

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>19 January 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Local Transport Plan – Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask the area board to consider recommendations from the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group in respect to funding the following schemes from the 2010/11 funding allocation:

1. Allocate £3,000 towards replacing existing low level kerbing and overlay existing footway adjacent to Swann Close, Ashton Keynes.
2. Allocate £600 towards the installation of 2 'pedestrians in the road' signs in Tetbury Lane Crudwell, conditional on their suitability being confirmed by officers.
3. Allocate £5,000 towards the installation of halos to the zebra crossing outside Malmesbury primary health care centre and repainting of road markings in order to make it more obvious to road users.
4. Allocate £600 towards the installation of 2 'pedestrians in the road' signs on the bend between 'the Green' from opposite Olivemead Lane to 'Sedgemoor', Dauntsey, conditional on their suitability being confirmed by officers and retain on the CATG request list.
5. Defer allocating the balance of the 2010/11 CATG budget of to improvements at North End Crossroads, Ashton Keynes until officers have re-visited the site and investigated changes to signing and lining to improve safety.

To ask the area board to:

6. Retain a number of schemes on the CATG request list.
7. Request further investigation at some sites and/or actions by partners.
8. Remove a number of schemes on the CATG request list.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. In 2010/11 the 18 Area Boards were 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. Malmesbury area board was allocated £13,360.
- 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. Due to the complexity of assessing and selecting schemes 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.
- 1.4. Malmesbury area board on 7 July 2010 decided that the Malmesbury CATG would comprise of Malmesbury area board councillors and a nominated representative from each division (see table below).

<b>Division</b>	<b>Area Board councillor</b>	<b>Nominated representatives</b>
Malmesbury	Simon Killane	Catherine Doody
Sherston	John Thomson	Martin Rea
Brinkworth	Toby Sturgis	Ellen Blacker
Minety	Carole Soden	John Marsh

- 1.5. The Malmesbury CATG met on 20 September 2010 and 14 December 2010, when they were supported by led by Highways officers. The following issues were discussed:
  - 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, both to the highways department and via the Malmesbury community issues system
  - Scheme assessment– taking into account typical costs, LTP criteria, constraints on implementation etc.
  - Discussion on the need to fund a scoping/feasibility study
  - If schemes 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) and recommendation to area board

- 1.6. At the September meeting the CATG requested officers undertake surveys and come up with costings for a number of projects, to enable them to prioritise schemes at their December meeting.

## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Twenty eight schemes were considered by the Malmesbury CATG (see appendix 1). These included schemes submitted to highways officers and those identified to the area board through the community issues process.
- 2.2. In some cases schemes were related and were able to be considered together.
- 2.3. Malmesbury CATG recognised that town/parish councils needed to be mindful of transport related needs in their community when considering local planning applications in order that Section 106 agreements could be specifically identified.
- 2.4. Likewise it was recognised that particularly in the case of larger schemes town/parish councils might need to consider a contribution from their precepts to enable schemes to be implemented.
- 2.5. It was decided that some schemes should be retained on the CATG request list, some required further investigation while others should be removed from the list, where schemes were considered unrealistic and/or there was no evidence to support a need.

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 3.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LTP Allocation Group 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.

## **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, whether they are drivers or pedestrians.

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1. With reference to Appendix 1 and the numbered sites :

- 8.1.1. Allocate £3,000 towards site 1, replacing existing low level kerbing and overlay existing footway adjacent to Swann Close, Ashton Keynes.
- 8.1.2. Allocate £600 towards site 2 and 3 the installation of 2 'pedestrians in the road' signs in Tetbury Lane Crudwell, conditional on their suitability being confirmed by officers.
- 8.1.3. Allocate £5,000 towards site 19, the installation of halos to the zebra crossing outside Malmesbury primary health care centre and repainting of road markings in order to make it more obvious to road users.
- 8.1.4. Allocate £600 towards site 21, the installation of 2 'pedestrians in the road' signs on the bend between 'the Green' from opposite Olivemead Lane to 'Sedgemoor', Dauntsey, conditional on their suitability being confirmed by officers and retain on the CATG request list.
- 8.1.5. Defer allocating the balance of the 2010/11 CATG budget towards site 8, improvements at North End Crossroads, Ashton Keynes until officers have re-visited the site and investigated changes to signing and lining to improve safety.
- 8.1.6. Retain the following projects on the CATG request list:
- Site 4 & 5 - traffic calming & footpath, High Road, Ashton Keynes.
  - Site 13 – pedestrian crossing at Filands.
  - Site 17 - traffic calming on Park Road, Malmesbury.
  - Site 18 – pedestrian crossing between Holloway Hill/Cross Hayes.
  - Site 28 - footway to enable residents of the crescent, Lea to access The Street.
- 8.1.7. Request further investigation or action by partners at the following sites:
- Site 6 & 7 – officer investigations in respect to traffic calming, High Road, Ashton Keynes
  - Site 11 - encourage parish council to use section 106 funding for footpath - Broadfields Farm entrance to Dauntsey Road, Great Somerford.
  - Site 13 – encourage Malmesbury primary school to consider the need for a pedestrian crossing on Tetbury Hill, when completing its school Travel Plan and make an application for, 'Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge', (TAOSC) funding.

- Site 17 - traffic calming on Park Road, Malmesbury re Section 106 funds.
- Site 18 – encourage St Josephs primary school, Malmesbury, to consider the need for a pedestrian crossing between Holloway Hill/Cross Hayes, when completing its school Travel Plan and make an application for, ‘Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge’, (TAOSC) funding.
- Site 28 – officer investigations of footway to enable residents of the crescent, Lea to access The Street.

8.1.8. Remove the following schemes from the CATG request list.

- Site 9 - pedestrian crossing, Ashton Keynes
- Site 10 - footway from school to Dauntsey Road, Great Somerford
- Site 12 - footpath between Winkins Lane and Frog Lane, Great Somerford and recommend parish council to apply for a Wiltshire council Path Improvement Grant.
- Site 14 – traffic calming on Webbs Way, Malmesbury.
- Site 15 - traffic calming on Burnivale, Malmesbury.
- Site 16 – footway widening at The Triangle, Malmesbury.
- Site 20 – footway from St James to M4 bridge, Dauntsey.
- Site 22 – 20mph zone by Brinkworth Earl Danby’s school, Dauntsey.
- Site 23 – footpath improvements from Brinkworth to Wootton Bassett.
- Site 24 – footway from parklands to red Bull, Brokenborough.
- Site 25 – traffic calming in Corston (as the parish council have agreed to adopt Community Speedwatch)
- Site 27- pedestrian crossing in Corston.
- Site 27 – shared foot/cycleway between Corston and Malmesbury.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1– Outcomes and recommendations of Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group
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Unpublished documents relied upon in the preparation of this report have included the notes from the two CATG meetings.

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