

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	3rd March 2014
Title of Report	Local Transport Plan – Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes

Purpose of Report

To ask the Chippenham Area Board to consider and approve the recommendations from the Chippenham Community Area Transport Group (CATG) outlined in this report:

- To note the latest information on schemes in progress (see Appendix 2)
- To approve the list of schemes recommended for prioritisation and allocate funding (see Appendix 3)
- To approve the list of schemes recommended for retention and further consideration (see Appendix 4)
- To approve the list of requests recommended for removal (see Appendix 5)
- To approve the recommendation that in future the CATG shall seek a contribution of up to 25% of the cost of specified Highways Schemes from the Town or Parish Council where the proposed scheme is located.

To ask Chippenham Area Board to consider and approve delegated authority to the Area Board Chairman, in consultation with the Chairman of CATG and Community Area Manager where funding is needed urgently and the matter cannot wait until the next Area Board meeting.

- Funding may only be approved up to £1,000
- Decisions taken under this delegated power shall be reported to the next Area Board meeting

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2013/2014 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. Chippenham Area Board was allocated **£18,087**.
- 1.2. The balance of funding carried over from 2012/2013 was **£17,604**
- 1.3. The Chippenham Area Board Highways Funding balance for 2013/14 is **£35,691**
- 1.4. If funding is awarded in line with CATG recommendations outlined in this report, Chippenham Area Board will have a Highways Funding balance of **£2098.47**
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. Chippenham 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.
- 1.7. The means by which the public, Town and Parishes can identify issues for consideration to the Chippenham CATG is via the Community Issues system.
- 1.8. Representatives from Town & Parish councils and members of the public are welcome to attend meetings where there are issues under discussion relevant to their community. Please contact your Community Area Manager Victoria Welsh should you wish to attend to ensure that numbers can be accommodated:
victoria.welsh@wiltshire.gov.uk
- 1.9. Summaries of Chippenham CATG meetings are made available on the Chippenham Area Board web pages of the council's website to enable information to be readily available to Town and Parish councils and the wider community.

2. Recommendations from CATG

2.1	To note the latest information on schemes in progress	See Appendix 1
2.2	To approve the list of schemes recommended for prioritisation and allocate funding	See Appendix 2
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2.5	To approve the recommendation that in future the CATG shall seek a contribution of up to 25% of the cost of specified Highways Schemes from the Town or Parish Council where the proposed scheme is located
2.6	<p>To ask Chippenham Area Board to consider and approve delegated authority to the Area Board Chairman, in consultation with the Chairman of CATG and Community Area Manager where funding is needed urgently and the matter cannot wait until the next Area Board meeting.</p> <p>2.5.1 Funding may only be approved up to £1,000</p> <p>2.5.2 Decisions taken under this delegated power shall be reported to the next Area Board meeting</p>

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG 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 Highways Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.

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

The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 – Financial summary</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Chippenham CATG Schemes in progress</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Chippenham CATG Schemes recommended for prioritisation</p> <p>Appendix 4 - Chippenham CATG Schemes recommended for retention and further consideration</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Chippenham CATG requests recommended for removal</p>
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