

# REPORT

**Councillor Brown: Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport**

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## **PARISH STREET CLEANSING GRANTS**

### **1 SUMMARY**

This report requests Cabinet to review the decision made on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004 concerning grants to certain Town and Parish Councils in view of confusion over the population criteria used for the allocation of grant.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 At the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> July Cabinet reviewed the budget for street cleansing grants and how the grant would be allocated. Cabinet resolved to amend the grant scheme by:

- Reducing the budget to £7,500
- Setting new population criteria for eligibility using Tisbury as the baseline and dividing the revised budget equally between those entitled to claim.

2.2 However, the decision as minuted also specifies (minute 363, 1(a)) that this be subject to the following addition; “the inclusion of the three additional villages of Laverstock, Idmiston and Alderbury”. This has caused confusion because using Tisbury as the baseline, according to the latest population figures from the 2001 Census, the three additional villages would be Alderbury, Laverstock and Redlynch.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

It is therefore recommended that:

3.1 The decision at minute 363, 1 (a) from the Cabinet meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004 in relation to the new Parishes to be offered street cleansing grant be rescinded, and

3.2 It be confirmed that

- 3.2.1 the street cleansing grant scheme be amended by setting new population criteria for eligibility using Tisbury as the baseline and dividing the revised budget equally between these entitled to claim, and

3.2.2 that this would be subject to the grant only being released on receipt of paid invoices for cleaning work already carried out.

#### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1	Financial	:	None.
4.2	Legal	:	None
4.3	Personnel	:	None
4.4	Environmental	:	The street cleansing grant aims to encourage local involvement in litter control.
4.5	Core Values	:	Being environmentally conscientious.
4.6	Wards affected	:	Idmiston and Redlynch