

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WESTBURY AREA BOARD

9 APRIL 2015

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT
GROUP
SMALL-SCALE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
SCHEME RECOMMENDATIONS

Purpose of the Report

To put forward for approval recommendations from the Community Area Transport Group.

1. Background

1.1 Due to the complexity of assessing and selecting schemes from the many requests, and the potential time that such an agenda item would take, each Area Board was requested to set up a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to make recommendations to the Area Board

1.2 In 2015/16 Westbury Area Board has a £10,320 discretionary budget to involve it in the assessment and selection of small-scale transport schemes and other highways matters to be progressed in its community area.

1.3 It should be noted that this allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is to be used 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; these are selected using technical surveys and inspections.

2. Main Considerations

2.1 It has been agreed to recommend to the Area Board to allocate £1,000 for the installation of bike racks at three locations in the town. As no CATG meeting has taken place since the last area board meeting, this agreement has been made by email to all members of the CATG.

2.2 One of the aims of the CATG is to promote alternatives to car travel. The installation of bike racks will encourage people to use bikes in the knowledge that they can be safely secured while they shop or visit the town centre and the shops.

2.3 The bike racks will be installed at both ends of Westbury High Street and on Leigh Park shopping area (this specific venue to be confirmed). The two central locations have been agreed by the town council, highways officers and the CATG.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1 There is no negative environmental impact and the installation of bike racks is anticipated to have a beneficial effect by encouraging more people to use alternative forms of transport.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The proposals above can be funded from the 2015/16 CATG budget.

5. Legal Implications

None

6. HR Implications

None

7. Equality and Diversity Implications

None

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that the Area Board agrees to the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group set out in paragraph 2.1

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