

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

DATE: 12 DECEMBER 2018
LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER
SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE
DIVISION: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To inform the Local Committee on the progress of the 2018/19 Integrated Transport Programme, highways maintenance programmes, the Dorking sustainable transport package the Dorking Transport Study and other highways and transport projects being carried out in Mole Valley.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Programmes of work have been agreed in consultation with the Committee, and the Committee is asked to note the progress of the Integrated Transport Scheme programme and revenue maintenance expenditure. As well as work that is being carried out on the large scale, centrally funded maintenance and improvement schemes.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In November 2017, Mole Valley Local Committee agreed a programme of capital Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) and revenue maintenance expenditure for 2018/19 to be funded from the Local Committee's devolved budgets.
- 1.2 In March 2018, Mole Valley Local Committee agreed a revenue maintenance expenditure for 2018/19, to be funded from the Local Committee's devolved budget, following the approval of the 2018/19 budget by full Council on 6 February 2018. Where it was agreed that the revenue allocation to Local Committees be increased, and a member Local Highways Fund be introduced.
- 1.3 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved budget, countywide budgets have been used over the past year to fund major maintenance (Operation Horizon), drainage works and other capital highway schemes. Countywide revenue budgets are used to carry out both reactive and routine planned maintenance works.

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- 1.4 Developer contributions are also used in Mole Valley to fund either wholly or in part, highway improvement schemes to mitigate the impact of developments on the highway network.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Local Committee finance

The Mole Valley Local Committee has delegated highway budgets for the current Financial Year 2018-19 as follows:

- Capital: £36,363
- Capital carry forward from 17/18 £9,000
- Revenue: £168,182
- **Total: £213,545**

In addition to the delegated highway budgets above, highway officers are continuing to look for other sources of potential funding for schemes. The Local Area Team has secured developer funding for the construction of a pedestrian crossing on the A24 in Ashted in the vicinity of The Greville School, as well as traffic calming measures on roads outside Oakfield Junior and Fetcham Village Infant School.

The budgets delegated to Local Committee outlined above were also in addition to budgets allocated at County level to cover various major highway maintenance and improvement schemes, including footway/carriageway resurfacing, the maintenance of highway structures including bridges and culverts and major drainage schemes.

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Mole Valley is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions, the Dorking Transport Study, road safety schemes and the Parking Review.

2.3 Local Committee revenue works programme

Progress on the approved Local Committee revenue works programme is set out in **Annex 2**. An update on the Member Local Highways Fund is also provided.

2.4 Parking

An update on the 2017 parking review is provided in **Annex 1**.

Other highway related matters

2.5 Customer services

Table 1 below shows the number of enquiries received between January and September 2018 compared to the number received during the same period in 2017.

Table 1: Customer enquiries

Period	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Mole Valley: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan – Sept 2017	90,788	10,760	5,598
Jan – Sept 2018	91,245	11,634	4,839

The table above shows that for Mole Valley specifically, 11,634 enquiries have been received since January of which 4,839 (42%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 97% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly higher than the countywide average of 95%.

Between January and September 2018, Highways & Transport received 247 Stage 1 complaints (down 16% from the same period in 2017) of which 20 were for the Mole Valley area. In addition three have been escalated to stage 2 of complaints process where the service was found not to be at fault.

2.6 Severe weather recovery program

A list of roads included within the severe weather recovery programme has been published on Surrey County Council's website. This lists consists of over 200 roads across the county and can be found here;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>

This list is updated every month and includes information regarding when work is programmed to be carried out on each roads listed, as well as which roads have been completed. Information is also provided on those roads which have been added to the programme. All of these roads have been put forward by local members or the local highway teams.

2.7 Winter gritting routes update

The Cold Weather Plan sets out the Winter Service for treating the highway in order to prevent ice from forming (precautionary salting), melt ice and snow that has already formed (post salting), and removal of snow in a snow event.

The Cold Weather Plan is now on Surrey County Council's website and can be found at the following location;

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<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/salting-and-gritting>

Salting Routes can also be seen on a map on Surrey County Council's website at the following location;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/salting-and-gritting/salting-routes-in-surrey>

County Councillors can request and pay for new grit bins, or extension of use of an existing grit bin, by contacting the Maintenance Engineer, who will advise.

2.8 Dorking Transport Study

An update on the Dorking Transport Study is provided in **Annex 1**.

2.9 Dorking STP

The Dorking STP is a transport project to improve connections between Dorking Deepdene and Dorking Main railway stations and to improve the passenger facilities at Dorking Deepdene Station. Works completed have provided more accurate travel information for passengers, more space for pedestrians and cyclists on the route between the two stations and better wayfinding across Dorking.

In September the final main works that form the Dorking Sustainable Transport Package (STP) were carried out. This included the following improvements to the access area outside the entrance to Platform 2 of Dorking Deepdene Station.

- Pavement resurfacing
- Removing some of the surplus guard railing and signs.
- Relocation of a lamp column.
- Revising tactile paving at the toucan crossing (on both sides of the A24).

A final wayfinding totem outside Dorking Deepdene Station is also due to be installed. This will be the 12th wayfinding sign across Dorking, which consist of a mixture of totems, which display maps, and fingerposts. The installation of this final wayfinding totem has been delayed due to the contractor experiencing considerable delays in the production of this totem. However the contractor has notified Surrey County Council's Sustainable Transport team, that this final wayfinding totem will be installed by the end of December 2018.

Further information regarding the Dorking STP is available on the Mole Valley Major Transport Schemes web page;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/major-transport-projects/mole-valley-major-transport-schemes>

2.10 Wider Network Benefits Scheme

Work is nearing completion on the Coast to Capital LEP funded “Wider Network Benefits” Intelligent Transport Systems Project across Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge areas.

The LEP funded element of the project was completed at the end of March 2018, with some remaining match funding from Surrey County Council being spent between April and December of this year.

All of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras associated with this scheme have now been installed. Surrey Police are already benefiting from this technology which contributes towards their prevention of crime and disorder functions. Whilst Surrey CC Officers continue to develop the real time journey system using the average journey time data derived from these cameras, which will help to highlight incidents and delays on the road network across the district.

The traffic monitoring CCTV cameras have now been installed across the District and are being configured for use at Surrey’s Network Management Information Centre (NMIC) in Leatherhead, with a small number yet to be operational. These cameras cover many of the key routes/junctions on some of the Districts’ busiest roads.

The majority of the Variable Message Signs (VMS) have been installed and have begun to display messages to motorists, the remaining three VMS will be installed across the border in West Sussex before the end of the year.

The “Dial up Signal Control” (DUSC) changes to traffic signal junctions are near to completion. All equipment has been installed and will be fully working by the end of December 2018. Surrey Officers at the NMIC continue to develop the DUSC strategies that will create more proactive programming of the junctions, recognising the need to respond to specific road network problems such as both planned and emergency motorway and local road closures.

2.11 Centrally funded maintenance

The Operation Horizon Team programmes of major maintenance works for 2018-19 for the Mole Valley area are now published on Surrey County Council’s website here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>

2.12 Other key information, strategy and policy development

No additional information at present.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 No options to consider at this stage. Officers will revert to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member or indeed the Committee as appropriate, whenever preferred options need to be identified.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Not applicable at this stage. Officers will consult the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional members as appropriate in the delivery of work programmes.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The financial implications of the Local Committee's delegated budget is detailed in sections 2.1 – 2.3 of this report. The key objective with regard to the 2017/18 budgets will be managed to a neutral position.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The Integrated Transport Scheme programme and the revenue maintenance programme does not significantly impact on any of the areas identified on the table below. The Integrated Transport Schemes and maintenance work is carried out in order to improve the road network for all users.

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
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
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications
Public Health	No significant implications

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 Progress on the programme of capital highway works in Mole Valley is set out in Annex 1.
- 7.2 Progress on the revenue works programme and an update on the Local Member Highways Fund is set out in Annex 2.
- 7.3 Information regarding the severe weather recovery programme, Dorking Sustainable Transport Package, Wider Network Benefits and centrally funding maintenance is also included within this report.
- 7.4 Local Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

8.1 Delivery of the highway works programme will continue and a further update report will be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

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Consulted:

Not applicable

Annexes:

Annex 1: Summary of approved Local Committee capital works programme progress

Annex 2: Summary of approved Local Committee revenue works programme progress and update on Local Member Highways Fund.

Sources/background papers:

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 30th November 2017 – Highways Forward Programme 2018/19-2019/20
- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 14th March 2018 – Highways Forward Programme Revenue Budget 2018/19.

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