

**EPSOM & EWELL LOCAL COMMITTEE****Item under consideration: Highways Update****Date Considered: 7 December 2020****Key points raised during the discussion:**

- The Local Highways Manager's report outlined that the anticipated Highways budgets available to the Epsom & Ewell Local Committee next Financial Year 2021-22 will be in line with the council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy, as follows:
  - Committee revenue: £0
  - Member revenue: £37,500 (£7,500 per Division)
  - Capital: £155,600
  - **Total: £193,100**
- This is a reduction on the budget available in 2020/21 of £254,500. Members were disappointed at the lower level of proposed funding.
- Epsom & Ewell although a small Borough in terms of road length has one of the most heavily used road networks in the County and now has the lowest level of local funding to address issues with these roads.

**The Committee agreed to:**

Express its concern that the Local Committee Highway allocation is facing a proposed cut from £254,500 in 2020/2021 to £193,100 in 2021/2022. The funding is already inadequate, and the lowest in Surrey, and a budget cut of £61,400 equates to nearly 25%. In addition, the current formula for allocating local funding does not reflect road usage, which penalises Epsom and Ewell with its high road usage compared to much of Surrey. The Local Committee therefore calls upon the Cabinet Member for Transport,

- To review this proposed cut and restore the funding to at least the allocation figure for 2020/2021
- To amend the formulae for allocating Local Highway funding so that it reflects road usage and not the length of road or geographical area.

**Cllr Tina Mountain**

Chairman of the Epsom &amp; Ewell Local Committee

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