

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
JOINT COMMITTEE (WOKING)



DATE: 4 MAR 2020

LEAD: MATT FURNISS, CABINET MEMBER - HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

SUBJECT: CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS UPDATE TO COUNCIL

DIVISION: ALL SURREY

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

SCC Cabinet Members provide a briefing on their portfolios to council meetings. The most recent briefing is provided for the local committee's consideration and comment, as annex one.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee (Woking) is asked to note the briefing.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To provide the committee with the opportunity to consider and comment on the Cabinet Member updates.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 SCC Cabinet Members provide a briefing on their portfolios to full council meetings. The most recent briefing is provided for the local committee's consideration and comment, as Annex A.

2. ANALYSIS:

Not applicable – provided for information only.

3. OPTIONS:

Not applicable – provided for information only.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

Not applicable – provided for information only

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable – provided for information only

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable – provided for information only

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7. LOCALISM:

Not applicable – provided for information only

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

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:

Not applicable – provided for information only

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Not applicable – provided for information only

Contact Officer:

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Consulted:

N/A

Annexes:

Annex One - Cabinet Member updates (included in this report)

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE TO FULL COUNCIL**ANNEX A****NAME:** Matt Furniss**PORTFOLIO:** Highways & Transport**Winter Service**

The Cold Weather Plan has been updated and is now available on the website. We have over 12 tonnes of salt in stock and all of our 1800 grit bins were inspected in the summer. Deliveries of salt have been made to Districts and Boroughs so they can keep their priority pavements clear, and arrangements are being made to provide salt to the farmers who help us during snow events. There has been a review of Priority 2 salting routes following engagement with Local Committees and their feedback has been incorporated into the revised Priority 2 routes. These are available to view on the online map. Priority 1 routes were reviewed and updated following Local Committee engagement in 2018 and there have been no significant changes to the Priority 1 routes since then. 8 gritting runs were completed in November and gritting runs are continuing during December.

During the 2019/20 winter season Surrey and Kier will be working with Meteogroup to trial the "Route Based" method of forecasting. Route Based Forecasting provides more accurate localised forecast modelling, allowing for more precise decision making. Providing the trial is successful, this will improve the accuracy of decision making and provide a reduction in the number of full gritting actions required over the winter season. Anticipated benefits are both environmental and financial, including a reduction in CO2 emissions, driver call out costs, and salt usage.

Epsom Marketplace Improvement Project

Following the successful pedestrian and vehicle improvements delivered by the County Council in Epsom Town Centre last year, in January works started on the next phase, the Marketplace. This is a £1.8m scheme to significantly enhance the pedestrian heart of the town, encompassing quality paving materials and street furniture, mature trees, public art and maximising use of the available space. Epsom & Ewell BC committed in excess of £1m towards the scheme, which has been designed by the County Council in close cooperation with the Borough. This is a very busy area with many shops and a thriving market. A real challenge has been to "keep the town open" and everybody informed while works progress. The County's contractor, Kier, have done an excellent job in managing the site and it is being delivered to programme with completion due in spring 2020. So far, there has been nothing but positive feedback. The completion of this scheme won't be the end of highway improvements to Epsom Town Centre, in 2020 we move on to improving the northern footway. Again, this will be designed and delivered by the County Council in partnership with Epsom & Ewell, who are providing the funds.

Improvement to Scheme Information provision

Currently information about our planned maintenance "Horizon" programmes for roads, pavements, bridges and structures, traffic signals, safety barriers and drainage are shared on the SCC website in a series of documents separated out for each District/ Borough. Our Highway Asset GIS team have been working to provide this data on a GIS based map and plan to make the map live for publication of the 2020/21 programmes at the end of January 2020. The map will be updated regularly so the public and members will be able to see any updates or changes to the proposed schemes. This work follows on from previous improvements to map based data provision which includes map based winter gritting routes and map based parking restrictions. Other improvements are being looked at and will be reported on in due course.

Electric Bus Scheme

At the UK Bus Awards in November, our electric bus scheme operating on Guildford Park and Ride was awarded the 'silver' runners-up award in the Environment Category. The nine fully electric Park and Ride buses came into service in February. They are the first ultra-low emissions buses in the county, with others planned. These electric buses were introduced in partnership with Stagecoach and a supporting Department for Transport grant. Stagecoach operates the Guildford Park and Ride services commercially, carrying 900,000 passengers each year and taking hundreds of car journeys out of the town every day to help relieve congestion and tackle air quality.