

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

APPROVAL FOR USE OF COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG) FUNDING FOR WORKS TO AID SOCIAL DISTANCING AT HIGH STREET, MALMESBURY.

Decision made;

To approve £11,000 of the funding previously allocated to the Malmesbury Area Community Area Transport Group to be used to carry out works at High Street Malmesbury to aid social distancing.

Made by: Parvis Khansari, Director Highways and Environment

Background

1. As the Director for Highways and Environment, I am responsible for any matters relating to Highways and Environment Service in the County of Wiltshire on behalf of Wiltshire Council. The power to make a decision in respect of this matter is delegated to me pursuant to Wiltshire Council's Constitution.

Reason for decision

2. The Government guidance in connection with the easing of restrictions in connection with Covid-19 has encouraged road space to be reallocated for walking and cycling to enable social distancing, especially as shops and businesses reopen.
3. A locally promoted scheme has been developed to temporarily widen footways in the upper High Street at Malmesbury by the use of cones, barriers and signing and by amending legal traffic orders as necessary.
4. Initial indications are that there will be limited funding available from the Department of Transport for this purpose, and the proposed scheme is unlikely to qualify for the funding currently available.
5. In order to allow the scheme to proceed £11,000 of the funding previously allocated to the Malmesbury CATG will be used to fund the works to facilitate the reallocation of road space. The Town Council will be carrying out further signing and amenity improvements to improve the attractiveness of the town for shoppers and visitors.

6. I confirm that in making this decision I have considered the following in line with Wiltshire Council's Constitution:

Key decision requirements	Yes. This is not a Key Decision
Views of relevant cabinet member(s), committee chairman, area board(s)	Yes.
Consultation with cabinet member(s), the Leader and Scrutiny (for Executive decisions taken under Emergency Powers)	Yes.
Consultation with local members (as appropriate)	Yes
Consideration of the area boards and delegated decision checklist for officers on the issue of when and how to involve local councillors and area boards in decisions about local services	Yes
Implication of any council policy, initiative, strategy or procedure	Yes
Consultation in accordance with requirements and expectations of consultation with the public	Not Applicable in view of current Covid-19 restrictions
Range of options available	Yes
Staffing, financial and legal implications	Yes
Evidence of due regard having been given to the Public Sector Equality Duty.	Yes
Risk assessment	Yes
Involvement of statutory officers and/or directors	Yes
Regional or national guidance from other bodies	Yes
The council's constitution	Yes
Contract is suitable for execution under the e-signature process	Not applicable

Conflict of Interest

7. Not applicable.

Other options considered

8. The option not to proceed with the works was not considered to be acceptable, as it is important that these changes are made to aid social distancing and to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duties to keep the highway network safe.

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Made by:

Parvis Khansari, Director Highways and Environment

Date:

08 June 2020