

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	29 June 2011
Title of Report	Local Transport Plan – Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes

Purpose of Report

To ask the area board to consider the progress and approve recommendations from the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

1. To consider an update from the two CATG meetings held since they last reported to the area board on 19 January 2011 and note CATG budget for 2011/12 and other funding available.
2. Allocate a further £747 to the Tetbury Lane scheme towards refreshing Playground, Slow and Crudwell signs to satisfy the needs identified at this site.
3. Allocate £4,000 towards the installation of some minor re-paving and curbing work and installation of a more visible Give Way sign on the High Road, Ashton Keynes near the school.
4. Allocate £4,160 to extend the 40mph speed limit on the B4696 North End Crossroads, Ashton Keynes (deferred on 19 January 2011 pending a site visit).
5. Allocate £1,000 to undertake a pedestrian count and a full assessment on Tetbury Hill near the Filands estate to inform future decisions about the need for a substantive scheme.
6. Allocate a further £1,600 to accommodate higher costs than originally anticipated and to enable extending the white- lining at the zebra crossing on A429 near the Primary Health Care Centre Malmesbury, to improve road and pedestrian safety.
7. Allocate a further £1,120 towards the cost of additional signage and a 'Gateway', conditional on the parish council contributing 50% of the cost of the 'Gateway'.
8. Note that £10,000 would be allocated from the council's Low Cost Safety Scheme to improve safety by providing islands in the side roads at North End Crossroads, Ashton Keynes.
9. To agree to retain, remove and consider schemes for further investigation.

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2011/2012 the 18 Area Boards were again 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. Malmesbury area board was allocated £13,360.
- 1.2. A balance of £4,160 was carried forward from the 2010/11 budget to give a total of **£17,520** for 2011/12.
- 1.3. This funding allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is suitable 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 or to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.
- 1.4. Malmesbury area board agreed to the establishment of a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to consider issues /schemes with the support of highways officers and make recommendations to the area board.
- 1.5. The means by which the public and parishes can identify issues for consideration to the Malmesbury CATG is primarily via the [area board community issues process](#)
- 1.6. The current membership of the Malmesbury CATG comprises of Malmesbury area board councillors and a nominated representative from each division (see table below).

Division	Area Board councillor	Nominated representatives
Malmesbury	Simon Killane	Catherine Doody
Sherston	John Thomson	Martin Rea
Brinkworth	Toby Sturgis	Ellen Blacker
Minety	Carole Soden	John Marsh

- 1.7. Malmesbury CATG last submitted a report to the area board on 19 January 2011. Since that time there have been two meetings, on 19 April and 21 June 2011.

2. Considerations

- 2.1. There are 18 issues/schemes on the CATG list (see appendix 1), some of which received funding from the 2010/11 CATG budget and are either awaiting completion or following further investigation warrant further work to improve the initial proposals. Others have been retained on the list for further investigation and some are new schemes
- 2.2. The CATG have been advised that in addition to their annual budget allocation, £100,000 is available in 2011/12 across the county, aimed at supporting substantive schemes, which they could not otherwise afford to

undertake. Full details of the application process will be provided shortly by officers. It will be aimed at schemes where preliminary research had already been undertaken and where the CATG and area board agreed to contribute their annual budget towards completion of such a scheme.

- 2.3. Officers have advised the CATG that £10,000 has been allocated from the council's Low Cost Safety Scheme to improve safety by providing islands in the side roads at North End Crossroads, Ashton Keynes (No 8), which with other recommendations in this report should result in significant improvements.
- 2.4. The next meeting of the CATG will take place on 27 September 2011.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LTP Allocation Group during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. All decisions must fall within the funding allocated to Malmesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. Is the area board approve the recommendations of Malmesbury CATG and allocate £12,627 the budget balance will be **£4,893**.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. The schemes recommended to the area board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

8. CATG Recommendations

The CATG agreed that minutes of the Malmesbury CATG meetings are placed on the [Malmesbury area board pages](#) of the council's website to enable information to be readily available to parish/town councils and the community.

- 8.1. The minutes would in future largely consist of a table (Appendix 1). It should be noted that since each issue/scheme was allocated a number on receipt, numbers would not run sequentially in the appendix as some schemes would

be completed or rejected and therefore removed.

8.2. The CATG also agreed that they should investigate ways in which to involve all parishes in the prioritisation of issues on the CATG list and invite a representative from all parishes who had an issue on the CATG list.

8.3. Completion of CATG Schemes

8.3.1. Swan Close, Crudwell (No 1) to address road safety of a footway has been completed

8.4. Issues/schemes requiring additional funding

8.4.1. **Tetbury Lane (No 2 & 3)** requires a further £747 to refresh Playground, Slow and Crudwell signs. The parish council had requested horse rider signage but since CATG felt that horse riders using roads was an accepted behaviour across the community area and signage unnecessary.

8.4.2. **Zebra crossing on A429, Malmesbury, near the Primary Care Centre (no 19).** A further £1,600 was required to complete the work of providing halos and white lining to accommodate higher costs than originally anticipated and to enable extending the white- lining to improve visibility. If this funding is forthcoming the scheme can be completed very shortly.

8.4.3. **Road and pedestrian safety in Dauntsey (No 21).** Allocate a further £1,120 towards the cost of additional signage and installation of a 'Gateway', only if the parish council would contribute towards its cost.

8.5. Issues/schemes requiring new funding

8.5.1. **High Road, Ashton Keynes (No 6)** requires some minor re-paving and curbing work and installation of a more visible Give Way sign at a cost of £4,000 to calm traffic and improve safety.

8.5.2. **North End Crossroads, Ashton Keynes (No 8).** Following a sites visit it was agreed that the balance of last year's funding of £4,160 should be spent on extending the 40mph speed limit at this site.

8.5.3. **Tetbury Hill, near Filands homes (No13).** Following a site visit it was agreed that £1,000 should be allocated to undertake a pedestrian count and a full assessment at Tetbury Hill. This would provide the necessary data to inform any future decisions.

8.6. Issues/schemes to be retained

8.6.1. **Issues No 4, 5, 11, 17, 28 and 31** should be retained for future investigation/consideration.

8.7. Issues /schemes related to School Travel Plans

8.7.1. **Issue 18 and 29** would not be given any further consideration until the school had produced/updated their School Travel Plans.

8.8. Issues/schemes to be removed

8.8.1. **High Road Ashton Keynes (No 7)** would be closed and picked up under issues No.5.

8.8.2. **Footpath request at Dauntsey south of M4 bridge (No 30)** was considered too expensive and extensive.

Appendices	Appendix 1– Malmesbury community area transport schemes under consideration
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