

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	29 June 2011
Title of Report	Local Transport Plan – Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes

Purpose of Report

To ask the area board to consider and approve a recommendation from the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

1. Allocate £1,696 to undertake a topographical survey related to pedestrian safety in the area of Sherston High Street.

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2011/2012 the 18 Area Boards were again 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. A balance of £4,160 was carried forward from the 2010/11 budget to give a total of **£17,520** for 2011/12.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Malmesbury area board agreed to the establishment of a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to consider issues /schemes with the support of highways officers and make recommendations to the area board.
- 1.5. The means by which the public and parishes can identify issues for consideration to the Malmesbury CATG is primarily via the [area board community issues process](#)
- 1.6. The current membership of the Malmesbury CATG comprises of Malmesbury area board councillors and a nominated representative from each division (see table below).

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

- 1.7. Malmesbury CATG last submitted a report to the area board on 29 June 2011.
- 1.8. Malmesbury CATG minutes are available from the [Malmesbury area board pages](#) of the council's website to enable information to be readily available to parish/town councils and the community.
- 1.9. The minutes largely consist of a table (Appendix 1). Each issue/scheme is allocated a number on receipt, so numbers do not run sequentially, as some schemes have been completed or rejected and therefore removed.
- 1.10. The CATG will extend its membership to include an invitation to any parish council (who is not currently represented on CATG) to attend a meeting where there is an issue under discussion relevant to them.

2. Considerations

- 2.1. There are 14 issues/schemes on the CATG list (see appendix 1), some of which have received funding and are either awaiting completion or warrant further work when resources become available. Others have been retained on the list while applicants undertake investigative work. Some schemes have been combined as they have a common outcome.
- 2.2. Through electronic means Malmesbury CATG members have been advised about the availability and application criteria/process for £100,000 aimed at supporting substantive schemes. At present there does not appear to be any local scheme which would benefit from this funding, although it is hoped that if in 2012/13 a similar budget is made available then Malmesbury would be in a good position to apply.
- 2.3. The next meeting of the CATG will take place on 27 September 2011.

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.
- 4.2. If the area board approve the recommendations of Malmesbury CATG and allocate £1,696 the budget balance will be **£3,197**.

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.

8. CATG Recommendations

8.1. Issues/schemes requiring funding

- 8.1.1. **Pedestrian Safety in High Street Sherston (No 31)** requires £1,696 for a topographical study of an area which includes the area by the Post Office, the Old School and the footpath by the Rattlebone skittle alley. Once completed this will enable the group to consider some options for the site.
- 8.1.2. Separate traffic management through the narrow priority system whilst the survey is being carried out will be required and have added to the cost.
- 8.1.3. A site visit was made in July with members of CATG, the parish council, post office and Sherston Old School.
- 8.1.4. Key concerns were the existing vehicle priority scheme and painted footway on Court Street together with the painted footway and crossing point on the High Street. The issues of the High Street were considered most important in view of the anticipated transfer of the Post Office to the Old school building in the autumn.
- 8.1.5. The Malmesbury CATG have not had a scheduled meeting to discuss this proposal, however via email consultation there is a consensus of opinion to support this funding.

Appendices	Appendix 1– Malmesbury community area transport schemes under consideration
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