

Report

Report subject : Information Report on the bus shelter maintenance budget for 2007-08 and proposals for expenditure in 2008-09

Report to : City Area Committee (Community)

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1. Purpose of report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide members of City Area Committee (Community) with an update on the expenditure of the bus shelter maintenance budget in 2007-08 and proposals for expenditure in 2008-09.

2. Main consideration

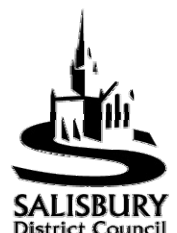
2.1 Within the Salisbury City Portfolio an annual revenue budget is available for maintenance of the existing SDC owned bus shelter stock. This budget is used for routine matters such as cleaning as well as ad hoc repairs due to vandalism. In 2007–08 the budget available was in the sum of £9,750 but this was raised during the year to £14,750. The end of year expenditure amounted to £14,750. A breakdown of actual expenditure is shown below.

	Expenditure 2007-08
Window and cleaning contracts	£2,160
Vandalism repairs	£5,235
Pavement cleaning & repair	£4,750
Electrical testing	£974
Relocation of bus shelter to London Road (part payment)	£1,631
Total	£14,750

2.2 Members will note that an amount of the budget has been used to part pay for the relocation of an existing bus shelter from Gainsborough Close to a site on London Road following representations from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and local Councillors. This has been achieved through monitoring of the budget and the use of a potential surplus at year end together with a developer contribution.



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- 2.3 The budget available for 2008–09 is £14,530 and known commitments are the window and cleaning contracts and the pavement cleaning & repair which are likely to be in the sum of £7,000. This leaves an amount of £7,500 to cover vandalism repairs and other ad hoc works. Should expenditure on these items not occur to the amount available it would be possible to either fund the provision of new shelters at those stops that do not have shelters or provide new replacement shelters at stops where life expired shelters exist. However this could only be undertaken in the final quarter of the year when the extent of the expenditure on vandalism repairs and ad hoc works is clear.
- 2.4 No formal priority list currently exists for the provision of new shelters. Rather a number of requests have been received from residents and local councillors. The current list is set out below.
- Newbridge Road - 2No North and south bound
Coombe Road - by Odstock Road mini roundabout
Wain-a-Long Road - at St Marks Roundabout end
Devizes Road - southern end by chip shop
Oakway Road – Pauls Dene area
Seth Ward Drive
- 2.5 It is possible that delivery of the requested shelters could be achieved using surplus maintenance monies as outlined above or through alternative funding mechanisms, such as developer contributions, as and when they become available.

3. Recommendation(s):

- 3.1 It is recommended that the contents of this report are noted.

4. Background Papers:

- 4.1 None.

5. Implications:

- **Financial:** As set out in the report.
- **Legal:** None
- **Human Rights:** None
- **Personnel:** None
- **Community Safety:** The ongoing repair and maintenance of bus shelters provides a safe place for passengers to wait for the bus and encourage greater patronage.
- **Environmental:** If and when constructed the projects mentioned within the report could lead to a reduction in car journeys and provide improved accessibility to amenities.
- **Council's Core Values:** Promoting a thriving economy, being environmentally conscientious, wanting to be an open, learning Council and a willing partner.
- **Wards Affected:** All city wards