

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 10

SALISBURY AREA BOARD
30 November, 2010

SALISBURY COMMUNITY AREA HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2010/11
PRIORITISATION OF SCHEMES

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the board's approval of the Salisbury Community Area Transport Group's (CATG) recommendations for the prioritisation of schemes for funding from the Salisbury Community Area Highway's Budget in 2010/11.

2. Background

- 2.1. During the course of each year, Wiltshire Council receives numerous petitions and requests for small-scale transport and highway improvement schemes.
- 2.2. In previous years, an allocation has been made in the budget to fund a small number of the schemes requested by town and parish councils. To identify those that would receive funding, all requests were assessed and prioritised using the Council's Scheme Assessment Framework, which provides an objective, quantitative and rapid method for evaluating and ranking schemes. However, following the establishment of area boards, this area of funding presents an opportunity for decisions on investment in highway improvements to be taken locally.
- 2.3. The Area Boards have been allocated a budget of £250,000 in 2010/11 and are being involved in the assessment and selection of small-scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas. This funding was been distributed between the Area Boards in accordance with a formula which takes into account population and the area covered. In the case of the Salisbury community area, £14,758 has been allocated for this scheme in 2010/11.
- 2.4 The Salisbury Area Board convened a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to work with officers to consider the 32 schemes on the list at Appendix 1, and to devise a recommendation to the Area Board as to which schemes should be prioritised for funding in 2010/11.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. In choosing their local transport scheme(s), the Area Board will need to be mindful of the objectives of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the likely availability of future funding for implementation. Current LTP objectives are safety, accessibility, economy, integration and environment.
- 3.2. It should be noted that the £14,758 budget is for capital projects 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, and it cannot be used to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport. In addition, the funding will have to be used to fund the necessary survey, feasibility and design work leading to the implementation of any scheme.
- 3.3. The typical schemes (and their corresponding approximate costs) eligible within the Area Board's highways budget are:

Pedestrian Refuge	:	£5k < 10k
Zebra crossing	:	£20k
Signalised (Puffin) crossing:		£60k
Footways	:	£100 per metre length
Traffic calming	:	£50k < £150k
Mini roundabouts	:	£10k < £20k
Bus stops	:	£5k < £10k

- 3.4. Based on advice from Highways' officers following their initial assessment of the schemes listed at Appendix 1, the CATG concluded that the following schemes should be prioritised, with a view to potential funding in 2010/11.

3094 Harnham Road	With the aim to improve pedestrian & cyclist safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic calming/control measures• Moving a pedestrian refuge nearer the roundabout
Coombe Road	With the aim to improve pedestrian & cyclist safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedestrian crossing near Pulseline bus stops• Flashing speed signs• Moving a pedestrian refuge to the townside of St Andrews Way

Laverstock Road/Manor Farm Junction	<p>With the aim to improve pedestrian & cyclist safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mini-roundabout at the T junction of Laverstock Road and Manor Farm Road • Zebra/Pedestrian Crossing/pedestrian refuge
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3.5 The Board has a choice as to how the allocated funding is used, e.g., assessment only or assessment and implementation. For example, the Board could use its allocated funding to put forward all the schemes for assessment, which will help raise their priority when the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport makes a delegated decision. Alternatively, it could put forward one low cost scheme for assessment with a view to using the remainder of the £14,758 funding for implementation of that particular scheme. To enable the Board to make these choices, relevant costs of the assessment and implementation of the three schemes will be required from Highways officers.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

There are no immediate environmental implications from the recommendations made in this report. Once the Area Board agrees which schemes should go forward with funding in 2010/11, the environmental impact of these schemes will be assessed.

4.2. Financial Implications

The Area Board has a discretionary highways budget of £14,758 to allocate in 2010/11.

As detailed above, the cost of a small scale local transport scheme ranges from £5,000 to £60,000+. The Board will need to choose how it wishes to use its allocation (see 3.5 above). This will require relevant information being provided from Highways officers to help inform the Board and enable it to decide before the 31st March, 2011 which schemes should go forward, i.e., assessment only, or assessment and implementation, and how much of its budget it should release to enable this to happen.

The board could also choose to supplement funding of schemes from its Community Area Grants budget.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Board approve the Salisbury Community Area Transport Group's (CATG) recommendations for the prioritisation of schemes for funding as indicated in 3.4 above.

- 5.2. That the Board agree the next step, for Highways Officers to provide the relevant costs of assessment and implementation, to inform the Board's decision on how to proceed.

Appendices

- CATG Minutes
- Community Requests

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Community Requests

Street / Area Location	Scheme Description	No. of ped/cyc accidents	T & I Scores	People potential benefiting	School Travel Scores	Local Amenity	Economy Scores	Linkages	Enviro Scores	OVERALL SCORES
Stratford Road (outside Stratford Court Residential Home)	Pedestrian refuge	2	3	7	10	8	0	17	5	52
Netherhampton Road	Pedestrian Crossing	2	7	7	0	8	0	17	5	46
Grasmere Close/Old Blandford Road, East Harnham	Pedestrian crossing where road meet Grasmere Close	0	1	6	10	4	0	17	5	43
A3094 Harnham Road	Traffic calming	6	5	7	10	6	0	7	0	41
Stratford Area	20mph Zone/Traffic Calming	2	3	8	10	10	0	7	0	40
Pauls Dene Area	20mph Speed Limit/Traffic Calming	2	3	6	10	10	0	7	0	38
Odstock Road, East Harnham	Zebra Crossing near bus stops	2	4	6	0	4	0	17	5	38
Devizes Road south of India Avenue	Pedestrian crossing facility	8	4	4	5	4	0	7	5	37
Clifton Road	Traffic Calming	2	5	4	10	10	0	5	0	36
Parsonage Green to Tow Path	Cycle link	0	4	6	10	6	0	5	5	36
A354 Coombe Road	Pedestrian crossing near Pulseline bus stops	2	5	7	0	4	0	12	5	35
Stratford Road	Provision of footway near primary school	0	4	3	10	0	0	12	5	34
Lower Road	Traffic calming/20mph zone	2	3	6	5	8	0	10	0	34
A354 Coombe Road, East Harnham	Zebra Crossing	2	4	7	0	4	0	12	5	34
Petersfinger Junction	Pedestrian Crossing	0	5	3	0	2	5	12	5	32
A36 dual carriageway to Tesco roundabout	Cycle/Footpath from dual carriageway to Tesco roundabout linking Whaddon, Alderbury and Grimstead with Salisbury	0	5	6	0	2	5	7	5	30

Odstock Road to Harnham Gyratory	Cycle link	2	4	8	0	0	5	5	5	29
Wiltshire Road (West Harnham)	Traffic calming	0	1	6	10	8	0	2	0	27
High Post	Provision of footway from High Post crossroads to factory	0	5	1	0	2	0	12	5	25
St Thomas Way - Bishopdown Farm/Hampton Park	Traffic calming	0	-1	7	10	6	0	2	0	24
St Clements Way - Bishopdown Farm/Hampton Park	Traffic calming	0	-1	7	10	6	0	2	0	24
Laverstock Road	Traffic calming	0	5	10	0	6	0	2	0	23
Heronswood, East Harnham	20 mph speed limit	0	3	5	0	8	0	7	0	23
Odstock Road Roundabout	Pedestrian crossing facility	0	4	6	0	0	0	7	5	22
Burford Avenue, East Harnham	Traffic calming	0	-1	2	10	8	0	2	0	21
Burford Road, East Harnham	Traffic calming	0	-1	2	10	8	0	2	0	21
Milford area	20mph zone/traffic calming	0	0	4	10	2	0	5	0	21
Laverstock Road/Manor Farm Road Junction	Mini-roundabout at T junction of Laverstock Road and Manor Farm Road	0	5	6	0	6	0	2	0	19
Britford Lane, East Harnham	Traffic calming	0	-1	2	0	8	0	7	0	16
St Mark's area	20mph zone/traffic calming	0	0	3	10	0	0	2	0	15
Old Odstock Road, East Harnham	20 mph speed limit	0	4	4	0	4	0	2	0	14
A36 Southampton Road	Congestion measures	4	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	14
Bouverie Avenue, East Harnham	20 mph speed limit	0	3	4	0	4	0	2	0	13
Cecil Avenue, East Harnham	Traffic calming	0	-1	3	0	2	0	2	0	6
Francis Way, East Harnham	Traffic calming	0	-1	3	0	2	0	2	0	6
Meyrick Avenue, East Harnham	Traffic calming	0	-1	3	0	2	0	2	0	6