

## **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 Westbury Community Area.

### **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. Westbury Area Board has been allocated £10,320.

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 Westbury Community Area Transport Group, membership of which is set out in Appendix 1, was a workshop on Thursday 14 October 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 2 December Westbury Area Board meeting:

1. Oldfield Road - widening of narrow footway at the Station Road end
2. A3098 Tower Hill, Dilton Marsh - footway/pedestrian safety measures and investigation of existing traffic calming measures
3. Oldfield Park - lack of parking and dangerous parking causing road safety issues

### **Environmental Impact of the Proposals**

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

### **Financial Implications**

£10,320 has been allocated for these schemes. Additional costs for implementing the schemes above the £10,320 will have to be funded from future years' budgets

### **Legal Implications**

None

### **HR Implications**

None

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

None

### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the Area Board approve the proposals made by the CATG

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