

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS UPDATE LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)



SURREY

DATE: 25 FEBRUARY 2021

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To report progress made with the delivery of proposed highways and developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2020/21 financial year.

To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes and revenue maintenance.

To agree authority is delegated to the Area Highways Manager to agree the capital works programme for 2021/22 in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to:

- i) **Note** the progress with schemes and revenue funded works for the 2020/21 financial year.
- ii) **Note** the budgetary position.
- iii) **Note** that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.
- iv) **Agree** that authority is delegated to the Area Highways Manager to agree the ITS capital works programme for 2021/22, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- v) **Agree** that authority is delegated to the Area Highways Manager to agree the capital maintenance programme for 2021/22, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- vi) **Authorise** the Area Highways Manager to undertake all necessary actions to deliver the capital works programme, consulting with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Divisional Members where necessary.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all highway related schemes and works.

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| <b>1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:</b> |
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- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) states the aim of improving the highway network for all users, through measures such as reducing congestion, improving accessibility, reducing personal injury accidents, improving the environment and maintaining the highway network so that it is safe for all users.

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| <b>2 ANALYSIS:</b> |
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### 2.1 Local Committee finance

#### Capital budget 2020/21

- 2.1.1 The capital budget for the 2020/21 financial year was £240,736.

#### Capital Budget 2021/22

- 2.1.2 The Surrey Heath Local Committee will receive a capital budget of £537,000 for the 2021/22 financial year, comprising of £296,000 for the delivery of ITS (highway improvement) schemes and £241,000 for the delivery of capital maintenance schemes, such as resurfacing.

- 2.1.3 The capital maintenance figure quoted in 2.1.2 above consists of a fixed sum of £100,000 plus the County Member capital allocation of £23,456 per member that has been made available in previous years.

- 2.1.4 Both the £100,000 allocation and the County Member capital allocation are to be used for capital maintenance projects, such as resurfacing works, rather than being used to supplement the ITS capital budget.

### 2.2 Local Committee capital works programme 2020/21

- 2.2.1 The capital works programme is shown as a combined programme of both ITS and capital maintenance works in Table 1 to provide a clearer picture of works and budgets. This programme was formally approved by the Surrey Heath Local Committee at its public meeting held on 27 February 2020.

| Scheme Name                 | Scheme Type/Limits  | Progress                            | Estimated Cost |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| A322 Bagshot Bypass         | Construction – Permanent closure of layby on western side of road | Completed.                          | £76,409        |
| Upper Chobham Road          | Carriageway maintenance   | Work programmed 24-25 February 2021 | £31,345        |
| The Maultway, Camberley     | Carriageway maintenance   | Complete                            | £23,456        |
| Heatherside Road, Camberley | Footway maintenance   | Complete                            | £15,955        |

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| Gordon Avenue/Frimley Road, Camberley              | Carriageway maintenance                            | To be completed by the end of March 2021                                  | £3,542  |
| Springfield, Lightwater                            | Carriageway maintenance                            | Complete  | £23,456 |
| Church Hill, Camberley                             | Footway maintenance                                | Complete  | £14,037 |
| Crawley Ridge, Camberley                           | Footway maintenance                                | Complete  | £10,944 |
| Mytchett Place Road, Mytchett                      | Carriageway maintenance                            | Complete  | £23,456 |
| Wimbledon Road Townpath, Camberley                 | Townpath maintenance                               | To be completed by end of March 2021                                      | £1,973  |
| Chertsey Road, Windlesham                          | Carriageway maintenance                            | Complete  | £23,456 |
| Signing / road markings / pedestrian dropped kerbs | Contingency Scheme - Implementation / Construction | Substantially complete – some items to be completed by end of March 2021. | £5,000  |

**Table 1 - 2020/21 Capital works program**

### **2.3 Local Committee proposed capital works programme 2021/22**

2.3.1 A shortlist of potential ITS schemes has been put together and it is proposed that this is discussed with members outside of this meeting to agree a programme of works for implementation during 2021/22. As in previous years, it is suggested when agreeing the programme, the Committee adopt a flexible approach so that as schemes develop, the programme can be adapted to the available budget.

2.3.2 The Area Maintenance Engineer retains a list of potential Local Structural Repair (resurfacing) sites and it is proposed that the £100,000 capital maintenance budget is used to implement as many of these schemes as possible. It is therefore proposed that the capital maintenance programme is compiled by the Area Maintenance Engineer and that the Area Highways Manager agrees this programme, outside of this committee meeting, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Surrey Heath Local Committee.

### **2.4 County Member capital maintenance projects.**

2.4.1 County Members will be provided with a list of proposed capital maintenance schemes in their division to be considered for funding with their £23,456 capital allocation.

2.4.2 Notwithstanding the intention to use the £100,000 capital maintenance budget as set out in 2.3.2 above, it will be appreciated that it might be

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difficult to form a programme of resurfacing schemes that total £23,456 precisely and it is proposed that some of the capital maintenance budget could be used to supplement individual maintenance schemes where necessary in order to make the best use of the available budgets.

- 2.4.3 It is requested that each County Member gives approval for the various alternative schemes listed for their area, so that these can be tailored to the budget and that alternatives can be delivered in the event that a Member's first-choice scheme is to be delivered through other central works programmes. If Members would like to propose alternative maintenance schemes, they should advise the Area Highway Team who will then assess the sites and provide estimated costs.
- 2.4.4 Although approval for each capital maintenance scheme will rest with the individual County Member, it is recommended that approvals for all schemes are given at the earliest opportunity to ensure delivery this financial year. Resurfacing schemes can be delivered in Autumn and Winter, but delivery risks are increased due to the greater likelihood of inclement weather etc, and so it is preferable to ensure completion in the summer if possible.
- 2.4.5 The programme of capital maintenance schemes approved by County Members for their division will be detailed in the Highways Update report presented at the next meeting of the Surrey Heath Local Committee.

### 2.5 Member funding

- 2.5.1 Each County Councillor will again have a Member Highway Fund allocation of £7,500 for 2021/22.
- 2.5.2 The Maintenance Engineer for Surrey Heath will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates, and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.
- 2.5.3 To ensure that this fund is effectively spent, and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, all works should be agreed by 31 October 2021.
- 2.5.4 In the event of no firm spending decisions being made, the Maintenance Engineer will determine suitable works and organise their delivery.
- 2.5.5 A summary of spend progress of the 2020/21 Member Highway Fund is shown in Table 2, below.

| <b>Member</b>  | <b>Allocation (£)</b> | <b>Spend to date (£)</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Bill Chapman   | 7,500                 | 7,500                    |
| Edward Hawkins | 7,500                 | 7,500                    |
| Mike Goodman   | 7,500                 | 7,500                    |

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| Charlotte Morley | 7,500         | 7,500                   |
| Paul Deach       | 7,500         | 7,500                   |
| David Mansfield  | 7,500         | 7,500                   |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>45,000</b> | <b>45,000 committed</b> |

**Table 2 – 2020/21 Member Highway Fund spend progress**

### **3 OPTIONS:**

3.1 Options, where appropriate, have been presented in this report.

### **4 CONSULTATIONS:**

4.1 Consultation is routinely carried out for highway-related schemes with relevant key parties, including residents, Local Members, Surrey Police and Safety Engineering. Specific details regarding consultation and any arising legal issues are included in individual scheme reports as appropriate.

### **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 Proposed ITS schemes are prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. So far as is practicable, Officer proposals follow the Countywide scheme assessment process (CASEM) and the prioritisation order determined by this.

5.2 The Committee Capital and Revenue Maintenance budgets are used to target the most urgent sites where a specific need arises, to keep up with general maintenance activities that reduce the need for expensive repairs in the future, and to support local priorities. The nature of these works is such that spend may vary slightly from that indicated.

### **6 WIDER IMPLICATIONS:**

6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact Assessment is undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

| <b>Area assessed:</b>  | <b>Direct Implications:</b> |
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| 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 |

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| Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults | No significant implications |
| Public Health  | No significant implications |

### **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress with all schemes and budgets.
- 7.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update is presented at the next meeting of this Committee.

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

- 8.1 Officers will continue to progress delivery of all schemes and ensure effective use of all budgets.

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**Consulted:**

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**Annexes:**

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**Background papers:**

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