

<b>REPORT TO THE CRICKLADE &amp; WOOTTON BASSETT AREA 2 COMMITTEE</b>		Report No.6
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>13 February 2008</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements: Purton</b>	
Link to Corporate Priorities	Streetscene enhancements accord with the District Council's Corporate Priorities of Cleaner, Safer and Better Streets, and Partnership Working; and the Wiltshire Strategic Partnership's priority theme of <i>Improving Wiltshire's Streetscene</i> . Streetscene enhancements conserve and enhance the District's built environment and landscape setting and assets and resources, protect and promote the local distinctiveness of North Wiltshire's heritage, and are prepared in consultation with (and where possible include partnership funding from) other local organisations and Councils.  Business Area/Team Plan Objectives: Authorisation to allocate the available budgets will maintain performance against the agreed Urban Design work programme 2006-7.	
Public Report	Yes	

<p><b>Summary of Report</b></p> <p>This report follow on from the Committee's resolution, in June 2007, to allocate 2006/7 capital streetscene funds to an enhancement scheme in Purton, subject to consideration of the detailed design, which it describes.</p>
<p><b>Officer Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Committee approve the detailed design for the Pavenhill Shops streetscene enhancement scheme, so that work may be commenced on site.</li> <li>2. That, in the event that the Pavenhill shops enhancement work is delayed until after the end of 2007/8, the Committee recommends that the Area 2 2006/7 Capital Budget for Streetworks be rolled over into 2008/9.</li> <li>3. That the Committee recommends that the remaining £8,000 of the 2007/8 Capital Budget for Streetworks be rolled over into 2008/9</li> </ol>

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
Yes	No	Yes	No	No

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 On 20th June 2007, The Area 2 Committee considered options for expenditure of the 2006/7 Streetscene Enhancement budget and resolved: *“that the Area 2 2006/7 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as a contribution towards planned works at Purton, subject to consideration of the detailed design of the works and other streetscene enhancement opportunities within Area 2 by this Committee during 2007-08.”*
- 1.2 The Committee noted that, in the case of streetscene enhancements, the Council’s funds are more effective as contributions towards other organisations’ schemes, as various organisational costs could thus be saved. Therefore, it was the practice to build onto similar planned work in the area concerned, rather than to fund stand-alone schemes.

## **2. Options and Options Appraisal**

- 2.1 Option 1: It is recommended that the Committee approve the detailed design described in this report. This will enable contractors to commence work at the Pavenhill shops site, once they have finished working on the County Council’s traffic calming and pedestrian amenity scheme in High Street; this is expected to be within the next few weeks.
- 2.2 Option 2: Should the Committee decide not to approve the detailed design, it is possible that the Pavenhill shops enhancements would be delayed until after the end of the current financial year. In that event, it is recommended that the Area 2 2006/7 Capital Budget for Streetworks be rolled over into 2008/9.

## **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 Subsequent to the Committee’s resolution in June 2007, further discussions have been held with representatives of Purton Parish Council and the County Council about the potential for applying this Council’s 2006/7 Streetscene Enhancement funds as a contribution to the latter’s scheduled traffic calming and pedestrian amenity scheme in Purton High Street. Suitable environmental enhancements at Pavenhill shops have now been identified and Purton Parish Council agreed the details on 14<sup>th</sup> January.
- 3.2 Wiltshire County Council has confirmed willingness to undertake the enhancement works as part of their overall High Street scheme, which commenced at the end of January. It is expected that resources employed on the latter will be free to start at Pavenhill shops shortly.

## **4. Scheme Description**

- 4.1 The scheme entails the enhancement of a bare pedestrian area, to the west of the new mini roundabout at Pavenhill shops. This is currently laid to tarmac, which has been damaged by excavations and is subjected to indiscriminate parking by drivers visiting the shops.
- 4.2 The plan is to resurface the whole area and to soften its hard appearance by planting two birch trees and three cast iron planters. A row of seven bollards along

the roadside boundary will prevent vehicles from being driven onto it. All street furniture will be painted black. A plan, showing the scheme in relation to the new mini roundabout, is attached as Appendix 1.

## 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The 2006/7 Area 2 Capital Budget for the Continuation of Streetworks of £10,000 is currently unexpended and uncommitted. The proposals would commit that budget entirely.
- 5.2 Only £2,000 has been allocated from the £10,000 2007/8 Capital Budget for Streetworks and no further opportunities for partnership contributions have been identified. Unless the Committee is able to identify a suitable scheme, it is suggested that the Committee recommend that the remainder be rolled over into 2008/9.

## 6. Community and Environmental Implications

- 6.1 The proposed streetscene enhancements will improve the appearance of what is considered to be a drab portion of a local shopping hub. They will also prevent the parking of vehicles on a footway. Overall, they will make the whole area more welcoming.

## 7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1 There are generic safety and financial risks associated with the carrying out of streetscene enhancement works within the public highway, and these are mitigated through the application of Council standing orders and financial regulations in placing the relevant order for works. By contributing towards works being progressed by others, as recommended, these risks are further reduced.
- 7.2 Contributing towards an expanded County Council scheme, as recommended, would support this Council's priority of Streetscene and Cleaner, Safer, Better Streets. If the approval of a detailed design and allocation of funds were delayed, the opportunity to would be lost.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

### Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
<b>Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements</b>	Area 2 Committee 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	CR8

