

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)****DATE: 3 OCTOBER 2013****LEAD OFFICER: ANDREW MILNE – AREA HIGHWAYS MANAGER (NW)****SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE****DIVISION: ALL****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report records the progress made with the delivery of proposed highways schemes, developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works this financial year.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to:**

- (i) Note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes
- (ii) Note the progress with budget expenditure
- (iii) Note that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

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

- 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.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

### **2.1 2013-14 Integrated Transport and Developer Funded Schemes**

- 2.1.1 Following the Surrey Heath Local Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012, it was agreed to promote the Toshiba Roundabout Improvement Scheme. This is a major project, and the highest priority on the Surrey Heath list of potential works.
- 2.1.2 Both the 2013/14 ITS and capital maintenance allocations have been committed to this project to enable delivery (£306,702 in total). This has been combined with use of appropriate developer deposits of £435,132 to provide an overall scheme budget of £741,834.
- 2.1.3 Design work is progressing. Video surveys, traffic counts and modelling work were undertaken to evaluate the effectiveness of introducing signals. This exercise led to the conclusion that signals would not have a beneficial effect at this location. The outcome recommendation was that an additional lane between Toshiba roundabout and Frimley Park hospital roundabout would provide a significant improvement to journey times and a decrease in congestion.
- 2.1.4 Additional scheme details were presented to Committee Members during the private meeting held on 20 June 2013. During this meeting Committee gave approval to progressing with the design of the additional lane for potential delivery in 2014/15, delivery of two upgraded pedestrian crossing points on the A325 Portsmouth Road arm of the Toshiba roundabout this financial year, and to review the potential for pedestrian crossing improvements on the B3411 Frimley Road.
- 2.1.5 Design of the additional lane is in progress. To ensure best value, early contact has also been made with Skanska so that the proposed lighting replacement works under the Streetlighting PFI contract are carried out in a way that accommodates the additional lane.
- 2.1.6 Delivery of the pedestrian crossing improvements on the A325 Portsmouth Road will commence in October 2013 with the installation of ducting. Further works will take place after this with the completion of these improvements by March 2014.
- 2.1.7 An initial review of the non-controlled pedestrian crossing on Frimley Road showed a zero level of usage over an eight hour period. Further review work will be carried out but as there is presently no funding provision for this item, the focus will remain on delivery of the crossing improvements and preparation for the anticipated installation of the additional lane in 2014/15.

- 2.1.8 Proposals for the ITS programme in 2014/15 will initially be discussed at the Private Members Meeting to be held on 7 November 2013, where a further update on progress with the Toshiba project will be provided. A further update report will be presented at the December Committee.

## 2.2 Revenue maintenance allocations and expenditure 2013/14

- 2.2.1 The 2013/14 revenue maintenance allocation for Surrey Heath is £226,525. Table 1 shows how these funds have been allocated and the spend progress to date.

Item	Allocation (£)	Comment (as at 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2013)
Drainage / ditching	40,000	£32,838 committed.
Carriageway and footway patching	80,025	£49,864 committed.
Vegetation works	60,000	£60,000 committed.
Signs and markings	30,000	£8,266 committed.
Parking	6,500	£6,500 committed. £3.5k of the original £10k allocated has been reallocated to the patching budget as these funds are no longer required by Parking to complete their works in Surrey Heath.
Low cost measures	20,000	£8,347 committed.
<b>Total</b>	<b>226,525</b>	<b>£165,215 committed</b>

**Table 1 – 2013/14 Revenue Maintenance Expenditure**

## 2.3 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND

- 2.3.1 The total 2013/14 Community Enhancement allocation for Surrey Heath is £30,000. Committee have previously determined to divide this fund equally between County Council Committee Members.
- 2.3.2 The Maintenance Engineer for Surrey Heath will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.
- 2.3.3 To ensure that this fund is effectively spent and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, it is recommended that all works should be agreed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.
- 2.3.4 In the event of no firm spending decisions being made, the Maintenance Engineer will determine suitable works and organise their delivery.
- 2.3.5 A summary of spend progress is shown in Table 2.

Member	Allocation	Comment (as at 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2013)
Bill Chapman	£5,000	£1,424 committed.
Denis Fuller	£5,000	£1,414 committed
David Ivison	£5,000	£4,990 committed.
Chris Pitt	£5,000	£0 committed.
Mike Goodman	£5,000	£833 committed.
Adrian Page	£5,000	£0 committed.
<b>Total</b>	<b>£30,000</b>	<b>£8,661 committed</b>

**Table 2 – Community Enhancement Fund spend progress**

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### **2.4 2013-14 Capital Maintenance Budget**

- 2.4.1 This budget has been allocated to the Toshiba Roundabout Improvement scheme as detailed in section 2.1 of this report.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 No options 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 AND VALUE FOR MONEY 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 in Table 1.

### **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY 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.

### **7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 Through the views and needs expressed by local communities and accommodating where possible the involvement of local communities in looking after the public highway, localism is routinely considered as part of the consultation and bidding processes for highway-related works. Specific details regarding localism are included in individual reports as appropriate.

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

- 8.1 Other implications, such as the contribution that a well-managed highway network can give to reducing crime and disorder, are considered in relation to individual schemes and specific details are included in individual reports as appropriate.

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

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

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.
- 9.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update is presented at the next meeting of this Committee.

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

- 10.1 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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### **Sources/background papers:**

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