

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

**CORSHAM AREA BOARD
1 DECEMBER 2011**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Community Area Transport Group Recommendations to Corsham Area Board

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the position of the proposals from the CATG meeting that took place on 10th October 2011.
- 1.2 To request the Area Board allocate a proportion of 2011/12 Community Area Transport Group funding to contribute to the two proposals set out below.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Corsham Community Area Transport meeting on the 10th October 2011, the group identified a request for traffic calming in South Place, Corsham as a priority for improvements during 2011-12. This ties in well with the publication of a recent preliminary report on cycle improvements within the centre of Corsham, in particular the Pound Pill / Prospect, South Place and Newlands Road areas where it was highlighted that improvements were required on South Place in order to institute it as part of the town's cycle network. Wiltshire Council Highway Engineers are assessing the recommendations within the report with a view to providing feedback to Corsham Town Council and the Corsham Cycle Area Network. Providing there remains local support for the proposal at South Place, Highway Engineers will continue to develop the proposal during the remainder of 2011-12.

It should also be noted that concerns were raised in relation to St Patrick's School in Lacock Road Corsham. Officers informed the group that this issue will be dealt with under the travel to school plans and officers are working with the school to try to resolve issues as soon as possible.

- 2.2 It was also recommended at this meeting that parish councils be offered 50% funding towards one set of dropped kerbs in each area. It is estimated that each set will cost approximately £1,200 per pair.
- 2.3 It should be noted that Corsham Town Council have advised that they are willing to provide financial support, on a shared basis up to a maximum of £10,000 towards the South Place project.
- 2.4 The Corsham Community Area Transport Groups financial allocation for 2011/12 has been set at £11,759.

- 2.5 In April 2011, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport set aside a budget of £100,000 to fund the substantive highway schemes that are emerging from the Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs). This funding was eligible to any Area Board that had a priority transport issue where the cost of implementing the identified infrastructure solution exceeded the discretionary highway budget available and was to be awarded to bidding CATGs according to value for money and deliverability. On the 12th October, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approved the results of the Substantive Highway Scheme funding mechanism and the awarding of funding to the five winning bids, including Corsham CATG's bid for £27,700 to help fund the footway along the C151 in Colerne. For further information please follow the attached link:

<http://moderngov.wiltshire.council/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=468>

3. Options Considered

- 3.1 Support the proposal to continue with the project at South Place
- 3.2 Do not support the proposal to continue with the project at South Place.
- 3.3 Support the proposal to offer 50% funding for one set of dropped kerbs to each parish council
- 3.4 Do not support the proposal to offer 50% funding for one set of dropped kerbs to each parish council
- 3.4 Note that St Patrick's School will be dealt with under the school travel plan

4. Reason for recommendation.

- 4.1 The proposal has the full support of Corsham Town Council for South Place and support of CATG for the dropped kerbs.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 To support the recommendations from CATG meeting of 10th October 2011 as outlined above.

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Background Papers
CATG notes of 10.10.2011

Appendices
None