

Agenda Item 11

Community Area Transport Group

1. Background

In 2011/12 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. Westbury area board was allocated £10,320.

A balance of £7,140 was carried forward from the 2010/11 budget to give a total of £17,460 for 2011/12. A CATG approved scheme to widen the pavement on Oldfield Road, Westbury, was completed earlier this year, costing £5,000. There remains £12,460 in the 2011/12 budget.

The 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.

2. Westbury Community Area Transport group (CATG)

Westbury 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.

The current membership of the Westbury CATG comprises of Westbury area board councillors and representatives from the parishes, the Community Area Partnership, the community and the police.

3. CATG Meeting 9 September 2011

At its meeting on the 9 September the CATG received updates on the three projects highlighted for action so far this year:

- Oldfield Road pavement widening – work completed with funding from the CATG, Westbury Town Council and the Westbury Area Board
- Creation of a painted pavement at Edington – highways officers are to visit the village and assess the site. The CATG agreed it was minded to approve funding this project
- Review of HGV signage in and around Westbury – highways officers have carried out a review and have agreed the signage is correct. However in some places the visibility of the signage has been impaired by trees and branches and environmental services staff have been asked to carry out a cutback.

The CATG also considered a variety of highways issues raised through the area board (see Appendix). The CATG agreed to fund red warning road markings at the

entrance to the town on the A350 from Warminster, and requested highways officers to initiate a scoping study into a cycle network in and around Westbury.

4. Recommendations

That Westbury area board agree the recommendations of the CATG

- Funding of the Edington painted pavement project (cost awaited)
- Funding of the repainting of red warning road surfacing at the entrance to Westbury from Warminster (approximately £2500-£3000)
- To ask highways officers to carry out a scoping study into new cycle routes in and around Westbury (no cost for preliminary investigations)