

Agenda Item 10

Community Area Transport Group Report

1. Background

In 2011/12 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. Westbury area board was allocated £10,320.

A balance of £7,140 was carried forward from the 2010/11 budget to give a total of £17,460 for 2011/12.

A CATG approved scheme to widen the pavement on Oldfield Road, Westbury, was completed earlier this year, costing £3,992; a commitment of £6,000 was made to create a painted pavement at Edington, and £3,000 was spent on refreshing red carpet road markings on the A350 entrance to Westbury from Warminster. There remains £4,468 in the 2011/12 budget.

The 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.

2. Westbury Community Area Transport group (CATG)

Westbury 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.

The current membership of the Westbury CATG comprises of Westbury area board councillors and representatives from parishes, the Community Area Partnership, the community and the police. Highways officers also attend all meetings.

3. CATG Meeting 20 January 2012

At its meeting on 20 January the CATG discussed a variety of local transport issues including:

- Painted pavement/junction improvements at Edington
- New signage for walking/cycle routes between the town centre and the new primary care centre and between the station and the town centre.
- Installation of dropped kerbs
- Funding of bus stops for new bus route to primary care centre

4. Recommendations

That Westbury area board agree the recommendations of the CATG:

- £1,468 funding to contribute to the 3 way split to provide bus stops for route to Primary Care Centre in conjunction with CATG/Town Council and Area Board.
- £2500 to match fund Town Council for dropped kerbs to dovetail with Primary Care Centre routes and additional signage.
- £500 for additional signage to highlight route to Primary Care Centre and for routes between Westbury station and the town centre.