

CABINET – 27 JUNE 2023**PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Members Questions****Question (1) Will Forster**

Please can the Cabinet Member confirm what is happening with the plans to install one pride crossing in each Borough and District in Surrey?

Following previous correspondence, I understand that the roll out was paused whilst an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) was done. What did the EIA state?

Reply:

Two Pride crossings have been installed, one in Godalming and one in Reigate. Following some national feedback, the rollout was paused while further industry studies on their impact were considered. The originally intended EIA was not completed as the rollout of crossings was paused. We currently have no plans to install further crossings and have instead looked at alternative options to highlight the LGBTQ+ community. An example is the Pride livery wrapped onto lamp columns in Camberley.

Kevin Deanus

Cabinet Member for Highways and Community Resilience

27 June 2023

Question (2) Will Forster

Following the recent news that the County Council has been allocated a further £1m ca for walking and cycling schemes in the latest tranche of the Government's Active Travel Fund, will the Cabinet Member please:

- a) confirm the total amount of funding awarded in each tranche of the fund
- b) provide an update on the progress of Tranche 2 and 3 schemes listed on the website ([Active Travel Fund for roads and pavements - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/active-travel-fund))
- c) confirm which schemes are set to benefit from the latest funding round

Reply:

The County Council is committed to pursuing active travel where it is consistent with the Surrey Transport Plan (approved by Council in July 2022) and where measures have local support. Below are details in the same order as the submitted question.

Funding awarded:

- Tranche 1 £864k
- Tranche 2 £6.45m

- Tranche 3 £3.98m
- Tranche 4 £997k

Information on the funding and scheme can be found on our website, via this [link](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/department-for-transport-capital-funding/roads-and-pavements) (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/department-for-transport-capital-funding/roads-and-pavements>)

More details are below:

Tranche 2 schemes

- A217 Westvale Park to Gatwick – Completed March 2023
- A23 Bonehurst Road, Redhill – Completed June 2022
- Dagley Lane, Shalford – First phase completed April 2022, second phase due Summer 2023
- Guildford to Burpham – currently subject to further community engagement to enable co-production of the scheme with the local community
- Gresham Road, Staines – Completed April 2023
- Park Road, Stanwell – Completed October 2021
- Town Lane, Stanwell – Completed October 2021
- Woking to West Byfleet - currently subject to further community engagement to enable co-production of the scheme with the local community

Tranche 3 schemes

- Ashford Park Estate - currently subject to further community engagement to enable co-production of the scheme with the local community
- Boxgrove Roundabout - currently subject to further community engagement to enable co-production of the scheme with the local community
- Bullers Road and Hale Reeds School Streets – Did not receive government funding.
- Redhill to East Surrey Hospital via Earlsbrook Road- In detailed design phase prior to public engagement
- Reigate to Redhill via Blackborough Road – Funding moved to A3100 in Guildford.
- Banstead to A217 via Holly Lane - Did not receive government funding.
- Redhill to Merstham - Did not receive government funding.

The latest award of funding is detailed below:

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| • Elmbridge LCWIP Route 1 - Esher Road | £11,053 |
| • Runnymede LCWIP Route 1c - Chertsey | £104,211 |

- Spelthorne LCWIP Route 7 - Stanwell Road £148,421
- Elmbridge LCWIP Route 2 - Hersham Road £110,526
- Runnymede LCWIP Route 2 - Chertsey £113,684
- Elmbridge LCWIP Route 6 - Oatlands Drive £110,526

We also secured funding for two liveable neighbourhoods; these are:

- Egham Liveable Neighbourhood (RU7) £96,738
- Sunbury-on-Thames Liveable Neighbourhood (SP7) £302,684

In addition to the above, there is a £3m annual countywide Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) budget which often compliments active travel, and Members are free to use £30k from their £100k allocation in a similar manner.

Matt Furniss
Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Growth
27 June 2023

Question (3) Catherine Baart

For new standard trees planted on streets by the county council in the last 3 years, please provide a breakdown of the number and % of trees funded by the council compared to trees funded privately.

Please provide the number of new trees (not whips) planted over the last 3 years split by IMD score. What are the criteria for the county council funding street trees?

How does the county council ensure its tree planting is resulting in Surrey residents enjoying the benefits of street trees equally, regardless of Index of Multiple Deprivation score?

Reply:

The number of trees (not whips) planted on the highway by the County Council in the last 3 years is set out below. All the trees planted have been funded by the Council. The nominal £25 fee charged to residents only covers a small portion of the admin checks required as part of the process.

20/21: 348

21/22: 285

22/23: 255

23/24 (proposed): 316

We do not have data for the IMD split for planting and this isn't a consideration for planting on the highway. For our tree planting criteria, please see here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/permits-and-licences/planting-trees#criteria>.

More information on planting trees on the highway can be found in Surrey's Tree Strategy 2020 in appendix 4 which starts on page 37 https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/225620/Surreys-New-Tree-Strategy-Nov-2022.pdf .

Marisa Heath
Cabinet Member for Environment
27 June 2023

Question (4) Jonathan Essex

Please can you set out the levels of matched funding for the investments in the four libraries that will be improved (Item 8: Epsom, Redhill, Staines and Woking) and the Weybridge hub development (Item 9) such as for sustainability measures, community infrastructure levy, Section 106 agreements or from elsewhere, and how much of the investments in each of these locations are for sustainability improvements. The agenda item 8 notes £500,000 match funding for the Redhill library improvement but I could not see other details.

Reply:

Thank you for your question that relates to the Cabinet papers 'Modernising our Library estate, Libraries Transformation- phase 1' and 'Weybridge Hub redevelopment'.

The Council is committed to pursuing opportunities for external funding to enable library improvements. This includes contributions to support the offer from our libraries as well as building performance and NCZ (Net Carbon Zero) improvements.

The breakdown, and sources of funding for the delivery of these schemes is outlined in Part 2 of the two Cabinet reports. You will appreciate that, like all capital schemes, financial modelling is commercially sensitive at this point and there is a risk that the tender process for the works could be compromised if the data were put into the public domain. However, I can confirm that external funding will be utilised to support the schemes and that this includes drawing on monies to support decarbonisation of the buildings.

The major refurbishment of these buildings presents the opportunity to decarbonise the buildings (remove fossil fuel) and improve their energy efficiency through insulation, low energy lighting and adding solar generation. The measures adopted for each building vary due to provisions already in place. For example, at Epsom library the heating boilers are relatively new and, as such, the refurbishment concentrates on enabling work to swap the boilers for heat pumps in the future.

Denise Turner-Stewart
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety
27 June 2023