

Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	13 October 2010
Title of Report	Community Areas Transport Group

Purpose of Report

To inform Councillors of the progress of the Community Areas Transport Group

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. In previous years an allocation has been made in the budget to fund a small number of the schemes requested by Town/Parish Councils. To identify those that would receive funding, all requests were assessed and prioritised using the Council's Scheme Assessment Framework, which provides an objective, quantitative and rapid method for evaluating and ranking schemes. However, following the establishment of Area Boards, this area of funding presents an opportunity for decisions on investment in highway improvements to be taken locally.
- 1.3. In 2010/11 the Area Boards have been allocated a discretionary budget of £250,000 and will be involved in the assessment and selection of small-scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas. This funding has been distributed between the Area Boards in accordance with a formula which takes into account population and the area covered.
- 1.4. In choosing their local transport scheme(s), Area Boards will need to be mindful of the priorities of the LTP and the likely availability of future funding for implementation.
- 1.5. 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. In addition, it cannot be used to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.

2. Allocation of the £250,000

- 1.6. Due to the complexity of assessing and selecting a scheme from the many requests, and the potential time that such an agenda item would take, recommendations are made to the Area Board by a Community Area Transport Group (CATG).
- 1.7. Members of the CATG have been identified by the Community Area Manager in conjunction with the Area Board Chair. Meetings are attended by relevant officers from

Wiltshire Council including a senior transport planner, a senior traffic engineer and the relevant Head of Service for Local Highways and Streetscene. The meeting is chaired by the Area Board Chair.

3. Other Highways projects

- 1.8. Whilst the CATG has initially met to discuss the allocation of the discretionary highway budget, it is envisaged that they would continue to meet on a six monthly basis to consider requests in order to determine those that are feasible and that might be eligible for funding in future years.

4. Community Transport Workshop

- 1.9. The first meeting of the South West Wiltshire CATG met on 29 September to discuss:

- Background to the LTP, transport policies, and breakdown of total Council funding.
- Use of the Assessment Framework to prioritise requests.
- Review of requests received in the community area.
- Selection of scheme(s)

- 1.10. The CATG reviewed over 38 project requests and made an initial selection of 17 projects as follows:

Location	Village	Project
The Lynch	Mere	New footpath between Lynch Close and Lynch Cottage Narrowing the road junction of The Lynch and Pettridge Lane to stop cars from cutting the corner as they turn into The Lynch Designating the lane as a 20 mph zone and Access Only
Mere centre	Mere	Disabled parking space
Salisbury Street	Mere	Traffic management
A30 (by Brook Street/High Street)	Fovant	Pedestrian crossing/refuge
A30	Ludwell	Pedestrian crossing/refuge
A30	Ludwell	Traffic calming
Ansty Road (River Bridge)	Tisbury	Provision of footway
High Street	Tisbury	Footway widening/traffic management
Tuckingmill Lane	Tisbury	Traffic calming
Weaveland Road	Tisbury	Traffic calming
Tuckingmill Road/Monmouth Road	Tisbury	Re-alignment of junction
A30 Shaftesbury Road	Barford St Martin	Pedestrian island/refuge
C12 High Road	Bishopstone	Traffic calming
Mouse Cottage to Mount Sorrell	Broad Chalke	Traffic calming
Dinton	Dinton	Footway and island
Dinton	Dinton	Traffic calming
Pera Tree Cottage to	Teffont Magna	Footway

Bathhurst Road		
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- 1.11. The Community Area Manager, as secretary of the CATG, and other members have contacted project originators, parish councils and the Transport Planning Department to provide further detail regarding each project where not currently held: what the problem is, suggested solutions, costs where known. Once this detail has been received, the CATG will meet again on 2 November to analyse the projects and develop a priority list for approval by the Area Board.
- 1.12. Once approved, with revisions as necessary, the Transport Planning department will conduct feasibility studies and produce costed options.