



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 22 JANUARY 2020

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To report progress made with the delivery of proposed highways schemes, developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2019/20 financial year.

To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes and revenue maintenance.

To report on relevant topical highways matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2019/20 financial year.
- (ii) Note the budgetary position.
- (iii) 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:
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- 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. Local Committee finance

Capital budget 2019/20

- 2.1.1. The capital budget for the 2019/20 financial year has been confirmed as £177,778 (an increase of £141,415 from the 2018/19 capital allocation of £36,363).

Other funding sources 2019/20

- 2.1.1 In addition to the above capital budget it is expected that there will again be some parking surplus, although at the time of writing, the amount is unknown.
- 2.1.2 Surrey County Council Officers are currently working with Woking Borough Council Officers and relevant Local Members to identify opportunities for spending Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) moneys allocated to local Wards in delivering local highway schemes already identified on the Woking highway schemes list.

2.2 Local Committee capital works programme 2019/20.

- 2.2.1 The Highways Update report presented to the Joint Committee on 13 March 2019 outlined recommendations for the Joint Committee's capital programme for the upcoming financial year. The Joint Committee approved the proposed ITS schemes referred to in paragraph 2.3.1 of that report. The LSR element of the capital works programme was to consist of those schemes carried over from the 2018/19 financial year plus any additional schemes identified by the Maintenance Engineer. These schemes are set out in Table 1 below.
- 2.2.1 As previously agreed by the Joint Committee, a flexible approach will be taken in progressing schemes based on the available budget.

Scheme Name	Scheme type / Limits	Progress	Estimated cost (£)
ITS Westfield Road – speed reducing measures.	Design / Construct – traffic islands between Honeypots Road and Apers Avenue.	Design finalised and Safety Audited. Awaiting cost estimate and programme date.	40,000
ITS Bampton Way – pedestrian facility.	Design / Construct – enlarge existing pedestrian refuge	Constructed December 2019. Snagging and Stage	25,000

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	island adjacent to Goldsworth Park Centre.	3 Safety Audit required.	
ITS Lock Lane – width restriction.	Design / Construct – Traffic Order and signs for width restriction at bridge over Wey Navigation at Pyrford Lock.	Traffic Order to be made and signs installed in January 2020.	6,000
ITS A320 Egley Road – speed limit review.	Design / Construct – speed limit review between Turnoak Roundabout and Mayford Roundabout and including Guildford Road as far as Westfield Road.	Speed surveys and assessment have been undertaken. PLEASE SEE SEPARATE REPORT.	12,000
Capital drainage.	Implementation / construction	Ongoing.	30,000
Signing / road markings / pedestrian dropped kerbs.	Implementation / construction	Ongoing.	10,000
LSR Goldsworth Road roundabout (Morrison's roundabout)	Carriageway maintenance – roundabout junction with Morrison's entrance.	Removed from LSR list – resurfacing needs to be a “major scheme”	-
LSR Westfield Road	Carriageway maintenance – either side of junction with Mayford Close	Programmed for construction in November (subject to weather).	40,500
LSR Havelock Cottages (Egley Road)	Carriageway maintenance – access road between Egley Road and cottages	Programmed for construction in November (subject to weather).	7,800
ITS - A320 Guildford Road junction with Mount Hermon Road and Hill View Road	Construction – junction improvements (potential for this to be delivered as part of the A320 Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) project from Victoria Arch, southwards.	Included in HIF project.	60,000
LSR Lincoln Drive, Pyrford	Carriageway maintenance – Old Woking Road to lamp column 2 (approx. 65m)	Contingency scheme.	43,000
LSR White Rose Lane	Carriageway maintenance – between Ashwood	Contingency scheme.	£48,000

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	Road and Wendela Close.		
LSR Coniston Road, Old Woking	Carriageway maintenance – complete length, joint sealing, repair of defective concrete areas and micro-surfacing.	Contingency scheme.	£35,000
LSR Brewery Lane, Byfleet	Carriageway maintenance – between High Road and Eden Grove Road.	Contingency scheme.	£52,000
LSR Goldsworth Road roundabout (Parley Drive)	Carriageway maintenance – roundabout junction with Parley Drive.	Contingency scheme.	£38,000

Table 1 – 2019/20 Capital works programme

2.3 Member funding

2.3.1 Each County Councillor has a Member Highway Fund allocation of £7,500 for 2019/20.

2.3.1 The Maintenance Engineer for Woking will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates, and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.

2.3.2 To ensure that this fund is effectively spent, and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, all works should be agreed before 31 October 2019.

2.3.3 In the event of no firm spending decisions being made, the Maintenance Engineer will determine suitable works and organise their delivery.

2.3.4 A summary of spend progress is shown in Table 2.

Member	Allocation (£)	Spend to date (£)
Amanda Boote	7,500	7,500
Will Forster	7,500	7,500
Colin Kemp	7,500	7,500
Liz Bowes	7,500	7,500
Saj Hussain	7,500	7,500
Ayesha Azad	7,500	7,500
Ben Carasco	7,500	7,500

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Total	52,500	52,500 committed
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Table 2 – 2019/20 Member Highway Fund spend progress

2.4 Parking

- 2.4.1 The report on the 2019 review was presented to the joint committee on 25 September and the proposals will be advertised in on 17 January 2020, with a closing dates for comments and objections of 14 February.

Other highway related matters

2.5 Customer services

- 2.5.1 The total number of enquiries received for the nine months between January and September 2019 is 95,916; an average of 10,657 per month. This is a 19% decrease on the number received during the same period in 2018. This reflects the milder winter and the work that has taken place to improve the website and online reporting.
- 2.5.2 For Woking specifically, 5,201 enquiries have been received since January of which 2,812 (54%) were directed to the local area office for action, of these 96% have been resolved. This response rate is slightly above the countywide average of 95%.
- 2.5.3 Since January 2019, Highways & Transport have received 102 Stage 1 complaints. Fifty were escalated to Stage 2, of which the Service has been found to be partially or fully at fault in 18 cases. In addition three have been escalated to the Local Government Ombudsman, none of which have been upheld.

2.6 Major schemes

- 2.6.1 Woking Integrated Transport Project

No update received.

- 2.6.2 Woking Sustainable Transport Package (STP)

Grant funding from EM3 LEP has been awarded and the legal agreement is being drawn up. A full report will be presented to a future meeting of the Woking Joint Committee.

2.7 Centrally funded maintenance

2.7.1 Table 3 below shows the Horizon 2 Woking **Roads** programme for 2019/20 showing the month during which the works are proposed.

Horizon 2 – 2019/20 Carriageway programme, Woking				
Road name	Location	Limits	Type of work	Status
A322 Bagshot Road	Woking	Heath House Road to The Fairway	Major Maintenance	Complete
A3046 Chobham Road	Horsell Common	Littlewick Road roundabout to Surrey Heath boundary	Surface Dressing	Complete
C12 Littlewick Road	Horsell Common	Carhouse Lane roundabout to A3046 Chobham Road	Surface Dressing	Removed due to unsuitability for programme
B380 Smarts Heath Road	Mayford	Saunders Lane to Smarts Heath Lane	Surface Dressing	Complete
D3746 Engliff Lane	Pyrford	Coldharbour Road to Bolton Lane	Surface Dressing	Complete

Table 3 - 2019/20 Horizon 2 Woking Roads Programme

2.7.2 Table 4 below shows the Horizon 2 Woking **Pavement (Footway)** programme for 2019/20.

Horizon 2 – 2019/20 Pavement (footway) programme, Woking				
Road name	Location	Limits	Type of work	Status
C141 Hook Heath Avenue	Woking	St Catherines Close to railway bridge	Footway Slurry	Completed – some snagging to be done.
D3673 Lambourne Crescent	Sheerwater	Albert Drive to just past Lockwood Path (both sides)	Footway Slurry	Completed.
D3709 Heathside Road	Woking	White Rose Lane to Heathfield Road (south side only)	Footway Slurry	Completed.
D3766 Hart Road	Byfleet	Rectory Lane to St Mary's School (both sides)	Footway Slurry	Completed.

Table 4 - Horizon 2 Woking Pavement (Footway) Programme.

2.8 Gully cleansing

- 2.8.1 Surrey County Council maintain 13,417 gullies, and 40 soakaways in Woking. This is an important activity that reduces the likelihood of flooding on the public highway, and helps to keep roads and footways safe.
- 2.8.2 Not all assets are cleaned on an annual basis, as some require cleaning more frequently, and others less so, depending on local circumstances such as whether there are trees nearby, or the location is rural or urban. Each year, the programme of cleaning is updated and optimised based on the condition the assets were found to be in when they were last visited. The programme is also adjusted to take into account local issues such as roads where access to assets is difficult due to parked cars and other obstructions.
- 2.8.3 For 2019/20, 10,698 gullies are due to be cleaned in Woking, and 32 soakaways.
- 2.8.4 As the cleaning programme is managed on a Countywide basis, cleans in Woking will take place throughout the course of the year. To date, 5,180 gullies and 26 soakaways have been treated.

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2.9 Road safety

2.9.1 Table 5 below shows the Woking road safety programme for 2019/20 and the progress made in delivering the schemes.

Scheme Name	Detail	Update
A324 Brookwood Lye Road	Speed limit reduction from 60mph to 40mph	Traffic Order effective from 1 November 2019.

Table 5 – 2019/20 Woking Road Safety Programme

2.10 Passenger Transport

Nothing to report.

2.10 LED street light conversion

2.10.1 Work has continued on the programme to roll out LED lighting for existing street lights across the county. The legal agreement between SCC and the Service Provider has taken longer than expected but is nearing conclusion. It is now expected that the programme to install the LED lighting will commence early in the New Year. Once the programme is complete it is expected that the Council will save 60% of its current energy costs for street lighting. Prior to rolling out the programme a successful pilot site has been running in Kingfisher Drive, Guildford since late 2018. This was expanded in the summer to test the robustness of the Communication Management System (CMS) that comes with this upgrade, which has also been successful.

2.11 Other key information, strategy and policy development.

Nothing to report.

3 OPTIONS:

3.1 Options, where appropriate, 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 IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Proposed ITS schemes are prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. As far as is practicable, Officer proposals follow the Countywide scheme assessment process (CASEE) 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.

6 WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

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 The Committee is asked to note the progress with all schemes and budgets.
- 7.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update is presented at the next meeting of this Committee.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 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:

Background papers:

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