

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
DATE 16 DECEMBER 2010

REPORT ON COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP OUTCOMES

RATIFICATION OF PROPOSALS FROM THE GROUP

Summary

This report deals with the outcomes of the Southern Wiltshire Community Area Transport Group (CATG) which was held on 11 November 2010 at the Old sarum Community Room.

Background

The CATG were presented with various transport issues and scheme. There is a Local Transport Plan list of local schemes held by Highways which originates from request from parishes and a list of area board issues which had emerged over the life of the area board on the online issues system. The aim of this meeting was to identify suitable schemes which could realised by the money delegated to the Area Board from the Local Transport Plan allocation. The total available to the area board is £13,676. It is envisaged that this group will develop to look at prioritising transport issues in the community area, meeting on a 6 monthly basis.

Although this meeting got off to a slow start, the process proves to be a very comprehensive way of dealing with requests for transport schemes. It requires parish councils and the community to engage with the group and officers in order to identify issues in their areas and work on ways to resolve them. It is recognised that the amount of money available is relatively small when looking at larger schemes but the process helps us work through the necessary transport issues at hand and prioritise the most important.

Proposal

The Board is asked to ratify the selections made by the CATG. The group were asked to prioritise 3 schemes. The following 3 schemes were selected (this is not in any particular order):

- Middleton Road, Middle Winterslow – Pedestrian crossing near Young's Paddock
- The Ridge, Woodfalls – Pedestrian crossing and possible footway improvements
- Laverstock Schools – Accessibility improvements and measures to ease congestion such as the footway to the nearby Park & Ride site

The rationale that the group applied was based on the likelihood that the scheme could be achieved as each scheme would require relatively small amounts of funding to complete the entire project.

Tom Gardner, Senior Highways Technician, will now undertake feasibility work on the three schemes and undertake any necessary surveys, the cost of which will be drawn down from the boards LTP discretionary highways allocation. The remaining money will be used to design any feasible/viable schemes. It is highly unlikely that any schemes will be able to be implemented this year. Tom will provide feedback to the CATG on progress, and may need further decisions on which way to proceed if there are options to choose.

Reasons For Proposal

This proposal supports and implements the setting up of a CATG for Southern Wiltshire and prioritises the spending of the board's allocation of £13,676.

Recommendation

To approve the selections made by the CATG and monitor the officer's progress with regard to the schemes.

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