging, either automatically through the website or by officers. Any defects that are categorised as a “safety” defect are directed to Kier, with defects that are not considered a “safety” defect passed to SCC’s local office for further investigation. In 2018 the average split between “safety” defects and other defects that were not considered “safety” defects was 53% (Kier) and 47% (SCC). In 2019 this split changed to 49% (Kier) and 51% (SCC).
- 2.11 For Mole Valley specifically, 11,273 enquiries were received between January and December 2019 of which 5,574 were directed to the local area office for action, of these 97% have been resolved. This is slightly above the Highways countywide average of 96%.
- 2.12 Since January 2019, Highways & Transport have received 150 Stage 1 complaints, 61 of which were escalated to Stage 2. The service was found to be partially or fully at fault in 18 of these cases. In addition 10 have been escalated to the Local Government Ombudsman, the Service was found to be at fault in one of these cases.

### **Local Drainage Maintenance Works**

- 2.13 The following local drainage maintenance works have been completed during the 2019/20 financial 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 Downsland 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’s South East Area Team and Thames Water have undertaken investigation and repair to date. Investigations are to continue and following discussions with SCC’s Flood Resilience team, this location has been added as a new Wetspot (MV114) and therefore SCC’s Flood Resilience team will continue investigations here.
  - 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 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, and an additional 3 weeks of drainage investigation has also been carried out in Leatherhead, Dorking and surrounding villages.

Following a review of the findings of these investigation works a further update will be provided, following consultation with the Flood Resilience Team, to see what actions are required and which team are most suited to carry out those actions.

The following local drainage maintenance works have been carried out between January and March 2020;

- Cotton Row drainage improvement works undertaken following subsidence of the carriageway.

Drainage investigation works in Pine Dean, Bookham are currently on hold.

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

- Station Road, Dorking – drainage improvement works.
- Henhurst Cross Lane, Coldharbour – drainage improvement works.

## **Road safety**

- 2.14 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 within the Mole Valley area that have been identified by the Road Safety Working Group is provided in **Annex 1**.

## **Centrally funded maintenance**

### Operation Horizon

- 2.15 The Operation Horizon Team's programmes of major maintenance works for 2019-20 and for 2020-21 for the Mole Valley area are 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 Programme

- 2.16 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 and can be found at the following location on the website;

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

- 2.17 This list is continually being updated with new roads being added and information regarding those resurfacing works that have been completed being provided. All of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

### Winter gritting routes update

- 2.18 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

- 2.19 The most up to date data regarding the drainage assets maintained by Surrey County Council shows that 11,178 gullies, and 20 Priority 1 and Priority 2 soakaways in Mole Valley are maintained by SCC. Data regarding the number of drainage assets is constantly changing as investigations and site visits are carried out, enabling the data to be refined.
- 2.20 Not all drainage 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.
- 2.21 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.
- 2.22 As the cleaning programme is managed on a Countywide basis, cleans in Mole Valley have taken place throughout the course of the year. Information available regarding the contractually completed gully cleans shows that 5,753 out of 9,650 gullies that are due to be cleaned under the contract have had a contractually complete visit. A small number of these gullies however, would not have been cleaned due to vehicles obstructing the gullies or due to jammed or badly broken gully grates.

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley)

- 2.23 Of the 20 Priority 1 and Priority 2 soakaways to be cleaned in Mole Valley, 18 have been visited, 11 of which have been cleaned, 2 soakaways are still to be visited.

### Other key information, strategy and policy development

- 2.24 No additional information at present.

#### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 Not applicable 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, with regards to the delegated budgets is detailed in sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and section 2.1.
- 5.2 The key objective with regards to the 2019/20 budgets has been managed to a neutral position.

#### **6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:**

<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 This report sets out highway works carried out in Mole Valley in 2019/20, for Members' information.
- 7.2 Progress on the Integrated Transport Schemes, developer funded schemes, road safety schemes, the parking review, capital maintenance schemes, the Members Highway Fund, local drainage maintenance and centrally funded

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maintenance schemes during the 2019/20 financial year is set out in section 2 and **Annexes 1, 2 and 3** of this report. Section 2 also summarises the customer enquiries that have been received by Surrey Highways, during the 2019 calendar year.

- 7.3 In January 2020, the Mole Valley Local Committee approved a programme of highway works for the 2020/21 financial year, funded from the Local Committee's delegated capital and revenue budgets.
- 7.4 The Local Committee is asked to not the contents of this report.

### **8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 8.1 The remaining budget for the 2019/20 financial year will be spent and the end of year outturn figures will be finalised.
- 8.2 Work will continue on the ITS programme and capital maintenance schemes for the 2020/21 financial year.

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#### **Consulted:**

Not applicable.

#### **Annexes:**

Annex 1 – Summary of progress of capital schemes 2019/20

Annex 2 – Mole Valley Capital Maintenance Works 2019/20

Annex 3 – Mole Valley Local Committee Members Highway Fund 2019/20

#### **Background papers:**

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee 22 January 2020 "Highways Forward Programme 2019/20 – 2020/21".
- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee 13 March 2019 "Highways Schemes 2018/19 – End of Year Update and 2019/20 Forward Programme Amendments to Capital Budget.
- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee 12 December 2018 "Highways Forward Programme 2019/20 – 2020/21.