

## REPORT TO THE AREA 2 COMMITTEE

## Report No.8

Date of Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2007
Title of Report	<b>Area 2 Streetscene Enhancements: Cricklade War Memorial</b>
Link to Corporate Priorities	Streetscene enhancements accord with the District Council's Corporate Priorities of Cleaner, Safer and Better Streets, and Partnership Working; and the Wiltshire Strategic Partnership's priority theme of <i>Improving Wiltshire's Streetscene</i> . Streetscene enhancements conserve and enhance the District's built environment and landscape setting and assets and resources, protect and promote the local distinctiveness of North Wiltshire's heritage, and are prepared in consultation with (and where possible include partnership funding from) other local organisations and Councils. Business Area/Team Plan Objectives: Authorisation to allocate the available budgets will maintain performance against the Urban Design work programme for 2007-8.
Public Report	YES

### Summary of Report

This report informs the Committee of a potential allocation of part of the Area 2 2007-8 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks, to correspond with a minor change to the allocation of the Area 2 2005-6 Capital Budget for the continuation of Streetworks in respect of Cricklade War Memorial.

### Officer Recommendations

1. That £1,000 of the Area 2 2007-8 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as a further contribution towards enhancement works to Cricklade War Memorial.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NO	YES	NO	NO

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### 1. Introduction

1.1 The 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005 Area 2 Committee resolved that;

- *Up to £2,500 of the Area 2 2005-6 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as partnership funding towards enhancement of the Cricklade War Memorial, subject to further partnership funding for the project being obtained.*
- *£2,500 of the Area 2 2005-6 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated to professional and planning fees associated with progressing proposals for the*

*enhancement of the Cricklade War Memorial and that the Design & Estates Team Leader be authorised to progress and oversee the design, applications and works.*

- *The balance of the Area 2 2005-6 Capital Budget for Streetworks be allocated as further funding towards improvement works at the Mount Pleasant retaining walls in Wootton Bassett.*

Works to the retaining walls at Mount Pleasant in Wootton Bassett were completed in September 2007 and required expenditure of the balance of funding as allocated .

## **2. Options and Options Appraisal**

2.1 As a result of consultations by Cricklade Town Council's Working Party during 2007, the proposed scheme of enhancements to Cricklade War Memorial was revised to include repair and alterations to the existing stone wall surrounding the main memorial cross, rather than the previously proposed demolition of this wall. This has considerably increased the scope of works and the estimated costs of the project. The Working Party have therefore sought further partnership funding for the project including grant assistance, and have also engaged other consultants to produce the detailed design and oversee the works. However, there is still a shortfall in funding.

2.2 The professional fee element was accounted for in the recharges by the Design and Estates Team in progressing the earlier scheme during the years 2005 and 2006. It is therefore proposed that £1,000 be allocated to the War Memorial works from this current year's Area 2 Capital Budget for the Continuation of Streetworks.

2.3 The current estimated project funding and costs are shown in Appendix 1. This indicates that even with this Council contributing £1,000, the funding shortfall is still expected to be between £3,023 at best and £7,203 at worst - depending on confirmation by other potential funding sources and the amount of contingencies allowed for the works. The Committee may therefore also wish to consider whether a more generous contribution is made to the project.

## **3. Background Information**

3.1 Cricklade Town Council have allocated a total of £7,500 towards this project to date. Further grant funding and other contributions have also been sought.

### **Financial Implications**

The 2007-8 Area 2 Capital Budget for the Continuation of Streetworks of £10,000 is currently unexpended and uncommitted. The proposals would commit part of that budget.

### **Community and Environmental Implications**

Streetworks enhancements have significant community and environmental benefits. A contribution towards additional enhancements will improve the visual quality and amenity of a prominent focus in the Conservation Area.

### **Risk Analysis**

By contributing towards works being progressed by others, the risk of overspend is reduced. Not allocating these funds would not support this Council's priority of Streetscene and Cleaner, Safer, Better Streets.

<b>Appendices:</b>	• <b>Appendix 1: Project Funds and Costings</b>	
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	• <b>None</b>	
<b>Previous Decisions Connected with this Report</b>		
<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
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