

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	5th March 2012
Title of Report	Chippenham Area Highways Budget 2011/12 Prioritisation of schemes

Purpose of Report

To approve Chippenham Community Area Transport Group's (CATG) recommendation for the prioritisation of the following schemes, subject to available funding.

- 1.** Malmesbury Road, Chippenham - allocate £8,000 to improve pedestrian safety at the zebra crossing near St Pauls Church Hall.
- 2.** Kington St Michael Road, Kington Langley – allocate £6,900 to upgrade the footpath.
- 3.** Accessibility improvements – allocate £5,000 to install dropped kerbs in the community area, following a prioritisation exercise to be carried out by the CATG with both Town & Parish Councils

1. Background

- 1.1. During the course of each year, Wiltshire Council receives numerous petitions and requests for small-scale transport and highway improvement schemes.
- 1.2. Chippenham Area Board was allocated £18,000 for small scale transport schemes to be progressed in the community area in 2011/12.
- 1.3. Chippenham Area Board convened a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to work with officers to consider Highways Improvements Requests and to make recommendations to Chippenham Area Board as to which schemes should be prioritised and allocated funding.
- 1.4. The 2011/12 budget has been used to deliver the following prioritised schemes:
 - Main Road/Station Road, Christian Malford – Footway extension and pedestrian safety improvements
 - Lowden & Rowden Hill, Chippenham – Pedestrian refuges
 - A4 Pewsham Way / Forest Lane, Chippenham - Pedestrian Improvements.
 - A4 Pewsham Way / Canal Road, Chippenham, - New footway link and improvements to roundabout splitter island on Pewsham Way

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. In considering recommendations from the CATG, Chippenham Area Board will need to be mindful of the objectives of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the likely availability of future funding for implementation. Current LTP objectives are safety, accessibility, economy, integration and environment.
- 2.2. It should be noted that the remit of the CATG is to allocate funds for capital projects and to provide new and improved infrastructure. Schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport, and improve traffic management should be prioritised.
- 2.3. Based on advice from Highways' officers following their assessments the CATG recommend that the following schemes receive funding:

Malmesbury Road, Chippenham	Upgraded lighting and high friction surfacing to improve pedestrians safety at zebra crossing on the Malmesbury Road (near St Paul's Church Hall)	£8,000
Kington St Michael Road, Kington Langley	Upgrade existing footway and make safe for pedestrians	£6,900
Pedestrian accessibility	To provide improvements to dropped kerb provision in the community area, following a prioritisation exercise to be carried out by the CATG with Town & Parish Councils	£5,000

3. Environmental & Community Implications

There are no immediate environmental implications from the recommendations made in this report.

4. Financial Implications

If Councillors make awards in line with officer recommendations in this report, Chippenham Area Board will have an Area Board Funding balance of zero.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

There are no specific equality and inclusion implications related to this report.

8. CATG recommendations

To approve Chippenham Community Area Transport Group's (CATG) recommendation for the prioritisation of schemes at 2.3, subject to available funding.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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