

Wiltshire Council

Warminster Area Board

22 September 2011

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 for 2011/12 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 19 July 2011. The minutes of the meetings are attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.4. The CATG considered the overall scores for individual projects, as well as local support, need and budget available.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Budget Allocation:

The amount allocated to CATG for 2010/11	£15,226
The expenditure and projects for which it was used 2010/11	£0.00
The amount to be rolled over to 2011/12	£15,226
The amount allocated to CATG for 2011/12	£30,452 (£15,226 x 2)

Of the above figure the following has been expended / allocated for this year 2011/12:

Imber Road / Copheap Lane	
Top survey	£2079.00
Pedestrian survey	£750.00
Chitterne Traffic Management Works	£10,000.00
Total amount committed	£12,829.00
Remaining amount of CATG monies for 2011/12	£17,623.00

A substantial amount from the remaining funding will go towards the Copheap Lane scheme if ratified.

3.2. The CATG went through the matrix and 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 as shown in the matrix (Appendix 2).

3.4. The priority projects identified are:

Priority 1 - Chitterne Traffic Calming (carried over from 2010/11)

Priority 2 - Copheap Lane (combined with Imber Road) – pedestrian crossing and traffic calming.

Priority 2 will cost approximately £25k. The funding will be sought as follows: £5k funding sought from Warminster Town Council and £10k from the Substantive Highways Scheme Fund, leaving £10k to come from the CATG funding.

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
Priority 1 - Chitterne Traffic Calming (carried over from 2010/11)
Priority 2 - Copheap Lane (combined with Imber Road) – pedestrian crossing and traffic calming.
- b) The area board instructs the highways department to investigate the feasibility and commencement of these projects, in priority order, within the available budget.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Notes of the CATG meeting 29 July 2011
Appendix 2: CATG prioritisation matrix