

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD
18 NOVEMBER 2010

**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 Trowbridge Community Area.
2. To allocate dropped kerbs up to a total of £5,000 (7 x dropped kerbs) from requests received.

Background

- 1.1. In 2010/11 the 18 Area Boards have been 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. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated £15,354.
- 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 Trowbridge Community Area Transport Group, membership of which is set out in Appendix 1, was a workshop on 14 September 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 the 18th November Trowbridge Area Board meeting:

1. £5,000 ring fenced for dropped kerbs (will provide 7 single dropped kerbs) - requests for these to come forward to the 18 November Area Board meeting for a decision to be made.
2. Lark Down – Costings for proposals of either a refuge/pedestrian build out adjacent to the bus stop
3. Eastbourne Gardens – investigation into pedestrian provision/informal crossing adjacent to Tesco Express

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

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

Financial Implications

£15,354 has been allocated for these schemes. Additional costs for implementing the schemes above the £15,354 will have to be funded from future years 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

1. It is recommended that the Area Board approve the following proposals made by the CATG:
 - 1.1 £5,000 ring fenced for dropped kerbs (will provide 7 single dropped kerbs).

- 1.2 Lark Down – Costings for proposals of either a refuge/pedestrian build out adjacent to the bus stop.
 - 1.3 Eastbourne Gardens – investigation into pedestrian provision/informal crossing adjacent to Tesco Express.
2. If recommendation 1.1 is approved that the following list of dropped kerb requests to be considered; up to 7 kerbs can be funded:
- 2.1 Trowbridge, Gloucester Rd junction with Bond Street - 1 x dropped kerb Identified by the Newtown Area Residents Association the following site requires one drop kerb only (which is opposite one that is already existing). This is a well-used route into town for any wheelchair & mobility scooter users, with this single dropped kerb being "omitted" from what would otherwise be a completely safe route. Location - Pavement to right-hand front of "7-day Shop" in Gloucester Road/junction with Bond Street.
 - 2.2 Southwick, Hollis Way - 1 x dropped kerb Identified by Southwick Parish Council councillor, request for dropped kerb outside 34b Hollis Way as resident there has M.S and has to push her husband who is in a wheelchair over the pavement

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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