

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

**DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER 2013**

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**SUBJECT: LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND UPDATE**

**DIVISION: ALL**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

In June 2012 Surrey County Council was successful in securing an award of £14.3 million in grant funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). This was in addition to the award of £3.9 million LSTF Key Component secured in July 2011.

Both grants are for the period up to 31 March 2015 and jointly form the Surrey TravelSMART programme. As part of this programme a total of £10.789 million has been allocated for sustainable travel improvements in Guildford.

This report asks Members to note the LSTF Annual Report submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in July 2013 and the progress made with the programme to date.

There are no decisions to be made as part of this report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Guildford) is asked to note:**

- (i) The LSTF Annual Progress Report for 2012/13 as set out in Annex A
- (ii) Progress to date with Onslow Park & Ride and the wider Travel SMART programme

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

At the end of each financial year during the Travel SMART programme, SCC is required to submit an annual report to the DfT outlining progress on the programme to date.

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council has been successful in securing £18.2 million from the Department for Transport's (DfT) Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) to deliver the Surrey Travel SMART programme. £3.9 million was awarded in July 2011 with a further £14.3 million awarded in June 2012 as part of the large bid of £16 million. The aim of the fund is to deliver sustainable travel measures that support economic growth and carbon reduction. A total of £8.743 million of the Large Bid funding is allocated for sustainable travel improvements in Guildford. This includes £4.5 million for Onslow Park & Ride.
- 1.2 This report is intended as an update for Guildford Local Committee and provides details of the 2012/13 LSTF Annual Report submitted to the DfT.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### **Summary of LSTF Annual Report 2012/13**

- 2.1 As part of the LSTF programme, at the end of each financial year Surrey County Council is responsible for submitting an annual report to the DfT detailing progress to date, the level of spend achieved, and any difficulties recognised during the year. A single report is produced covering each of the towns in which the LSTF programme is currently being delivered.
- 2.2 The full version of this report is available as **Annex A**. Below are some of the highlights included in the report that relate to the delivery of the programme in Guildford.
- 2.3 **Table 1** below is the financial outputs table for the programme for Guildford Key Component. **Table 2** details the financial outputs for the Large Bid. The tables provide a breakdown of costs for each financial year, including the actual spend in 2012/13.

2.4 Table 1 – Key Component Bid detailing original and revised breakdown of costs

<b>Surrey Travel SMART - Key Component Finance Case Table</b>							
<b>Guildford</b>							
<b>£'000s</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>Bid Total</b>
	<b>Original Profile</b>	<b>Revised Profile</b>	<b>Original Profile</b>	<b>Revised Profile</b>	<b>Original Profile</b>	<b>Revised Profile</b>	
<b>Bus priority and corridor improvements</b>							
DfT Revenue	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
DfT Capital	£102	£115	£58	£45	£20	£20	£180
<b>Total</b>	<b>£102</b>	<b>£115</b>	<b>£58</b>	<b>£45</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>£180</b>
<b>Walking &amp; cycling</b>							
DfT Revenue	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
DfT Capital	£133	£243	£632	£522	£15	£15	£780
<b>Total</b>	<b>£133</b>	<b>£243</b>	<b>£632</b>	<b>£522</b>	<b>£15</b>	<b>£15</b>	<b>£780</b>
<b>Information, travel planning &amp; marketing</b>							
DfT Revenue	£235	£271	£401	£365	£300	£300	£936
DfT Capital	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£235</b>	<b>£271</b>	<b>£401</b>	<b>£365</b>	<b>£300</b>	<b>£300</b>	<b>£936</b>
<b>Traffic</b>							
DfT Revenue	£15	£11	£70	£74	£40	£40	£125
DfT Capital	£0	£0	£25	£25	£0	£0	£25
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15</b>	<b>£11</b>	<b>£95</b>	<b>£99</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>£150</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>							
Total Revenue	£250	£282	£471	£439	£340	£340	£1,061
<b>Total Capital</b>							
Total Capital	£235	£358	£715	£592	£35	£35	£985
<b>Key Component Total</b>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>£485</b>	<b>£640</b>	<b>£1,186</b>	<b>£1,031</b>	<b>£375</b>	<b>£375</b>	<b>£2,046</b>

2.5 Table 2 Large Bid – detailing original and revised breakdown of costs

<b>Surrey Travel SMART - Large Bid Finance Case Table</b>							
<b>Guildford</b>							
<b>£'000s</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>Bid Total</b>
	<b>Original Profile</b>	<b>Revised Profile</b>	<b>Original Profile</b>	<b>Revised Profile</b>	<b>Original Profile</b>	<b>Revised Profile</b>	
<b>Park &amp; Ride</b>							
DfT Revenue	£0	£0	£250	£250	£250	£250	£500
DfT Capital	£2,000	£350	£2,000	£2,750	£0	£900	£4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,000</b>	<b>£350</b>	<b>£2,250</b>	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>£1,150</b>	<b>£4,500</b>
<b>Bus priority and corridor improvements</b>							
DfT Revenue	£40	£0	£80	£120	£80	£80	£200
DfT Capital	£400	£242	£510	£568	£500	£600	£1,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>£440</b>	<b>£242</b>	<b>£590</b>	<b>£688</b>	<b>£580</b>	<b>£680</b>	<b>£1,610</b>
<b>Walking &amp; cycling</b>							
DfT Revenue	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
DfT Capital	£72	£56	£135	£124	£366	£393	£573
<b>Total</b>	<b>£72</b>	<b>£56</b>	<b>£135</b>	<b>£124</b>	<b>£366</b>	<b>£393</b>	<b>£573</b>
<b>Information, travel planning &amp; marketing</b>							
DfT Revenue	£720	£345	£530	£686	£435	£654	£1,685
DfT Capital	£225	£0	£75	£125	£75	£250	£375
<b>Total</b>	<b>£945</b>	<b>£345</b>	<b>£605</b>	<b>£811</b>	<b>£510</b>	<b>£904</b>	<b>£2,060</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>£760</b>	<b>£345</b>	<b>£860</b>	<b>£1,056</b>	<b>£765</b>	<b>£984</b>	<b>£2,385</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>£2,697</b>	<b>£648</b>	<b>£2,720</b>	<b>£3,567</b>	<b>£941</b>	<b>£2,143</b>	<b>£6,108</b>
<b>Large Bid Total</b>	<b>£3,457</b>	<b>£993</b>	<b>£3,580</b>	<b>£4,623</b>	<b>£1,706</b>	<b>£3,127</b>	<b>£8,743</b>

### Revised Guidance from Department for Transport

2.6 The DfT issued revised guidance during June 2013 simplifying the financial reporting processes for the LSTF programme. The main implication of the revised guidance for the Travel SMART programme is that there is now greater flexibility to be able to move funding from between 2013/14 and 2014/15.

2.7 This greater flexibility which removes the immediate urgency to ensure funds are spent to meet financial year end targets enables the programme to be delivered in a more effective manner ensuring that prioritised schemes are progressed.

### Highlights from the Guildford programme 2012/13

#### Onslow Park & Ride

2.8 Planning permission for the 550 space park & ride facility with passenger waiting facilities was granted by Guildford Borough Council Planning committee during November 2012. The contract was awarded to Skanska

and following a mobilisation period access to the site was granted in February 2013 and works were commenced.

### **Quality Bus Corridor Works**

- 2.9 A programme of improved bus stop infrastructure including new poles, flags and timetable cases, together with a range of bus stop accessibility works has commenced in Guildford. Feasibility and design work has also been progressing. The initial phase of Real Time Passenger Information upgrade work has been installed, which will lead to more accurate predictions of live journey times for passengers.

### **Walking and Cycling**

- 2.10 A further upgrade of 1.5km of shared pedestrian/cycle route between the A25 between London Road and Middleton Road has been constructed, together with initial design work of further scheme in the vicinity including the A25 Stoke Crossroads.

### **Traffic Management**

- 2.11 A review of the UTC/SCOOT traffic management systems in Guildford has been started with a view to improve the control and management of traffic.

### **Travel Planning and promotion**

- 2.12 Strong progress has been made developing the Community Funding programmes for Westborough and Stoke & Stoughton. Business Travel Forums have been established for the Town Centre and the Surrey Research Park. The Go Ride programme engaged with hundreds of children encouraging them to cycle more. The first Guildford Cycle festival was held in August 2012 with over a thousand people attending to find out more about cycling. Sustainable travel maps were produced for the Town Centre providing multi modal travel information. And the first phases of the new wayfinder mapping system in the Town Centre were completed, with the installation of signage planned for 2013/14.

### **Travel SMART - Guildford Progress update 2013/14**

#### **Onslow Park & Ride**

- 2.13 Good progress has been made over the spring/summer building the Onslow Park & Ride car park, largely due to the clement weather. It is anticipated that the park & ride car park will be complete sufficiently to allow the bus service to commence operation towards the end of October 2013. Landscaping works and the construction of the new waiting room will continue through the autumn until spring 2014. Temporary passenger waiting facilities will be provided in the meantime. Costs to date have been contained within the LSTF budget. Further works along the park & ride bus corridor will be undertaken as part of the wider LSTF programme.
- 2.14 Stagecoach (South) Ltd has been awarded the contract to operate the bus service until March 2015.

### **Quality Bus Corridor Works**

- 2.15 Bus stop improvements have been undertaken along the A322 Woodbridge Road, A323 Aldershot Road and the A31 Hogs Back. Detailed design work is ongoing to upgrade bus stops through Park Barn with construction planned for autumn 2013.

### **Walking and cycling**

- 2.16 Detailed design work is currently being undertaken on a number of schemes focussed on the A25 including Woodbridge Meadows/River Wey Bridge, footway widening at wooden Bridge and Ladymead/Woodbridge Road junction. An update will be provided to GLC 11 December 2013.

### **Travel Planning and promotion**

- 2.17 The new Travel SMART micro-site and journey planner was launched during July 2013. This provides information about travel in and around Surrey, and as a portal to access more about the Travel SMART programme. The all mode journey planner enables users to plan local, regional and national journeys and provides results for walking, cycling, public transport, car and car share. The planner will also advise about any disruptions to the journey. A second phase of development will begin during autumn 2013.

- 2.18 Eleven applications have been received for the Westborough Large Bid Community Funding programme with the community event being held on 28 September 2013. The Stoke and Stoughton Large Bid Funding programme is ongoing with the community event scheduled for 9 November 2013

- 2.19 Paralympics hand cyclist Rachel Morris opened the Guildford Cycle Festival on 18 August 2013 which was held at Stoke Park. The event was well attended with approximately 2,500 visitors, together with over 30 exhibitors, watching stunt display teams and enjoying guided cycle rides around the local area. The event was an excellent opportunity for people to find out more about cycling, how they can get started with a bike, plus cycling safety and opportunities to take part in events for more experienced cyclists.

- 2.20 Good progress is being made with the schemes identified through the BusinessForum programme including the bus promotion activity, sustainable travel maps for the Surrey Research Park and the provision of cycle parking in Guildford town centre.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 As this report forms a progress update for the Local Committee there are no options to consider at this stage.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 Guildford Local Committee Transportation Task Group has been consulted throughout the development of the LSTF Programme. In addition, more recently, stakeholder workshops for the Wayfinder mapping element of the programme have been undertaken with representatives from Guildford Borough Council, local businesses and the wider community.

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 The business case for the Travel SMART included a financial section that does not form part of this report and was approved by the DfT.

#### **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 The major elements of the LSTF programme have been subject to Equality Impact Assessments. These documents are published on the Surrey County Council website and can be found by clicking [here](#).

#### **7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 The Travel SMART programme was designed with Localism in mind. Guildford Local Committee has decision making powers relating to the programme. Furthermore, elements of the programme such as the Community funding and Business engagement use Localism tools to encourage localised decision making, and seek to increase local participation in the programme.

#### **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### 8.1 Sustainability implications

The central aims of the Travel SMART Programme are to encourage the uptake of sustainable transport, enabling economic growth and reducing carbon emissions. The measures included in the Travel SMART programme therefore have positive sustainability outcomes.

##### 8.2 Public Health implications

The Travel SMART programme is making significant investment in providing new infrastructure and promoting active travel such as walking and cycling. Evidence suggests that investment in these schemes have a proportionate benefit in overall public health. Walking promotions in particular are being linked with the Surrey CC Public Health team's 'Walk for Life' campaign.

#### **9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 9.1 This report provides an update to the Local Committee on the progress made to date with the Travel SMART programme for Guildford. The report asks

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members to note the LSTF Annual Report 2012/13 submission to DfT, and to note progress made to date on the Travel SMART programme for Guildford.

### **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 The Guildford Local Committee Task Group will meet to review the schemes within the LSTF programme. The programme will be continue to be developed and delivered with further reports presented to Guildford Local Committee.

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**Annexes:**

Annex A – LSTF Annual Report 2012/13

**Sources/background papers:**

- Surrey County Council LSTF Large bid document. [Click here](#) to access this document.