

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
23 NOVEMBER 2010

Agenda Item No.8c

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN SMALL-SCALE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Purpose of the Report

1. To put forward for approval the proposals made by the Community Area Transport Group for the small scale transport and highway improvement schemes for the Marlborough community area.

Background

- 1.1. In 2010/11 the 18 Area Boards were allocated a discretionary budget of £250,000 to involve them in the assessment and selection of small-scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas. Marlborough Area Board has been allocated £13,600.
- 1.2. It should be noted that this allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is to be used for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport, and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund maintenance schemes; these are selected using technical surveys and inspections. In addition, it cannot be used to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.
- 1.3. Due to the complexity of assessing and selecting a scheme from the many requests, and the potential time that such an agenda item would take, each Area Board was requested to set up a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to make recommendations to the Area Board. The first meeting of the Marlborough Community Area Transport Group, membership of which is set out in Appendix 1, was a workshop on 10 October 2010 led by Highways Officers, following the format below:
 - Background to the LTP, transport policies, and breakdown of total Council funding.
 - Use of the Assessment Framework to prioritise requests.
 - Review of requests received in the community area.
 - Undertake scheme assessment– taking into account typical costs, LTP criteria, constraints on implementation etc.
 - Discussion on the need to fund a scoping/feasibility study
 - If any scheme cannot be accommodated in the Area Board budget consider funding options for the implementation phase – i.e. LTP, match funding, section 106 etc.

- Selection of scheme(s)
- Recommendation to Area Board

Main Considerations

The CATG group agreed to put forward the following proposals for the use of the budget to Marlborough Area Board meeting held on 23 November:

1. Aldbourne footway in Oxford Street
2. Baydon traffic calming in Ermin Street
3. Chilton Foliat: HGV traffic on Stag Hill
4. Signage at the entrance of the High Street from Bridewell Street, Marlborough to state 'unsuitable for HGVs'

At this meeting, the proposed upgrading of the George Lane zebra crossing to a PUFFIN crossing was also discussed. This was considered of particular importance due to its proximity to schools and therefore the increased footfall of young people which is now considered a safety issue for pedestrians and motorists alike. If this proposal was considered of primary importance, the allocation of monies would allow the implementation of the first stage of this upgrading project.

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

At this stage of agreeing the budget allocation there is no environmental impact

Financial Implications

£13,600 has been allocated for these schemes. Additional costs for implementing the schemes above the £13,600 will have to be funded from future year's budgets

Legal Implications

None

HR Implications

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

All proposals will increase access to the highway for pedestrians with mobility issues

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Board approve the following proposal made by the CATG:

Upgrade the zebra crossing in George Lane, Marlborough to a PUFFIN crossing.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Membership of Community Area Transport Group

The following unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

- LTP Prioritised requests list

MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Chris Humphries – Chairman

Councillor Peggy Dow

Councillor Ruth Scriven - Chairman of Fyfield and West Overton's Traffic Committee

Councillor Alexander Kirk-Wilson – Marlborough Town Council