

**REPORT FROM THE ASSETS, DESIGN AND REGENERATION TEAM LEADER TO AREA 4 COMMITTEE 11TH JULY 2006**

**CORSHAM STREETSCENE ENHANCEMENTS**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1. To update the Committee on expenditure of the 2005-6 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks, and inform of options for expenditure of the 2006-7 Capital Budget of £10,000 for the continuation of Streetworks.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. The Committee notes the overspend of available 2005-6 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks.
- 2.2. The Assets, Design & Regeneration Team Leader utilises the 2006-7 Capital Budget of £10,000 for the continuation of Streetworks for the purposes of completing a further phase of enhancement works at 'Area 5' with high quality natural materials within Corsham High Street.

**3. Links to the corporate/business area objectives**

- 3.1. To safeguard and enhance the assets and resources of North Wiltshire and the wider community.
- 3.2. To provide Cleaner, Safer and Better Streets by working in partnership with Town and County Councils.

**4. Background Information**

- 4.1. It was reported to the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005 Area 4 Committee that:  
*The planned next phase (Phase 8) of York Stone Paving works within Corsham High Street is to replace the poorest area of paving between Hobbs Walk and 'Theodoras'. A small area of initial works were achieved re-using available stone, to the area opposite Hobbs Walk during March 2005.*

The Committee resolved that:

*The Design and Estates Team Leader utilises the 2005-6 Capital Budget of £10,000 for the continuation of Streetworks for the purposes of implementing further enhancement works with high quality natural materials within Corsham High Street.*

**5. Current Position**

- 5.1. The majority of Phase 8 works were completed by Autumn 2005 (see Appendix 1: Areas 7 and 9). However, some of the works affected land belonging to, and have required more lengthy negotiation with, adjacent property owners (see Appendix 1: Area 5). Works also affected previous consents relating to Listed properties.

Consequently these works have been delayed whilst proposals were confirmed as acceptable to relevant parties. Quotations have now been received for their implementation as a separate contract. The works could potentially be carried out in August 2006.

- 5.2. Further potential phases of York Stone Paving works within Corsham High Street include the replacement of the area of older concrete paving between 'Theodoras' and the Town Hall frontage (see Appendix 1: Area 8). The only other area of concrete paving remaining within the central High Street area is on the opposite side of the road to this section, but consists of generally good condition traffic-resistant pavers (see Appendix 1: Area 10).

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. Some £32,079 was available for Phase 8 works. However, increased construction costs, increased stone supply prices and additional drainage works have resulted in an estimated overspend of approximately £1,850, in addition to highway works at Area 5 being omitted.
- 6.2. Quotations for the implementation of works in the highway and private land at Area 5 total approximately £9,000. It is proposed this is funded from the 2006-7 Continuation of Streetworks budget. This includes a contribution from the adjacent owner for works to areas within their ownership.
- 6.3. For all Capital works budgets, a proportion is allocated for professional fees. Detailed design work associated with Area 5 was carried out during the last financial year. Fees to oversee the contract for works would amount to approximately £1,000 of this year's budget.

## **7. Human Resources and Equal Opportunities implications**

- 7.1. Continuation of Streetworks are identified in the Urban Design work programme and therefore progressing them will have no impact upon internal human resources. Partnership and combined funding will enable a higher value of works to be implemented. The Urban Design work programme may need minor amendment to reflect implementation of combined overall works with partnership funding.

## **8. Community and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. Streetworks enhancements have significant community and environmental benefits. The additional enhancement works proposed will improve the visual quality and amenity of this busy and historic town centre location.

## **Documents Used in Preparing this Report**

Reports and Minutes of previous NWDC Committees.

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