

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 8

AMESBURY AREA BOARD

19 July 2012

UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To provide an update regarding matters considered by the Transport Group on the 11 June 2012 (see Appendix A), and to seek the board's approval regarding:

- (a) funding for a footpath scheme along the A345 from Stonehenge Roundabout to Amesbury (see Appendix B)
- (b) future actions required regarding the Salisbury Rd, Bulford to Solstice Park footway/cycleway scheme

2. Background

2.1. The Area Board set up the Transport Group in 2010, and it has continued since then to meet on a quarterly basis to consider ongoing and new transport priorities and to commit funding from a designated discretionary budget to those priorities where suitable.

2.2. The group is made up of a number of unitary, town and parish councillors.

3. Main Considerations

3.1. For a full account of the Group's discussions on the 11 June 2012, please refer to Appendix A. This account includes an annexe which details the findings of a recent survey carried out by the Group regarding parking concerns at the Area's local schools. The board is asked to note that work is in progress regarding these findings, and that each matter is being carefully managed in close consultation with the schools, residents and parish councils.

3.2. The only financial commitment supported by the Group in June was in regard to the footpath scheme along the A345 from Stonehenge Rd to Amesbury. Details of this scheme are attached at Appendix B. Essentially, the Board is asked to approve funding from the Transport Group budget of £5,000 towards this £71,000 scheme. Almost £50,000 is secured through a S106 agreement, and the remaining funds are being requested from the Wiltshire Council Substantive Transport Grant.

3.3. Another matter which the Group considered should be brought to the attention of the Board, was that of the Salisbury Rd, Bulford to Solstice Park

(known as Telegraph Hill) footway/cycleway scheme. This is a scheme which has been progressing for well over a year now, but the Group is concerned that the lengthy negotiations may not be resolved in time to secure approximately £200,000 worth of S106 funding. Unitary Councillors have received a written update from officers on this scheme, and the board is now asked to consider what action should/could be taken to ensure this matter is satisfactorily resolved.

3.4. One other matter the Group takes a keen interest in, is that of speeding, which has been found to be the top priority of residents in the Amesbury Area. The Group continues to discuss speeding concerns, but is mindful also of the associated Speedwatch Working Group (see Item 10) and of the Speed Indicator Device Prioritisation Programme (see Item 11).

4. Financial Implications

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With reference to paragraph 3.2 above, should the Board approve the recommendation that £5,000 be committed from the Transport Group's 2012/13 budget, this will leave £16,000 of available funds in the budget for the remainder of the financial year.

5. Recommendations

- (i) To note the minutes of the 11th June Transport Group meeting
- (ii) To allocate £5,000 from the 2012/13 Transport Group's budget to the Stonehenge Roundabout to Amesbury footpath scheme.
- (iii) With reference to the Salisbury Rd, Bulford to Solstice Park (known as Telegraph Hill) footway/cycleway scheme, Cllr Smale and officers should meet to discuss future negotiations with landowners, with a view to submitting an offer for the required land, a planning application and scheme for the associated works.

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