

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	7 March 2012
Title of Report	Local Transport Plan – Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes

Purpose of Report

To ask the area board to consider and approve the following recommendations from the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG):

1. To approve the actions and recommendations outlined in section 8 of this report in respect to handling of current CATG issues/schemes
2. To delegate all decisions of SID sites to the CAM in consultation with the CATG.
3. Allocate £10,000 from the area board budget to community issues now being addressed by the CATG (outlined in section 8 of this report).

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2011/2012 the 18 Area Boards were again allocated a discretionary budget of £250,000 to involve them in the assessment and selection of small scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas. Malmesbury area board was allocated £13,360.
- 1.2. A balance of £4,160 was carried forward from the 2010/11 budget to give a total of **£17,520** for 2011/12.
- 1.3. This funding allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved 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 maintenance schemes or to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.
- 1.4. Malmesbury area board agreed to the establishment of a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to consider issues /schemes with the support of highways officers and make recommendations to the area board.
- 1.5. The means by which the public and parishes can identify issues for consideration to the Malmesbury CATG is primarily via the [area board community issues process](#)
- 1.6. The current membership of the Malmesbury CATG comprises of Malmesbury area board councillors and a nominated representative from each division (see table below).

Division	Area Board councillor	Nominated representatives
Malmesbury	Simon Killane	Catherine Doody
Sherston	John Thomson	Martin Rea
Brinkworth	Toby Sturgis	Ellen Blacker
Minety	Carole Soden	John Marsh

- 1.7. The Area Board agreed that CATG would extend its membership to include representatives from parish councils (who were not currently represented on CATG) where there were issues under discussion relevant to them.
- 1.8. Malmesbury CATG last met on 24 January and will next meet on 17 April 2012.
- 1.9. Dates for 2012/13 CATG meetings have been agreed as follows: 12 April, 12 June, 17 July, 23 October and 4 December 2012 and 5 February 2013.
- 1.10. Malmesbury CATG minutes are available from the [Malmesbury area board pages](#) of the council's website to enable information to be readily available to parish/town councils and the wider community. The minutes largely consist of a table. Each issue/scheme is allocated a number on receipt, so numbers do not run sequentially, as some schemes have been completed or rejected and

therefore removed.

- 1.11. Cabinet agreed that the CATG should consider and make recommendations to the area board about Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). The first task has been to review the current SID sites and consider those submitted (following an invitation to parish/town councils).
- 1.12. Cabinet also agreed that CATG should consider the 'C' class road speed limit review and details of the process will be contained in a presentation elsewhere in this agenda.

2. Considerations

- 2.1. Sixteen 16 issues/schemes discussed at the January CATG meeting (see Appendix 1 and 2). Some have received funding and are to be closed while others are being investigated further. Some are being recommended for 'mothballing'; these are schemes where some work has been undertaken, but would benefit from larger schemes if and when funding became available.
- 2.2. CATG would like to fund two projects but have exhausted their annual budget. They hope that Malmesbury area board members might consider using area board funding to ensure these two schemes can proceed. Both issues were raised as community issue and would improve community safety of local people.
- 2.3. A budget sheet outlining actual/final costs of projects was considered at the January meeting and the 2011/12 balance agreed was **£2,732.66**. It was recognised that there was sometimes a small amount of slippage between design and implementation and this figure needed to be used to have an accurate picture of the budget available to the group.
- 2.4. Speed Indicators Devices (SIDs)
 - 2.4.1. SIDs have been shown to be effective in reducing the speed of traffic when deployed for short periods. From April responsibility for agreeing the SID deployment programme has been devolved to Area Boards.
 - 2.4.2. Best practice is that a SID should not be deployed to a site for more than 14 days at a time and should not return to the same site before 12 weeks so that it remains effective. Any changes to the sites would be made every 6 months.
 - 2.4.3. A SID can only be placed at a site that meets the criteria (see Appendix 2) and has had a metro count to test the speed of vehicles.
 - 2.4.4. Where a metro count has provided data for a site that meets the criteria for Community Speedwatch the Area Board may wish to encourage the local community to set up a Speedwatch Scheme.

2.4.5. Malmesbury area board has been allocated a SID and the CATG have been asked to identify priority sites. To this end town and parish councils were contacted in early December to invite SID site submissions, based on either those already operating (see Table 1 below) or new ones. The response has been poor.

Community Concern Enforcement	Speed Limit	Date of Metro Count	Parish	Source
Dauntsey Village, The Green, Junction with Middle Green	30	Unknown	Dauntsey	CSW
B4042 Brinkworth (30 mph)	30	Unknown	Brinkworth	Community Concern
Tetbury Hill, Malmesbury (30mph)	30	Unknown	Malmesbury	Community Concern
B4042 Swindon Road, Malmesbury (30 mph)	30	Unknown	Malmesbury	Community Concern
Park Road, Malmesbury (30mph)	30	Jun-10	Malmesbury	Community Concern
B4040 Malmesbury Road, Leigh	40	Unknown	Malmesbury	
B4040 Minety(30 mph)	30	Unknown	Minety	Community Concern
B4040 Charlton. Junction with Vicarage Lane.	30	Unknown	Charlton	CSW

2.4.6. Requests for new sites have been received from: Charlton, Oaksey, Sherston, Startley and Minety. Sites are being processed for metro counts to identify whether they are appropriate. Where they meet the criteria these will be introduced and those on the old list discarded. CATG also agreed to investigate re-siting the SID on Tetbury Hill.

2.4.7. It is suggested that the decision of where SIDs are sited is delegated to the CAM in consultation with the CATG in order to avoid unnecessary delay as the CATGs themselves cannot have decision making powers.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. All decisions must fall within the funding allocated to Malmesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. The budget remaining to CATG in September for 2011/12 was **£2,732.66**.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1. The schemes recommended to the area board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

8. CATG Recommendations

8.1. Scheme closures (please refer to Appendix 1)

1.1.1. **High Road Ashton Keynes (5) traffic calming** – this will be picked up in any substantive scheme identified in (4)

1.1.2. **High Road Ashton Keynes (6) by the school** - with support from the parish council kerb and signage works scheduled for 1 week from 5 March. Further activity may be undertaken by the school through 'Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge' funding as an application has been received.

1.1.3. **St Joseph's School, Malmesbury** – It is felt that this should be pursued through the School Travel Adviser, through the revision of the School Travel Plan which will enable them to make a 'Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge' funding bid.

1.1.4. **Knockdown Road, Sherston (29)** - Some 'Keep Clear' markings have recently been provided outside the school, plus the school have updated their School Travel Plan which has enabled them to make a 'Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge' funding bid in order to secure further improvements.

1.1.5. **B4042 Brinkworth close to 'Little Foxes' Nursery (33)** – it is the capacity of the car park which is causing problems and the nursery needs to consider expansion of parking facilities.

8.2. Schemes to be 'mothballed'

1.1.6. **High Road, Ashton Keynes (4)** - some minor footway works are due to be undertaken close to the White Hart PH, however a new footway along this length would cost in the range of £30,000-40,000 and is therefore only suitable for a substantive scheme, should future funding become available.

1.1.7. **Dauntsey between 'The Green to 'Sedgemoor' (18)** - provision of gates, signage and lines provided with support from the parish council.

8.3. Schemes requiring funding

1.1.8. **Tetbury Hill near Filands, Malmesbury (13).** Funding of £5,000 is requested from the Area Board budget to enable works to be undertaken at the existing pedestrian refuge and crossing point on Tetbury Hill near Filands estate. This would involve signing, lining and improvements to the crossing point, including dropped kerb and tactile paving. This scheme would go a considerable way to improve road and pedestrian safety in this area.

1.1.9. **Pedestrian Safety in High Street, Sherston (31).** Funding of £5,000 is requested from the Area Board budget to enable CATG to contribute towards Phase 1 of new footway works and enhancements in the High Street by the Post Office. This will include a new footway link and crossing point close to High Street /Court Street junction. This scheme aims to improve overall road and pedestrian safety in the area.

8.4. The remaining schemes will be retained on the CATG list.

8.5. The area board delegate the decision of where SIDs are sited to the CAM in consultation with the CATG in order to avoid unnecessary delays

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Malmesbury community area transport schemes under consideration following 24 January 2012 meeting. Appendix 2 – Notes & Actions CATG Meeting 24 January 2012. Appendix 3 - Technical Note: Community Speedwatch and Temporary Speed Indicator Site Selection Criteria.
-------------------	---

Report Author	Miranda Gilmour, Community Area Manager Tel: 01672 515742 Mobile:07990 505882 E-mail: miranda.gilmour@wiltshire.gov.uk
----------------------	---