

Report to	Southern Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	30/01/2020
Title of Report	Southern Community Area Transport Group

1. Purpose of the report

To provide Councillors with details of the funding request for works to refurbish & improve bus shelters in Downton and Landford from the respective Parish Councils.

2. Background

Wiltshire Council no longer has a specific budget allocated for maintaining bus shelters across the County therefore the responsibility for maintenance has been left to Town and Parish Councils.

The Southern Area Board agreed at its meeting on 28 November 2018 to allocate funding, from its Community Area transport Group's (CATG) budget to allow Redlynch Parish Council to refurbish and improve seven vandalised bus shelters. It was also agreed that the Community Engagement Manager would contact Parish Councils to establish how many additional Shelters may require refurbishment. It was felt that a co-ordinated approach may offer cost savings.

On 12 February 2019, it was reported that only Landford Parish Council had expressed an interest in submitting a bid for funding and therefore they should be invited to submit their proposal.

Since then Landford and Downton Parish Council's have worked together to obtain combined quotes and this has resulted in the contractors agreeing to a 50% reduction in installation costs.

3. Funding Request

Funding is requesting to repair and upgrade six shelters damaged by vandalism as in their current state the shelters offer no protection to the travelling public. The panes of glass are to be replaced with a clear polycarbonate so that they are more robust. The parishes are requesting 50% of the cost of the works - £1238.57.

Landford Parish Council

2 no. Shelters to be refurbished - see appended quote.

Total Cost	£1757.52
Parish Council Contribution	£ 878.76
CATG contribution	£ 878.76

Downton Parish Council

4 no. Shelters to be refurbished – see appended quote.

Total Cost £ 719.62

Parish Council Contribution £ 359.81

CATG contribution £ 359.81

4. Budget Update

The Southern Community Area Transport Group budget allocation for 2019/20 remains unchanged at £13,676. The current amount unallocated is £5,181 and the budget sheet is appended to this briefing note.

Should both schemes be approved the funds remaining would be £3942.43.

5. Recommendation

That members agree to allocate **£1238.57** from the CATG budget to refurbish and upgrade the bus shelters as outlined in this report.

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