

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>6 November 2013</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes – Recommendations from Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</b>

## Purpose of Report

1. To ask the area board to consider and approve the recommendations from the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG) outlined in this report and appendices.
2. Note the adoption of the new Speed Indicator Devices (SID) schedule and process for 2013/14.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. In 2013/2014 Malmesbury area board was allocated a discretionary budget of £13,360 to involve them in the assessment and selection of small scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community area.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. 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. 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](#)
- 1.4. The current membership of the Malmesbury CATG comprises of Malmesbury area board councillors and a nominated parish council representative from each electoral division. Membership for 2013/14 is as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Area Board councillor</b>	<b>Nominated representatives</b>
Malmesbury	Simon Killane	Martyn Snell
Sherston	John Thomson	Martin Rea
Brinkworth	Toby Sturgis	Ellen Blacker
Minety	Chuck Berry	Duncan Lamb

- 1.5. Further information about how the CATGs operate can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/catg-area-boards-practice-papers.pdf>
- 1.6. Parish councils and individuals who have submitted issues being discussed by the CATG are also invited to attend CATG meetings.
- 1.7. Malmesbury CATG last met on 15 October and will next meet on 11 February 2014.

## **2. Recommendations from CATG and other information**

- 2.1. Actions and outcomes of the Malmesbury CATG are contained notes of the CATG meeting held on 15 October 2013 (see Appendix 1). Also available from the [Malmesbury area board pages](#) of the council's website.
- 2.2. The area board is asked to note and approve actions and recommendations of the Malmesbury CATG as follows:
  - The current CATG budget balance for 2013/14 (see Appendix 2) is £21,300.
  - Pedestrian safety work in Sherston High Street is near completion and local residents are very pleased with the work.
  - Pedestrian safety work on Tetbury Hill/Filands junction and Tetbury Hill/Avenue de Gien mini roundabout will be undertaken in November following a financial contribution being received from the town council.
  - Since the CATG meeting was held Minety parish council have confirmed that they do not wish to proceed with gateway treatment to the village in an attempt to slow traffic speed.
  - GreenSquare have agreed to contribute to a parking scheme in Leigh in 2014/15 and the CATG is in broad support, but await the response from the parish council and wider community (since as with all schemes a financial contribution is expected) as to whether they proceed.
  - The Traffic regulation Orders are now in place in Dark Lane and Mill Lane, with electric to be completed by the end of October.
  - Signing at the Blinks Hill/Holloway junction will be completed during November, however there is no date for re-surfacing and lining.
  - HGV and speed concerns on Callow Hill and School Hill and being addressed through Community Speedwatch and ad hoc police enforcement.
  - CATG considered the results of the C class road reviews undertaken last year (C70 Ashton Keynes to B4553 Packhorse Lane junction and C1 County boundary north of B4040 at Easton Grey to A429) and the possibility of undertaking a review of C68 Foxley Road) and agreed that any changes were unlikely to have significant impact on reducing accidents, so no further action would be taken.

They felt that rather than undertaking reviews of C roads, in future, they should ask any parishes with concerns to raise the specific issue via the area board community issues process.

- Speed monitoring on Gloucester Road and part of Tetbury Hill shown 85<sup>th</sup> percentile figures of 24mph and 26mph respectively.
  - Concerns about poor communication between Network Rail and the community would be investigated.
  - It was not possible to add to 'road closed' sign how far up the road was closed, however details of road closure were on the councils website and the Malmesbury Our Community Matters website.
  - 'Children playing' signs at Newton Grove would be investigated.
  - The zebra crossing required re-whitening by the Market Cross, Malmesbury. We have since heard that this will be undertaken shortly.
  - Parish/town councils were requested to respond to the 'De-cluttering of Signs' request no later than 31 December 2013.
- 2.3. Malmesbury CATG wished to remind parish councils that a condition of progressing schemes relied on parish councils consulting locally and demonstrating community support for schemes. They are also asked for a contribution of 25% towards the cost of schemes. Town/parish councils are asked to consider this when setting their precept for 2014/15.
- 2.4. SID programme and process for 2013/14.
- From the end of October 2013 some changes will be adopted to ensure a more efficient installation system of the equipment.
  - SIDs will continue to be deployed on a 3 monthly cycle as outlines in Appendix 3.
  - Should parishes experience any problems with the installed equipment they should contact Clarence on 0800 23 23 23 as soon as possible.
- 3. Environmental & Community Implications**
- 3.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG 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. Following financial reconciliations the balance of the CATG budget for 2013/2014 is **£21,300**.

#### **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.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – Malmesbury CATG Action Notes 15 October 2013. Appendix 2 – Financial Summary – Malmesbury CATG Appendix 3 – Malmesbury Community Area SID sites October 2013
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