

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD**7 July 2011

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
SMALL-SCALE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Purpose of the Report

To put forward for approval a proposal made by the Community Area Transport Group for a small scale transport and highway improvement scheme for the Trowbridge Community Area.

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2011/12 Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated £15,354 discretionary budget to involve them in the assessment and selection of small-scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas.
- 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 schemes 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.
- 1.4. Highways issues relating to the new shopping development at the Shires Gateway were discussed at the 17 March 2011 Area Board meeting where there was a desire for the highways matters there to be improved

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1 The CATG group agreed to put forward the following proposal for part use of the budget to the 7 July Trowbridge Area Board meeting:
- 2.2 £2,150 for undertaking a combined pedestrian count on Bythesea Road at the Shires Gateway. Surveys will be carried out using on site cameras to count both the numbers of pedestrians and vehicles using the Junction of Stallard Street / Bythesea Road and Bythesea Road/Shires. The pedestrian count will take place on a normal week day. The vehicle count will take place over 24 hours on two separate days. The first will be during the week, the other on a Saturday.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

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

4. Financial Implications

4.1 £15,354 has been allocated for these schemes. If this is approved there will be £13,204 remaining for other small-scale transport schemes

5. Legal Implications

None

6. HR Implications

None

7. Equality and Diversity Implications

None at this stage

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that the Area Board approve the proposal made by the CATG to spend £2,150 for undertaking the combined pedestrian count on Bythesea Road at the Shires Gateway.

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