

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
SALISBURY AREA BOARD**

08 January 2015

Item 12

**Cllr Led Initiative: Cllr Richard Clewer
Salisbury street bench funding**

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider a proposal that would enable benches to be repaired along the footpath along the river near Waitrose, in the open areas around the ring road roundabouts and any other areas in the city where there are damaged benches.

2. Background

Benches in town provide a short stop off and breathers on walks about the city. There is a need for them to be repaired and highways will repair them if we contribute the materials.

3. Proposal

Cllr Clewer would like the Area Board to set aside £500 for timber and equipment to repair the benches. Highways Officer Dave Arnup will arrange the repairs.

4. Matters for consideration

The Council's Streetscene team will implement therefore no permission or guidance is needed.

5. Sustainability

In order for this to become sustainable the Area Board could look into getting volunteers involved in this work, like the street signing refurbishment project. This would need to come back to the Area Board for future consideration.

6. Recommendations

That:

- The Area Board agrees to set aside a sum of £500 from its capital budget to purchase the timber and equipment to improve the benches in and around the City.
- The Board, in the New Year could bring back a report on involving volunteers in this project with the advice and guidance from the Highways Streetscene team.