

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM X

WARMINSTER AREA BOARD
28 July 2010

Prioritisation of Highways Scheme Requests

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To consider and prioritise requests for highways schemes in the Warminster Community Area.

2. Background

- 2.1. Funding for local road schemes increased slightly in 2010/11 and is to be allocated by area boards through Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs).
- 2.2. Highways projects are initially given a score based on the number of accidents, number of people who would benefit, school travel, access to local amenities, benefit to local economy, transport linkages and environmental impact.
- 2.3. The Warminster CATG met 20 October 2010. The minutes of that meeting are attached at appendix 1).
- 2.4. The CATG considered the overall scores for individual projects, as well as local support and need.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Warminster Area Board has been allocated £15,226 (capital) for local highways projects.
- 3.2. The CATG identified that most of the projects on the list had either been done already, were about to be commenced or were no longer relevant/necessary.
- 3.3. The remaining projects were prioritised (see matrix at appendix 2).
- 3.4. The priority projects identified in appendix 2 are:
 - Priority 1) Copheap Lane (combined with Imber Road) – pedestrian crossing and traffic calming.
 - Priority 2) Chitterne (two requests to be combined into one project) - Footway and traffic calming.
 - Priority 3) Pound Street, Warminster – Consider lorry access, rather than traffic calming.
- 3.5. Projects given a lower priority will remain on the list and will be considered next financial year.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

Some schemes could have an impact on the immediate location. These impacts will be considered as part of individual schemes.

4.2. Financial Implications

The area board will not be directly responsible for allocating the £15,226 available, but should be mindful that it is unlikely that all proposed schemes will be deliverable within the budget.

4.3. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific equality and diversity implications related to this report.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) The area board prioritises local highways projects in line with CATG findings (see 3.4)
- b) The area board instructs the highways department to investigate the feasibility of these projects, in priority order, within the available budget.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Minutes of the CATG held 20 October 2010

Appendix 2: CATG prioritisation matrix

Background papers: