

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership of the CATG

The CATG will normally be made up of not more than 10 members from the following groups:

- Members of the Area Board
- Town and Parish Council representatives
- Community representatives

Representatives should act as a conduit between their organisations and the CATG by putting forward the views of the body they represent and providing feedback to its members regarding the work of the CATG. The group members will also need to be mindful of the needs of the community area as a whole when making their recommendations, as not all councils and groups can be represented on the CATG.

Recommendations to the Area Board will usually be reached by consensus but if necessary these can be agreed by a show of hands by those representatives present at the meeting.

The group will normally be chaired by a Wiltshire Councillor. Membership of the CATG will cease when a member ceases to hold the stated office as when first appointed.

The CATG may invite representatives from local organisations to its meetings to give technical advice or to share pertinent local knowledge on projects in the area.

Appointment of CATG Members

Appointment of members to the CATG will normally be agreed at a full meeting of the Area Board. Membership may be varied, with the agreement of the Area Board Chairman, subject to approval at the next full Area Board meeting.

Where required for flexibility, the Area Board may appoint an unnamed representative of an organisation to the CATG (e.g. Town/Parish Council or Community Area Partnership) to ensure that the organisation is always represented at meetings. However it is preferred that the same representative attends if possible to ensure consistency of membership.

Media Relations

Members of the CATG must not issue press statements on behalf of the Area Board.

Any press statements about the work of the CATG should be agreed between the Chairman of the CATG and the Chairman of the Area Board.

Meetings

It is recommended that the CATG meet at least four times a year. Meetings are intended to be limited to the Membership set out above, and is open to other members of the Area Board who wish to attend. It can be open to public if the Area Board wishes. It should be noted that CATG is an advisory body, it does not exercise delegated decision making powers.

Officer Support

Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council including a senior transport planner, a senior traffic engineer and a local highway maintenance engineer as necessary. Additional support will be provided outside of the meeting by the Corporate Office Business Support unit, as per Area Boards.

Terms of Reference

The CATG has no formal decision making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Board. Recommendations must be agreed at a full CATG meeting before being brought to the next Area Board for approval.

The CATG's terms of reference are set out at Appendix A:

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1. Small scale transport schemes – discretionary funding

To make recommendations to the Area Board to determine priorities and levels of expenditure required for small scale transport schemes in the community area. A discretionary highways budget has been allocated to the board by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. The funding allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund revenue functions such as maintenance schemes or the provision of passenger transport services. Schemes considered by the CATG should have first been raised through the community issues system and endorsed by the relevant town or parish council.

In choosing their local transport schemes Area Boards will need to be mindful of the priorities of the Local Transport Plan and the likely availability of future funding for implementation.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-021-10)

2. Small scale transport schemes – substantive funding

To submit bids for funding from the centrally held substantive funds. A scheme qualifies as substantive if the estimated cost is in excess of the total discretionary amount available.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-026-11)

3. C & UC roads speed limit review

To make recommendations to the Area Board as to the priority routes for review on C Class and unclassified roads in accordance with the guidance issued by the Cabinet Member for Highways.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-027-11)

4. Waiting restrictions

To make recommendations to the Area Board regarding waiting restrictions in areas where the Town or Parish Councils do not wish to undertake this function.

(Cabinet Member Decision HT-031-11)

5. 20mph speed restrictions – review and implementation

To make recommendations to the Area Board as to the priority routes/areas for review and implementation of 20mph speed restrictions in accordance with the guidance issued by the Cabinet Member for Highways.

(Cabinet Member Decision HSB-007-13)

6. Other decisions

To make recommendations to the Area Board regarding any other local highways issues when requested.