

Community Area Transport Group Funding Request

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the position of the proposed footway adjacent to the C151 (between Silver Street and the Recreation Ground in Colerne).
- 1.2 To request the Area Board allocate a proportion of 2011/12 Community Area Transport Group funding to contribute to the construction of the proposed footway.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Corsham Community Area Transport Group (CATG) held on the 15 September 2010 consideration was given to highway issues and requests held by Wiltshire Council and those received via the Area Board issue raising process. The group identified the investigation of footway linking Silver Street to the Recreation Ground as one of its priorities, and allocated a proportion of their 2010/11 funding accordingly. The Area Board subsequently endorsed this project as a priority at its meeting on 19 October 2010.
- 2.2 The investigation has now been completed and a preliminary design has been developed. The construction cost associated with the design has been estimated as £35,000.
- 2.3 Following consultation with Colerne Parish Council, they have outlined their unanimous support for the proposal, and confirmed they are willing to contribute £10,000 towards the construction cost.
- 2.4 The Corsham Community Area Transport Group's financial allocation for 2011/12 has been set at £10,951.
- 2.5 As part of the 2011/12 Integrated Transport Local Transport Plan (LTP), a budget allocation has been included to provide additional funding to those schemes which have been estimated to require funding which is significantly greater than the overall allocation. Given the number of priorities across the County it is expected this allocation will be oversubscribed. Whilst the mechanisms for its allocation has not yet be finalised, it is expected the funding will be distributed according to the overall ratio of cost to potential benefit. When considering the 'costs', this will relate specifically to the financial implication to the 'Substantive Scheme' budget, consequently the greater the funding secured from outside sources, the better the benefit to cost ratio will be.

2.6 Wiltshire Council's term contractors have identified an opportunity in their forward work programme which will enable construction of the footway to commence on the 3 May 2011.

2.6 The next meeting of the CATG is programmed to take place on the 18 May 2011.

3. Options Considered

3.1 Apportion £5,000 of the 2011/12 Corsham CATG allocation towards the construction prior to the next formal meeting of the CATG.

3.2 Do not apportion £5,000 of the 2011/12 Corsham CATG allocation towards the construction prior to the next formal meeting of the CATG.

4. Reason for recommendation.

4.1 The proposal has the full support of Colerne Parish Council.

4.2 Colerne Parish Council has already identified £10,000 of its own fund towards the construction costs.

4.3 Allocation of the funding will reduce the cost implication on the LTP Integrated Transport 'Substantive Schemes' budget, and consequently improve the cost / benefit ratio.

4.4 Will enable construction of the project at the earliest opportunity, and provide the community with a facility for which they have had a long standing aspiration.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Area Board is recommended to allocate £5,000 of the 2011/12 Corsham CATG funding towards the construction prior to the next formal meeting of the CATG.

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Background Papers

None

Appendices

None