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LEAD OFFICER: ELAINE MARTIN – PROGRAMME MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROGRESS UPDATE

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This paper summarises the activity and progress achieved since the September 2023 Board, including any matters of note arising during this period, and outlines the activity which will be carried out up until the next Farnham Board in March 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Programme Projects Completed
2. Notes the progress update provided; and
3. Notes the ongoing update to the programme schedule and the associated revisions to forecast milestones.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure the Farnham Board (Sponsoring Group) is aware of the programme progress to date and has visibility of future Programme activity.

Programme Projects Completed

Project	Element
Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision developed. • Optimised Infrastructure Plan developed, consulted on and endorsed. • Medium term interventions sifted into allocated projects.
Wayfinding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy completed and approved. • Artwork designed and approved. • Totems manufactured. • 13 of 15 totems installed.
20mph Limits/ Zones and Speed restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility completed. • Detailed design completed for 3 zones. • Traffic Regulation Order advertised for 3 areas. • Traffic Regulation Order approved for Weydon Lane and Town Centre. • Installation of signage in Weydon Lane and Town Centre completed.
A325 reclassification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study and surveys completed. • Detailed design approved. • Construction completed.
Re-routing of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study and surveys completed. • Traffic Regulation Order advertised and finalised. • Detailed design completed. • Construction completed. • Review of other areas and negotiation with National Highways and Hampshire County Council.
Local Cycling and Walking Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Strategy report finalised. • Strategy endorsed. • Funding allocated to progress feasibility. • Priority routes developed.
Town Centre Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility and initial surveys completed. • Future town visualisation and virtual reality completed. • Public consultation. • Review and design of East Street developer works. • Strategic modelling completed. • Surrey Coalition of Disabled People site visit. • Business questionnaire completed. • Business Case to Infrastructure Board 26.09.23 • Community Infrastructure Levy Bid submitted to Waverly BC.

Farnham A31 Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility design completed. • Public consultation. • Submission of Strategic Outline Business Case to DfT for funding. • Approval by Treasury to commence Outline Business Case development.
Western and Wrecclesham Bypasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment of policy review completed.
Water Lane Roundabout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design completed. • Successful Waverley Community Infrastructure Levey bid – awarded £404k. • Detail design completed.
Borelli Park and Stride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with developer on redesign of the connecting pedestrian and cycling bridge. • Arboricultural and topographical surveys completed.
Wrecclesham Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation removed. • Highway signing enhanced. • Bridge painted to improve conspicuousness. • Feasibility report on longer-term solutions completed.
A31 Speed Management Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit reduction completed.

Activities carried out since the previous board.

Wayfinding Strategy

- Installation of totems at Farnham Station.

20mph Limits/ Zones and Speed Restrictions

- Installation of signage in Weydon Lane and Town Centre.
- Review of feedback to consultation on Traffic Regulation Order for physical measures on Upper Hale Road.
- Approval to Advertise Traffic Regulation Order for speed limit on Upper Hale Road.

Borelli Park and Stride

- Planning position discussed on bridge design.
- Review of legal status of cycling and requirements.
- Site visit with SCC, WBC and FTC's Arboriculture and Woodland Teams
- Topographical survey completed.
- Commencement of preliminary design.

Water Lane Roundabout

- Internal review of detailed design finalised.
- Temporary and Permanent Traffic Orders submitted.
- Design issued for construction.
- Construction estimates produced and agreed.
- Streetworks Permit applied for.

Town Centre Improvements

- Business Case presented to SCC Infrastructure Board.
- Review of Preliminary Design.
- Submission of Community Infrastructure Levy bid to Waverley BC for £3,253,726.
- Completion of a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit.
- Commencement of Detail Design.
- Preparation of Traffic Regulation Order advertisement for parking, loading and bus stops.
- Early contractual engagement for works phasing.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

- Farnham LCWIP being led/delivered by the Transport Policy Team.
- Final stakeholder engagement workshop held 17 Oct at Weydon School, Farnham.
- Consensus reached for priority cycle/walk routes to take forward to feasibility design stage, subject to available budget.
- Stage 2 feasibility design proposal being drafted.

Farnham A31 Corridor

- Treasury notification that the Strategic Outline Business Case been successful to progress to Outline Business Case development.

Wrecclesham and Western Bypasses

- Ongoing review of scheme viability - including environmental impact and cost.

Activity up until the next Board

Wayfinding Strategy

- Post installation report and handover to SCC Assets Team.
- Remaining Wayfinding Totems to be installed on completion of Brightwell's as part of the town centre improvement and Borelli's schemes.

20mph Limits/ Zones and Speed restrictions

- Post installation review of Weydon Lane and town centre.
- Review of feedback from Upper Hale Road speed tables and speed limit traffic regulation order
- Upper Hale Road Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order out for consultation
- Ready for installation of Upper Hale Road 20mph.

Borelli Park and Stride

- Arboricultural and environmental discussions
- Finalisation of preliminary design.
- Position of legal status of cycling
- A cost report by the Structures team on the developer bridge option costs.

Water Lane Roundabout

- Advance communication to take place with Residents and Businesses
- Contractor Mobilisation
- Commencement of site works - planned for March 2024

Town Centre Improvements

- Continuation of detail design

- Advertisement of Traffic Regulation Order advertisement for parking, loading and bus stops
- Completing relevant site surveys
- Early contractor engagement.
- Material palette discussions.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

- Farnham LCWIP being led/delivered by the Transport Policy Team.
- Stage 2 feasibility design proposal; finalise scope of work for inclusion of priority cycle/walk routes to take forward within budget.
- Design stage process aligned to countywide LCWIP programme development.
- SCC/WBC/FTC Officer project team members to be confirmed.
- Stage 2 project inception meeting to be scheduled.

Farnham A31 Corridor

- Programming activities required for Outline Business Case development.
- Discussions with Department for Transport and Transport for the South-East.

Wrecclesham and Western Bypasses

- Ongoing review of scheme viability - including environmental impact and cost.

Key Milestones

The key milestone summary of the Programme schedule is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Programme Milestones

Project	Milestone	Previous forecast	Current Forecast	Status/ Comments
Rerouting of HGVs	Construction completes	Oct-21	Oct-21	Additional signage on A287/B3349 roundabout being reviewed.
Removing A road category status	Construction completes	Oct-21	Oct-21	
Wayfinding Strategy	Construction completes	Oct-23	Oct-23	
20 mph Zones & Speed Restrictions	Construction completes (first phase)	Oct-23	Nov-23	
Water Lane	Detailed design complete	Nov 23	Mar 24	

Borelli Park and Stride	Preliminary Design completes	TBC	Jan-24	
Town Centre Improvements	Construction completes	Apr-26	Apr-26	
LCWIP	Strategic plan endorsed	Mar-23	Mar-23	
Farnham A31 Corridor	Construction completes	TBC	TBC	DfT have confirmed the Farnham A31 Corridor SOBC has been successful, given the delay the programme will be reprofiled.
Wrecclesham and Western Bypasses		TBC	TBC	Review of scheme viability.
North and South Farnham Studies		TBC	TBC	Review following town centre modelling outcomes.
Western Bypass		TBC	TBC	Review of scheme viability.

Key Programme Risks

The current key risks for the Programme are provided in Table 2 below. These risks are actively managed through the Programme risk management approach.

Table 2 - Programme Risks

Risk title	Risk description
Inflation	Due to current uncertain economic environment, inflation is likely to impact programme costs.
Funding Availability Programme Wide	Risk of lack of funding available to deliver the full programme.
Alignment with evolving central government policy	There is increased number of changes to governmental policy which may affect the business case (s). Additional time and cost impact due to reshaping of existing business case to suit new requirements.
Scope Creep	As a result of additional work being added to the programme, there is a risk that additional work may reduce the funding available for other projects and schemes within the Farnham Infrastructure Programme.

	Finances for the programme are highly constrained.
Achievable Programme	The Farnham Infrastructure Programme is made up of a number of interdependent schemes and projects. A viable delivery programme is required to ensure successful outcomes

Risk management and implications

The Board has no statutory powers and as such any decisions requiring approval by the responsible authorities, in this case Surrey County Council, will have individual risk assessments.

Financial and value for money implications

The cost and value for money in respect of the works will be identified within the Surrey County Council Report.

Section 151 officer commentary

As proposals are developed some may require Surrey County Council approval, individual S151 approvals will be sought.

Legal implications – Monitoring Officer

The Board has no executive powers, therefore any decisions made would require Surrey County Council to follow its own legal advice and its approval procedures.

Equalities and diversity

A Programme-level Equality Impact Assessment was carried out in August 2021. This was approved by the Programme Team at the September 2021 Programme Board and indicated that there are currently no substantive concerns associated with the Programme’s proposals based upon the level of information available.

Other implications

There are no other implications in respect of this Report.

What happens next

FIP activity will continue in line with the summary provided above.

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