

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 16 February 2012.
- 1.2 To request the Area Board allocate a proportion of 2011/12 Community Area Transport Group funding to contribute to the proposals set out below.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Corsham Community Area Transport meeting on 10 October 2011, 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.

Following the introduction of a school crossing patrol on Lacock Road, an assessment has been undertaken to identify potential highway improvements to the school walking provision and operation of the crossing patrol. This assessment has highlighted a need to introduce School Warning Signs and associated 'Flashing Amber' warning lights. St Patrick's School have outlined they are willing to contribute £1000 to the costs, and Corsham Primary School have also outlined a contribution of £500, as the benefit provided by the crossing patrol extends to children attending the Pound Pill site. It has been agreed by members of the group that the CATG recommend to Corsham Area Board to support this project using £2500 of the 2011 /2012 allocation.

- 2.2 At the same meeting it was also recommended 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. It was confirmed that Lacock Parish Council, Box Parish Council and Corsham Town Council have outlined no desire for any dropped crossing points to be installed following the offer made by the transport group to part fund during 2011/12. The provisional funding made at the previous CATG meeting for this has been release for reallocation. Colerne Parish Council confirmed that they would like one dropped crossing, plus an additional lowering on one side of the carriageway only. The Parish Council have outlined their willingness to fund 50% of the costs and it was agreed the additional 50% could be funded from the CATG budget - £900.

- 2.3 At meeting on 10 October 2011 at the request of Corsham Town Council the CATG approved a scheme to try to resolve the issue of safety to pedestrians at South Place Corsham. Following confirmation of the scheme's trial not taking place until the new financial year, the CATG agreed that the remaining funding of £4451.74 for 2011/12 should be allocated to this scheme for future development subject to the findings from the trials taking place in April and approval from Corsham Area Board.
- 2.4 The Corsham Community Area Transport Group's financial allocation for 2011/12 has been set at £11,759.

3. Options Considered

- 3.1 Support the recommendation to fund improvements to Lacock Road and allocate £2,500 from 2011/2012 CATG budget.
- 3.2 Do not support the recommendations to fund improvements to Lacock Road.
- 3.3 Support the recommendation of £900 to offer 50% funding for one and a half sets of dropped kerbs for Colerne Parish Council.
- 3.4 Do not support recommendation to offer 50% funding for one and a half set of dropped kerbs to Colerne Parish Council.
- 3.5 Support the recommendations to allocate £4451.74 form 2011/2012 to the future developments of South Place subject to findings from the trials taking place in April.
- 3.6 Do not support the recommendations for South Place.

4. Reason for recommendation

- 4.1 The proposals above the full support of Corsham Town Council for South Place and Lacock Road. Support of CATG and financial support from Colerne Parish council for dropped kerbs

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 To support the recommendations from the CATG meeting of 16 February 2012 as outlined above.

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Background Papers
CATG notes of 16 February 2012
Appendices None