

Community Area Transport Group (CATG)
- Funding for Prioritised Schemes

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the board's approval of the Amesbury Community Area Transport Group's (CATG) recommendations for the prioritisation of schemes for funding from the Amesbury Area Highway's Budget in 2011/12.

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 distributed between the Area Boards in accordance with a formula which takes into account population and the area covered. In the case of the Amesbury Area, £17,731 has been allocated for this scheme in 2010/11. This funding has now been rolled over in to financial year 2011/12 and added to a further allocation of £17,731, bringing total available funds in this financial year to £35,462. This money cannot be rolled over into financial year 2012/13.
- 2.4. At the Amesbury Area Board meeting of 31st March, the Board agreed to allocate up to £8,000 for the upgrade of an existing zebra crossing at The Packway, Larkhill to include enhanced belisha beacons and coloured anti-skid surfacing on its approach. The Board also agreed that a pedestrian survey should be undertaken at Winterslow Road, Porton to establish

whether an upgrade to the existing pedestrian crossing is justified. This was subsequently carried out at no expense to the Area Board. Therefore, the budget for remaining work in this financial year stands at £27,462.

2.5. Local transport priorities were further discussed at the Amesbury CATG meeting of 9th June 2011. Following discussion with highways officers it is the CATG's recommendation to pursue the schemes listed in Table 1 at the cost indicated in the adjacent column. Plans associated with schemes 2,3, & 4 can be found in the Appendices:

Table 1: Amesbury CATG Priorities 2011/12

	Priorities agreed	Cost
1.	<i>Packway Larkhill- making crossing more visible through use of zebrite LED surrounds to belisha beacons (£3.5k) and if required, anti-skid road surface in red on approach to crossing (£3.5k)</i>	@£8k NB - funding approved by Area Board 31.03.10
2.	Winterslow Road, Porton, Crossing enhancement, to include coloured crossing, tactile paving and timber bollard with signing	@£7k
3.	Church Street Amesbury, road narrow and no room for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Proposed trial of priority working system using cones	@£1,000 for trial (quote received for £1082.64)
4.	C42 request for lower speed limit in West Amesbury	@£10k

3. Main Considerations

3.1. To approve the expenditure for the CATG priorities 2, 3 and 4 as outlined in Table 1.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

As set out at paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 above, the Area Board currently has £27,462 remaining in the budget for this year, which cannot be carried forward to 2012/13 if unspent at the end of the 2011/12 financial year.

If the remaining prioritised schemes (2, 3 and 4, as set out in table 1 above) are approved for funding, this would total £18K, leaving £9,462 in the 2011/12 budget.

4.2. Legal Implications

The decision to approve the release of funding from this budget has been delegated to the Area Boards.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Amesbury Area Board:

- 1. notes the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group; and**
- 2. approves the release of funding for the prioritised schemes as follows:**
 - Winterslow Road, Porton (Pedestrian Crossing) – £7,000**
 - Church Street, Amesbury (trial of road narrowing) - £1,082.64**
 - C42 West Amesbury (implementation of lower speed limit) - £10,000.**

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Appendices:

- 1. Design of crossing at Winterslow Road**
- 2. Design of trial road narrowing at Church Street, Amesbury**
- 3. Possible extent of lower speed limit at C42, West Amesbury**
- 4. Notes of Amesbury Community Area Transport Group meeting (9 June 2011)**

Background papers: None