



**Cambridge City Council**  
**South Area Committee**

**Date:** Monday, 9 March 2020

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Wilkinson Room - St John the Evangelist Church Hills Road  
Cambridge CB2 8RN

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**Exhibition Item**

A Cambridge University Hospitals representative to attend and have a display prior to the meeting to promote membership of the Foundation Trust and the opportunity to stand for election in the forthcoming 2020 governor elections.

- Cambridge University Hospitals is a Foundation Trust and has a Council of Governors.
- CUH are promoting the elections in terms of candidates but also encouraging people to sign up to be eligible to vote in the elections.

The 'Thinking of Becoming a Governor' guide is available on the CUH website.

**Agenda**

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 5 - 16)
- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes (Pages 17 - 22)

**Items for Discussion**

- 5 Estate Improvement Scheme (Pages 23 - 28)  
Briefing item that allows for question and answer session afterwards.
- 6 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods SAC (Pages 29 - 36)

- 7 Update Report on Fendon Road/Queen Edith's Way Roundabout  
Cycling Officers to speak about Fendon Road following September 2019 Open Forum question (minute reference 19/35/SAC).  
  
Presentation to be followed by a question and answer session.
- 8 Network Rail Presentation: (Proposed) Cambridge South Station  
Presentation by Network Rail Representative on proposals for a new station south of Cambridge to be followed by question and answer session
- 9 Open Forum

### **Items for Decision**

- 10 Environmental Improvement Programme (Pages 37 - 52)
- 11 SAC Area Committee Grants 2020-21 (Pages 53 - 64)
- 12 South Area Committee Dates 2020/21  
Proposed South Area Committee dates for the 2020-21 municipal year:
  - 22/06/20
  - 07/09/20
  - 30/11/20
  - 08/03/21

Venues will be agreed later.

**City Councillors:** McGerty (Chair), Thornburrow (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Dryden, Lord, McPherson, Page-Croft, Pippas and Summerbell

**County Councillors:** Ashwood, Crawford and Taylor

**City and County Councillor(s):** Adey

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**SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE**

9 September 2019

7.00 - 10.12 pm

**Present**

**Area Committee Members:** Councillors McGerty (Chair), Thornburrow (Vice-Chair), McPherson, Ashton, Dryden, Lord, Pippas, Crawford and Taylor

**Officers:**

Head of Streets and Open Spaces: Joel Carré

Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer: Maureen Tsentides

Committee Manager: Sarah Steed

**Other Officers in Attendance:**

Police Inspector: Paul Rogerson

Police Sergeant: Kiri Mazur

Operations Director, Stagecoach East: Ross Barton

Commercial Officer, Stagecoach East: Paul Long

Lead Engineer, Signals and Systems County Council: Daniel Downes

Team Manager Signals Team County Council: Richard Ling

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****19/29/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Page-Croft, Summerbell and Ashwood. Councillor Thornburrow provided apologies for lateness.

**19/30/SAC Declarations of Interest**

Member	Item	Interest
Cllr Ashton	19/33/SAC, 19/35/SAC	Personal: Member of Cambridge Area Bus Users Group
Cllr Dryden	19/33/SAC, 19/35/SAC	Personal: Member of Cambridge Area Bus Users Group
County Cllr Taylor	19/33/SAC, 19/35/SAC	Personal: Member of Cambridge Area Bus Users Group

### **19/31/SAC Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22 July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **19/32/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes**

The action sheet was noted and an updated copy can be viewed at the following link under 'Updates to Action Sheet'.

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=122&MId=3715&Ver=4>

### **19/33/SAC Stagecoach Bus Services in South Area**

The Committee welcomed representatives of Stagecoach to the committee meeting to discuss bus services in the South Area.

The Committee made the following comments:

- i. Referred to previous issues on Long Road.
- ii. Expressed concern that residents were not getting regular updates from Stagecoach.
- iii. Noted that the Bus Users Group in Cambridge was not consulted about the Mill Road, road closures. When there were issues on Mill Road, a representative was made available on Mill Road for a week to assist residents and users. Asked if funding was available to support the Citi 2 service if there was funding available for the roundabout. Noted that both staff and patients used the Citi 2 bus. Commented that the works were due to take place for 6 months over the winter months.
- iv. Expressed concerns that the Citi 2 bus service could be reduced following changes to the service as a result of the Fendon Road roundabout works. Commented that buses were a key form of transport.
- v. Referred to bus services which were cut some time ago to Teversham and Coldham's Lane.
- vi. Noted that not everyone wanted to travel via Addenbrooks and that Coldham's Lane was a good opportunity to be looked at.
- vii. Stated that Coleville Road had their bus service cut, which had been operating for 15 years.
- viii. Queried whether Stagecoach could work with City Ambassadors.
- ix. Noted that the Trumpington park and ride bus was supposed to replace some of the Citi 7 services but it did not. This meant that residents were

driving to the park and ride, parking there then catching the bus into town which used up valuable park and ride parking spaces.

Representatives from Stagecoach made the following comments:

- i. They had only found out about the Fendon Road road works in July and had put the best solution that they could come up with into place.
- ii. They wanted to hear views from the South Area Committee and residents.
- iii. There were not many diversion routes available and did not know the congestion extent which would be created by a 'rat run'.
- iv. Other option for the Citi 2 bus was to use Mowbray Road, but this would mean having to go through traffic lights twice and would add time to the route and was not a viable option.
- v. The only viable option was the transfer on to the Citi 1 bus if greater notice had been given other options could have been considered however other concerns would still remain with using Nightingale Avenue such as the safety of the junction with Babraham Road and the time it would take to travel through this junction.
- vi. Stagecoach had a finite number of buses and drivers, one option was to reduce the frequency of the Citi 2 bus, but Stagecoach did not want to go down that route.
- vii. Had been open with the issues at Nightingale Avenue, there was an issue with turning right at the bottom of the road.
- viii. Commented that there was some subsidy from the rail company which funded the shuttle buses during the Mill Road works.
- ix. Further information was needed to find out about users: who they were, what they wanted and what Stagecoach could offer. The traffic conditions and route will be reviewed during the operation.
- x. Were aware that connectivity was very important.
- xi. Shuttle buses used on Mill road had now been earmarked for Histon Road and various local councillors had asked if they could be considered for use to help serve their local constituencies.
- xii. Had met with people at Cambourne and there were a lot of competing interests.
- xiii. Was aware that the network needed to be updated and that there needed to be a service review. Had noted that Teversham had been raised by a local councillor and was being reviewed.
- xiv. Stated that there were new managers in place at Stagecoach who were looking to work with the community.
- xv. Commented that improvements were planned with regards to advertising bus services at the train station and customers should see a dramatic improvement.

xvi. Would look into the Trumpington park and ride / Citi 7 query.

**Action: Councillor McGerty to write to Cambridgeshire County Council on behalf of South Area Committee to express disappointment at the poor communication with residents and Stagecoach regarding the Fendon Road, road works.**

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. Asked whether 'on demand' bus services had been considered which could re-route buses round the city.

Commented that this had not been specifically considered and noted that as an industry, an 'on demand' model had not been successfully developed. This was not a closed door, but at the moment they did not know how to make such a model work.

2. Acknowledged that a good job had been done in a short period of time. Noted that the Bus Users Group did not hear about the works until August 2019 and that lessons needed to be learned from this. Queried whether buses could be staggered leaving from Addenbrooks bus station. Commented that there were a lot of confused members of the public that day who were not sure which bus to catch.

Representatives of Stagecoach had been in attendance at Addenbrooks on the first day of the revised bus services and noted that there was a lot of traffic on Cherry Hinton Road. He had been checking real time data throughout the day and it was only during the morning that buses were running between 15-45 minutes late. Once buses lost time it was difficult to make this up during the day. Also noted that children were returning to school that day. Confirmed that data would be monitored for the next couple of weeks so that this could be analysed to see what changes could be made. Also noted that delays could have a knock on effect in other areas of the city.

3. Asked whether the ice-rink would be added to the Citi 1 or Citi 3 bus service.

Confirmed that this was being considered but there were no answers at the moment. Need to investigate where people wanted to go, would also consider the park and ride service.

4. Had emailed radio show presenters and producers to ask that greater information was given out as part of the travel news. Insufficient information had been provided about the works being done at Fendon Road. Queried why Stagecoach had not been consulted earlier by the County Council. Commented that Stagecoach and the County Council had engineers so a solution could have been developed.

Commented that the consultation regarding the Fendon Road roundabout was done in 2015/16. Did not know why the County Council did not liaise with Stagecoach earlier. Would continue to push for better relationships with the County Council as they needed to work together.

5. Queried bus connections.

Confirmed that buses could be diverted; Stagecoach would monitor the Fendon Road works and that changes could be made to bus services if required. Commented that both sides of the roundabout were open an hour ago. Was waiting to hear back from the County Council whether part of Queen Edith's could be re-opened.

6. Queried the electronic bus timetable displays and commented that these seemed to report to an internal timetable and did not reflect the buses on the road. Commented that the buses on the road needed to be increased by a factor of five and that costs needed to be reduced. Noted that only small changes in bus provision were being discussed.

Commented that Stagecoach had done a lot over the past 6 months. A discount had been introduced for NHS staff and a student ticket had been introduced. Further enhancements were planned for the bus way. Had just invested in buses, although there was a shortage of drivers in Cambridge. Ambition was there, just needed to manage expectations. Acknowledged the Stagecoach app needed to be improved.

In response to a question about working with Whippet, commented that Stagecoach were the provider and if they could deliver improvements to the service then they would do so.

7. Asked how much notice from the County Council was required to enable Stagecoach to be able to consider any changes to services as a result of road works.

Stated that as much notice as possible would be appreciated, but 6 months would be helpful.

## **19/34/SAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods**

The Committee received a report regarding policing and safer neighbourhoods trends.

The report outlined actions taken since the last reporting period. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details). Previous priorities and engagement activity noted in the report were:

- i. Drug dealing in the South Area, specifically in parks and open spaces;
- ii. Anti-Social Behaviour in public areas in Trumpington village; and
- iii. Begging on streets in Cherry Hinton.

**Action: ASB Team to circulate round details of the new Police Officers who serviced the South Area.**

The Committee discussed the following policing issues:

- i. Aggressive begging was frightening to members of the public as they were not always equipped to be able to respond. Members of the public needed to understand that it was not just about enforcement and that individuals required support to be diverted away from begging.
- ii. Referred to drug dealing which was taking place in the park which bordered the back gardens of properties in Gunhill Close.
- iii. Noted issues in Coleville Road and empty properties / flats which could be used by individuals for ASB.
- iv. Referred to drug dealing taking place in Princess Court and Hanover Court
- v. Referred to a persistent beggar on Mill Road who had returned.

Members of the public raised the following policing issues:

- i. Highlighted the issue of illegal and dangerous parking on Greenlands and Red Cross Lane and noted whilst the County Council Enforcement Team could be contacted to check parking, a more permanent solution needed to be found.

Councillor McGerty thanked the member of the public for highlighting this issue and asked for any ideas to resolve this issue. He noted that people still parked on freshly painted yellow lines and noted that yellow lines which had been introduced on Nightingale Avenue had meant that over 100 parking spaces had been lost.

Noted that the County Council's enforcement Team could be contacted to check whether people were parking in accordance with restrictions.

**Action: Councillor McGerty to follow up requisition for CCTV camera at Greenlands / Red Cross Lane.**

The Police noted that reference had been made to aggressive behaviour by some of the people who were parking where they shouldn't and stated that this issue was not reflected in their 'calls for service'. Stated that if this issue was reported then appropriate resource could be allocated to investigate this element of the issue.

Members of the public suggested:

- i. To query whether on-road parking was required.
- ii. Automatic number plate recognition.
- iii. Signage.
- iv. CCTV cameras specific for parking enforcement.
- v. Suggested that the County Council purchase an ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) car as Peterborough Council had something similar.

Members of the public were encouraged not to approach aggressive people by themselves and to report any issues or concerns through the appropriate channels.

The following priorities were unanimously **agreed**:

- i. Address youth ASB on the Anstey Way estate.
- ii. Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows.
- iii. Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

**19/35/SAC Open Forum**

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. Asked whether a motion to prioritise active would be supported. Active travel meant walking, cycling, scooting etc ahead of using buses, taxis, cars. Referred to deaths which had occurred on Milton Road and the guided busway.

Councillor McGerty said that he wanted to see less car usage. Referred to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) who had ambitions to double the number of buses. He noted that alternative modes of transport to cars were required.

County Councillor Taylor agreed with the proposal. She noted that speed limits on the guided busway had been reduced. Referred to two children who had been hurt after being hit by vehicles. Referred to Fendon Road roundabout which would have four pedestrian crossings. She wanted a road hierarchy which put people with disabilities top, then pedestrians then road users. She had been working with CamCycle in relation to the bus way in Trumpington.

**Action Point: Councillor Taylor confirmed she would look into the active travel issue.**

2. A member of the public asked whether it was the intention in the future not to have the open forum at the beginning of the meeting and whether it was necessary to submit questions in advance of the meeting.

Councillor McGerty said he had asked for the Stagecoach item to be first on the agenda as he thought this was an item that a great number of residents would be interested in. He had expected a higher turnout of people with a specific item on the agenda. Confirmed that questions did not need to be submitted in advance of the meeting.

Post meeting note: An advantage of questions being submitted in advance of a meeting may mean that a response could be provided at the meeting but there is no requirement to submit questions in advance.

3. A member of the public asked whether members had received notification about the Citi 1 and 2 bus services before the last South Area Committee and were members supportive of the disruption. Referred to Councillor McGerty and County Councillor Taylor receiving correspondence from Graham Hughes as local members.

Councillor McGerty stated that he was supportive of the Fendon Road scheme but was not supportive of the disruption it had caused. He was not aware that the Citi 2 bus would not go directly to Addenbrooks. Referred to a meeting which was taking place the next day where practical solutions were to be discussed.

The member of the public commented that the County Council did not take a holistic approach with their work.

Councillor Pippas commented that the County Council needed to find better ways to communicate.

A member of the public referred to three public information meetings, which had been organized in relation to the Fendon Road works but commented that these were not consultations. The County Council needed to think things through and consult with bus operators prior to road works taking place.

County Councillor Taylor commented that she was interested in a shuttle service to Addenbrooks and asked Stagecoach what was the best way for people to contact them. Commented that earlier discussions between the County Council, Stagecoach and bus users was needed.

**Action: Committee Manager to invite County Council Cycling Officers to attend the next area committee meeting to talk about Fendon Road, road works.**

4. A member of the public referred to comments made by Mr Browne in an article about 3<sup>rd</sup> world immigrants when he worked for the Spectator magazine which they found distressing. Also referred to a neo-fascist march which had taken place that weekend.

County Councillor Taylor noted that the comments were made some time ago and Mr Browne had been asked to retract his comments. Councillors had to comply with a code of conduct and would not be expected to make those comments and neither should MPs.

Councillor Pippas said that people made the difference and the people of Cambridge were wonderful and welcoming.

Councillor McGerty commented that the member of the public was a valued member of the community and their concerns were taken seriously.

5. A member of the public referred to the consultation exercise which had been undertaken in relation to the Fendon Road roundabout and stated that this could have been much improved. Commented that road users had not been looked at equally and it was not surprising that pedestrians had not been given precedence. The roundabout would be bad news for bus users and journey times.

Councillor McGerty commented that the way in which the scheme had been delivered was not good but that the scheme should be delivered. Pedestrian and cycle safety should be considered. He wanted to support the GCP. The scheme was not designed to exclude buses. The GCP were holding a people assembly on the way forward to achieve a modal shift in transport.

### **19/36/SAC Presentation on the Traffic Signal Junction**

County Council Highways Service representatives attended the meeting and gave a verbal presentation about the refurbishment of the traffic signal junction at Cherry Hinton Road/Queen Edith's Way/High Street/Fulbourn Road, Cambridge.

The Highway Service representatives made the following comments:

- i. The original scheme had been consulted on in March 2016.
- ii. People were worried about pedestrian and cycling safety.
- iii. Referred to the layout of the scheme on plans.
- iv. Referred to Giant's Grave and the high street originally having two lanes but now one lane was suggested.
- v. Had wanted to install the scheme after the consultation in 2016 however due to staff resources had been unable to do so. They were now in a position to take the scheme forward.
- vi. When the scheme was constructed, they anticipated a 20 week programme, they wanted to avoid road closures but some may be required.

The Committee made the following comments in response to the report:

- i. This was an improved plan and noted that although some trees would be removed new ones would be planted in their place. Also noted that County Officers would be in touch with the City Councils Tree Officer to discuss the trees as part of the scheme.
- ii. Asked whether pedestrians and cyclists could be separated.
- iii. Commented that this scheme was different to the Fendon Road scheme as officers had spent time speaking to residents and a good job had been done on a limited junction.
- iv. Questioned if a one way solution had been considered.

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. Expressed concerns about narrow paths and commented that this was a good opportunity to extend paths.

Officers would look at whether parts of the path could be widened but there were pinch points where this would be difficult.

2. Commented that this was not a radical scheme, there was no bicycle / vehicle separation and looked like a late 1990s junction. Plans should be put in place to future proof the scheme for the next 20 years.

Two lanes were needed for safety. There was no room for a bus lane down the high street. The GCP were looking into a solution and also looking at adjusting was traffic lights did in the presence of a bus.

The meeting ended at 10.12 pm

**CHAIR**

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**COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET** Agenda Item 4

<b>Committee</b>	<b>South Area Committee (SAC)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>22/07/19</b>
<b>Updated on</b>	<b>11/09/19</b>

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<p><u>19/04/SAC Q4</u></p> <p>Ward Councillors to respond to local resident about concerns over worryingly low water levels in Cherry Hinton Brook.</p>	<p>Councillors Ashton, Dryden and McPherson</p>	<p>22/07/19</p>	<p><u>22/07/19</u> Councillor McPherson has written to resident. Further letter to be written to water company on behalf of South Area Committee as there appears to be no response to date. Copy of latest letter sent to local MP.</p> <p><u>01/08/19</u> Councillor Ashton wrote to, and received a reply from South Staffs Water - Cambridge Region. The Water Resources &amp; Environment Manager assured the committee and other interested parties that Cambridge Water does not abstract directly from Cherry Hinton Brook, nor indeed any surface water rivers. All of their resources are groundwater based, although chalk streams do have an element of base flow from groundwater's, so can potentially be affected by</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
			<p>abstractions from the aquifer.</p> <p>Details passed onto local resident who raised the initial query.</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b> Action completed and to be removed from action sheet.</p>
<p><u>19/04/SAC Q8</u></p> <p>Councillor McPherson to find out details of how Burnside Lakes (formerly known as Cambridge Lakes) could be named after (locally) well known / influential people.</p>	<p>Councillor McPherson</p>	<p>22/07/19</p>	<p>No progress to report.</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b> To retain on the action sheet, there were difficulties regarding this for example, agreement had to be sought from families if you wanted to use a person's name.</p>
<p><u>19/06/SAC</u></p> <p>Councillor McPherson to liaise with other Area Committee Chairs and write to City Police Commander to request CORA data in area committee reports.</p>	<p>Councillor McPherson</p>	<p>22/07/19</p>	<p>On-going discussion with Police regarding the best way to address this matter as current IT system will not generate the details in the format required for Area Committees.</p> <p>Letter sent to Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner from all 4 Area Committee Chairs 14/08/19</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
			<p>requesting PCC does all within his power to ensure that these statistics are again made available to our area committees.</p> <p>Response from Superintendent Jon Hutchinson, Southern Area Commander, received 27/08/19.</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b>  Referred to response from Superintendent Hutchinson. Up to date crime data was available directly from <a href="http://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a>.</p>
<p><u>19/24/SAC Q1</u></p> <p>Speeding and dangerous driving in Church End</p>	<p>Councillor Crawford</p>		<p>To continue to pressure the Highways Department to take action to improve road safety in the area</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b>  Had seen a positive response from the Resident's Association and had also asked for meeting with residents to discuss parking arrangements.</p>
<p><u>19/24/SAC Q2</u></p> <p>Action needed to protect the Flying Pig from closure/demolition</p>	<p>Councillor Summerbell</p>		<p>Has written to the developer to remind them of the status of the building in order to protect it from</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
			<p>unlawful demolition.</p> <p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b> Noted update on action sheet, suggested item could be closed and removed from action sheet.</p>
<p><u>19/26/SAC</u> To investigate the use of Air Quality Monitors in the Queen Edith's area during planned road closures.</p>	<p>Councillor Thornburrow</p>		<p><b>Update 9 October 2019</b> Cllr Thornburrow confirmed she asked about the monitors used during the Mill Road bridge closure and they are still in used. She asked if these could be used in due course, during the closure and afterwards. This matter is not yet closed.</p>
<p><u>19/25/SAC</u> Invited Russ Barton of Stagecoach to attend South Area Committee.</p> <p>This will be an agenda item for 09/09/19.</p>	<p>Committee Manager</p>		<p><b>Update 9 September 2019</b> Action completed and to be removed from action sheet.</p>
<p><u>19/33/SAC</u> To write to the County Council to express dissatisfaction with the consultation process with residents at Fendon Road.</p>	<p>Councillor McGerty</p>		
<p><u>19/34/SAC</u> <u>Policing and safer neighbourhoods</u> To circulate contact details for South Area Police Officers</p>	<p>ASB Team</p>		<p>Committee Manager circulated details to Area Committee members 9 October 2019.</p>
<p><u>19/35/SAC</u> <u>Open Forum Q1</u> To look into the active travel</p>	<p>County Cllr Taylor</p>		

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
issue / motion.			
<u>19/35/SAC</u> <u>Open Forum</u> To investigate whether CCTV camera could be put on Greenlands / Red Cross Lane to monitor ASB with illegal / dangerous parking.	Cllr McGerty		
<u>19/35/SAC</u> <u>Open Forum</u> Asked that Cycling Officers were invited back to next South Area Committee to speak about Fendon Road	Committee Manager	Bring back to March 2020	

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## Estate Improvement Scheme

As part of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) medium-term financial strategy the Housing Scrutiny Committee approved £1 million per annum for 5 years of capital funding for improvement to City Council owned housing estate. The criteria for each proposal need to meet two fundamental principles:

- The proposal will add value to the asset (the estate)
- The proposal should not act as a substitute for the planned maintenance programme, but it may be prudent for the Council to consider including works from the planned programme where it makes sense to incorporate them.

A steering group has been created to oversee the project, it includes council officers from stakeholder services and representatives from the police. The group has devised a set of additional criteria by which proposals are assessed. Any proposal brought forward as part of the EIS needs to meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Build out future cost (i.e. a spend to save initiative)
- Design out crime and anti-social behaviour
- Make a visible and positive difference to the aesthetics of an estate
- Contribute to strengthening the community on the estate
- Improve the health and safety and/or health and well-being of those living on the estate

The funding has been available from 1st April 2019. We are 7 months into the programme and although relatively little has been spent so far (approx. £10,500) there are 31 different proposals of varying value in the pipeline which should be delivered in relative speed now that a dedicated surveyor has been employed to the project. The current proposals range from a largescale crime prevention re-design project, making changes to mitigate ASB, installation of bike shelters, redesigning communal drying areas and repairing hard standings. Suggestions for proposals have largely come from residents through engagement and walkabouts and we continue to encourage more ideas by promoting the scheme in the residents' publication Open Door and at established resident involvement groups. Residents have played a central role in suggesting proposals and ward councillors have been consulted on specific proposals in their areas, but we would like to increase Member and resident involvement by promoting the scheme at Area Committees.

David Greening, Head of Housing and Emily Watts Resident Engagement Officer are available to attend future Area Committees to give an overview of the scheme and answer questions. More information on the proposals can be found on the following page.

<b>Process for Identifying a Proposal</b>	
<b>1</b>	Suggestions comes from a resident, councillor, Housing Officer, Estate Champions
<b>2</b>	A proposal form is completed, this requires certain criteria to be satisfied and relevant services within the council to be consulted to confirm the changes are viable
<b>3</b>	The proposal form comes to the monthly EIS working group for discussion. If all members agree with the proposal consultation can begin
<b>4</b>	Resident Engagement Officer consults the impacted residents and ward councillors. Residents are given 3 weeks to respond to the proposals, if the amount of those in support outweighs those who do not, we have a mandate to begin work. We encourage resident feedback on the proposals, all of which are considered to see if additional changes or amendments can be made to suit those who live in the area.
<b>5</b>	Results are analysed and residents are written to a final time to confirm the consultation outcome and when/if the changes will be made. For very large-scale proposals (e.g. Kingsway) there are additional levels of consultation.

Applicable Area Committee	Proposals with Mandate for Delivery- Consultation has been undertaken	
North	1	<b>Kingsway:</b> Installing secure entry system from ground floor to prevent public access
East	2	<b>East Road:</b> Measures to prevent ASB and increase security
South	3	<b>St Bedes Crescent:</b> Install a metal pergola
East	4	<b>Ditton Fields:</b> Install new suited lock system on communal doors and bin stores
South	5	<b>Fernwood, Bracondale and Heatherfield:</b> Implement measures to reduce ASB and increase security including CCTV
South	6	<b>Ainsdale and Tweedale:</b> Replace broken fencing and install bike stores
South	7	<b>Fulbourn Road:</b> Install a metal perimeter fence around the green to prevent illegal encampments
South	8	<b>Cherry Hinton Library Flats:</b> Install rear and front gates, lighting, clear alleyway and replace door. Linked to the Cherry Hinton Library planning application

Applicable Area Committee	Proposals in the Pipeline which have not been consulted upon- If these areas are in your locality and you are not aware of them, it is because they are at stage 2 or 3 of the proposal process table	
East	1	<b>Ashbury &amp; Golding:</b> Increase fire safety measures by extending the bin store and ensure the bin room is lockable, reconfigure the drying area to better use space for drying and bike storage.
East	2	<b>Bill Briggs Court:</b> Convert unused open garages which invite ASB into proper garages with lockable doors so they are usable by residents.

East	3	<b>Davy Road:</b> Install a new access gate for grass cutter access, repair existing broken gates and repair the perimeter security
East	4	<b>Ditchburn:</b> Install a mobility scooter store
East	5	<b>Ekin Road:</b> Reconfigure drying area so it's more useable, providing space for cycle racks and drying space.
East	6	<b>Fison Road:</b> Reconfigure the old recycling area which attracts fly tipping to create a new cycle storage area
South	7	<b>Hanover &amp; Princess Court:</b> Communal area repairs and mitigation of ASB through lighting and CCTV
South	8	<b>Highdene Estate:</b> Reconfigure drying area to provide dedicated bin storage to deliver on fire safety measures
West Central	9	<b>James Street:</b> A parking scheme has just been introduced so we will monitor its progress and potentially add more parking spaces based on demand.
South	10	<b>Langdale:</b> Removal of a broken wall and reconfigure a shed into bike storage
South	11	<b>Litchfield and Neville:</b> Construct a lockable bin store adjacent to the current store for the recycling bins to increase fire safety, install bike storage
East	12	<b>Thorpe Way:</b> Replace old broken wooden knee rail with galvanised metal equivalent
South	13	<b>Upperhall Court:</b> Complete communal area repairs which could not be added to the snagging list to be rectified by Keepmoat
South	14	<b>Walpole St Bedes:</b> Reconfigure drying area to provide dedicated bin storage to deliver on fire safety measures
West Central	15	<b>Albion Yard:</b> Upgrade the car park
North	16	<b>Atkins Close:</b> Upgrade bin store, entry system, install drying area and bike storage
North	17	<b>Beales Way:</b> Upgrade paths
North	18	<b>Bermuda:</b> Install storage for mobility scooters and bike trailers with extra bike storage. Install gate from Histon Road
North	19	<b>Cockerell Road Flats:</b> Upgrade door entry system and signs around the blocks, install drying areas

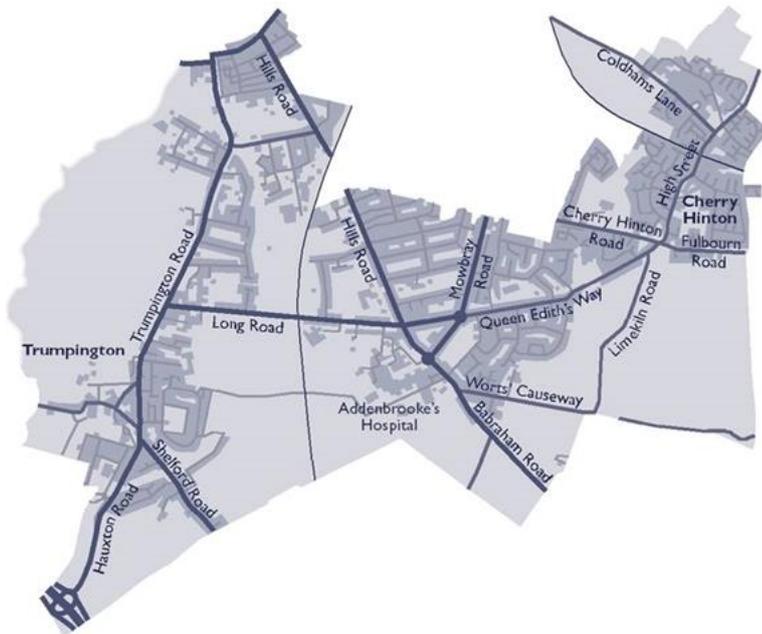
North	20	<b>Dundee Close:</b> Install bike storage
West Central	21	<b>Honey Hill:</b> Measures to reduce ASB by Install new dusk to dawn lighting, upgrade existing street lighting and landscape appropriately
North	22	<b>Maitland Avenue:</b> Upgrade bin storage area and remove individual bins for replacement with larger metal equivalent, improve fencing around site, remove bin chutes and balcony
North	23	<b>Markham Close:</b> Install secure undercover bike storage, upgrade paths
North	24	<b>Molewood and Hazelwood Close:</b> Upgrade bin stores, install secure undercover bike storage
North	25	<b>Minerva Way:</b> Install bike storage
North	26	<b>Perse Way:</b> Replacement of communal doors and locking mechanism, upgrade bin area, replace broken/ damaged fencing, create a new drying area
North	27	<b>St Kilda Avenue:</b> Upgrade paths and install bike storage

<b>City wide Proposals</b>	
28	<b>Car Park Resurfacing:</b> Augustus Close, Minerva Way, Litchfield Road
29	<b>Fencing:</b> Anns Road, Dennis Road, Britten Place, Helen Close, Rachel Close, Tiveron Way, Trevone Place, Wycliffe Road, Velos Walk, Banwell Road, Caledon Way, Edgecombe, Maitland Avenue, Mortlock Avenue, St Kilda, Livermore Close, Rutland Close, Brackley Close, Fordwich Close, Aylesborough Close
30	<b>Communal Lighting on City Homes Land:</b> Replacing exiting broken lights and adding new lighting
31	<b>Street Lighting on City Homes Land:</b> Replacing exiting broken lights and adding new lighting

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## Neighbourhood Profile

### Cambridge City South – March 2020



**Wards: *Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington***

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## **1. Introduction**

### **Aim**

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

### **Methodology**

This document was produced using data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

## **2. Current Areas of Concern**

At the South Area Committee meeting of 9 September 2019, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Address youth ASB on the Anstey Way estate;
- Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows; and
- Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

### **Address youth ASB on the Anstey Way estate**

Objectives:

- Disrupt anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the locality;
- Increase public feeling of safety in the community;
- Increase public awareness in reporting methods; and
- Divert youths associating with others committing, or at risk of committing ASB.

Action Taken: Uniformed and plain clothed patrols on foot, bicycle and in vehicles have been regularly carried out in the last six months. These have been carried out by local neighbourhood police officers in the main, supported by officers from Emergency Response and the Special Constabulary. This has seen a reduction in calls for service, and an improved use of the 101 and online reporting mechanisms to notify us of intelligence and incidents falling short of the need for a response by Emergency Response colleagues.

Joint visits and correspondence have been sent to the parents of all youths identified as being involved in perpetrating ASB in the area, even if only identified on one occasion, to ensure that they were made aware of and could sanction their children's behaviour.

The issue has also been adopted for multi-agency discussion and tasking at the monthly City Council-led Problem Solving Group meeting.

Current Situation: Civil action is currently being taken against a small number of families for their persistence in ongoing ASB at the detriment of other residents. These include serving Community Protection Notice warning letters to two families, specifying our intention to progress with seeking service of a Notice against them should ASB issues continue.

Criminal investigations are ongoing for a small number of public order and criminal damage offences. The likely outcome of these will be out of court youth disposals, which is what the Crown Prosecution Service charging and sentencing guidelines require us to consider and implement if they have not already been tried. As much of the behaviour is falling short of criminal offences that the police can take the lead on, we are not able to resolve the wider issue in isolation. There is a requirement for support from the relevant Housing Associations and the City Council Housing and Community Safety teams to utilise their own powers of enforcement against those perpetrating ASB. We are working closely with these agencies and supporting them with enforcement action such as tenancy breaches and enforcement.

Lead Officer: PC 207 Adam Catling

### **Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows**

Objectives:

- Disrupt ASB in the locality;
- Increase public feeling of safety in the community;
- Increase public awareness in reporting methods; and
- Target harden Wildlife Trust land of the Meadows.

Action Taken: Many of the same tactics have been employed as have been employed in the Anstey Way estate to target anti-social behaviour (ASB), so the update above is also valid for the update here.

In addition, given the location of the Wildlife Trust nature reserve, we have developed a relationship with the Wildlife Trust Ranger, Becky Green, and are in regular contact

(including undertaking joint visits), to assess the impact of this behaviour on the estate and reserve and to assess and recommend opportunities for making it more difficult for the perpetrators to continue behaving in this way. A visual assessment has been conducted with her and whilst some walkways from the residential estate do allow some access, the corner nearest the ranger's office is wide open for vehicles of any size to access the Meadows. This has now had a 2ft x 2ft ditch dug to prevent vehicular access and since this ditch was installed there have been no further calls regarding issues from vehicles attempting to access the reserve from this location.

Current Situation: Priority was set shortly after an illegal encampment arrived resulting in a spike of local issues, several of those incidents were attributed to the encampment and on their departure, calls dropped dramatically. Residual issues are linked to the Anstey Way local priority as detailed above. The same work will continue, as with the Anstey Way priority.

Lead Officer: PC 207 Adam Catling

### **Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation**

Objective: To identify and safeguard those children and young people most at risk of becoming victims of serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

Action Taken: Serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation remain priorities for the Constabulary. We are currently focusing on proactive identification, in conjunction with our partners, of those young people (aged under 18) who are most vulnerable to being exploited and becoming involved in county lines drug dealing. This is being used as a basis on which to engage with these young people directly, at home and with their parents and guardians present, or indirectly via school and other partner services, to offer support and opportunities for diversion away from criminal behaviour. This is being undertaken presently in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the County Council, who have currently established a dedicated team to review all safeguarding referrals and cohort nominations that come from the police, schools and other partners. Their specialist workers then undertake engagement and diversion with those youths most at risk. Those at lower risks are engaged with and diverted to support and other provision by police and schools. We believe this is the most important piece of work for our team.

Lead Officer: DS 2393 Kiri Mazur

### **3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues***

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

Updates to be given at the committee meeting.

## **Cambridge City Council**

The City Council's Community Safety Team carried out visits to young people and their parent(s)/guardian(s) who were identified as causing problems in the Trumpington Meadows and Anstey Way areas. Following this, the Team has not received any further complaints regarding issues in the area from residents; however, this area has been referred to the Problem Solving Group (a multi-agency group that meets monthly to look at complex cases) and the police provide regular updates. The Team also attended a professionals meeting to discuss individuals involved in ASB and consider how we can work together in partnership to reduce incidents. We will continue to work with the local police team to address the incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour caused by some young people in the Trumpington area.

To help address anti-social behaviour and provide something positive for young people in Trumpington, the City Council's Active Lifestyles Team (working in partnership with the police, Trumpington Community College and Albion Boxing Academy), set up a boxing club (Project Southpaw). Funding for this 12-week pilot came from the Police and Crime Commissioner, with the hope to do more work in the future. Albion Boxing Academy has previously worked in the north of the city with young people linked to crime, and had also worked with the police and offenders, so were well placed to undertake partnership working. The pilot was a success: there was a marked improvement in the behaviour of those who attended, both in and outside of school, with better schooling engagement leading to improved grades and fewer detentions and other sanctions. Unfortunately, since the pilot ended, some of the young people involved reverted to anti-social behaviour. The Active Lifestyles Officer has submitted an Area Committee grant application with the view to running it again; this time, the project will incorporate not only those in Trumpington but also in Queen Edith's.

Following reports of more graffiti and ASB in Cherry Hinton Hall park and grounds, the Community Safety Team arranged and attended a meeting with local police officers and the Streets and Open Spaces team. At that meeting, the police advised they had not received any reports of incidents in the area and reiterated the importance of people reporting incidents on the police website. If perpetrators can be identified, then the Community Safety Team will work closely with the police to deal with the individuals identified.

The City Council's Community Safety Team continues to take proactive action in tackling serious cases of anti-social behaviour in the south of the City, working in close partnership with other agencies, such as housing providers and the police neighbourhood teams. In this respect, the Team is currently working in areas such as St. Bede's Crescent and Ainsdale and investigating possible Civil Injunction breaches by the street life community on Hills Road.

#### **4. Additional Information**

At neighbourhood level, the POLICE.UK website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime'; and 'view detailed statistics'. This gives a good overview of

issues within the local area. The specific link for Cambridgeshire Constabulary is:  
<https://www.police.uk/cambridgeshire/>

## **5. Recommendations**

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

- Address youth ASB on the Anstey Way estate.
- Address youth ASB in Trumpington Meadows.
- Continue work to address serious street-based violence, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation.

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Item

## Environmental Improvement Programme

**To:**

South Area Committee                      9 March 2020

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**Wards affected:**

Cherry Hinton, Queen Ediths, Trumpington

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**Key Decision:    No**

### 1.    **Executive Summary**

1.1    This report outlines changes to the Council's Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) during 2018/ 19, and reviews the latest round of applications received within South area.

### 2.    **Recommendations**

The South Area Committee is recommended to:

1.    Note the operating amendments to the programme agreed by the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces following Environment and Community Scrutiny on 21 March 2019
2.    Note the allocation of funding to continue with a programme across all areas for the period 2019-21
3.    Consider the allocation of £4,500 from local area EIP funds in 2019/ 20 towards the provision of 26 summer hanging baskets along Cherry Hinton High Street

4. Note those new South area project aspirations received in the latest 2019/ 20 round recommended to the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces for funding from the new central, city-wide, strategic EIP allocation
5. Consider those new South area project aspirations received in the latest 2019/ 20 round for funding as part of the local South area programme for 2019/ 20
6. Support those projects selected for implementation, subject to them being viable, obtaining consents as necessary, positive consultation and final approval by the Council's Place Board, Ward and Executive Councillors, where required.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Council's Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) has been operating as a rolling programme since 2004. The programme budget, which has been £170,000 per annum for the most recent period up to 2018/19, has been devolved to Area Committees to allocate to outdoor public realm improvement schemes, identified through Ward Councillors. The creation of direct, lasting and noticeable improvements to the appearance of the public realm environment has been at the heart of the programme, since its introduction. The current EIP eligibility criteria are set out along with the programme application form in **Appendix B**.
- 3.2 The programme has been subject to periodic review to improve flexibility, ensure good value and help speed up project delivery. That said, there have been delivery difficulties where project aspirations have complexities, such as where they involve the public highway. Such difficulties have led to a disproportionate impact on staffing resource, with the associated projects often taking a significant amount of time and staffing to deliver.

3.3 Year 2018/ 19 was the last of the previous four-year programme funding commitment and so, it was appropriate to use the opportunity to consider the future focus and composition of any extended programme. EIP work remains much valued by councillors and communities alike, but warranted review and potential re-focus to ensure it continues to best meet strategic objectives and the needs of a rapidly expanding city.

#### **4. Programme Review and Funding**

4.1 Since 2011/ 12, approaching two hundred separate EIP projects were added to the programme by the four Area Committees city-wide. These varied in cost between a few hundred to tens of thousands of pounds. Of the prioritised projects, just over three quarters were completed by the end of the funding period to March 2019. The remainder are being progressed as resources allow, with most expected to be completed by end of 2019/ 20.

4.2 Over the years many submitted and approved EIP projects have focused on improvements to core highways and transport infrastructure, which is dependent on agreement with the County Council, as Highway Authority and, in certain cases, such as Traffic Regulation Orders, to statutory processes. In order not to further complicated programme development and delivery, such aspirations have more recently been directed towards the County's Local Highways Improvement (LHI) programme.

4.3 The end of the previous four-year EIP funding commitment provided an opportune point to review what has worked well, and not so well, and options for future investment. Engagement with the Council's SLT/ Executive suggested an appetite to retain a capital funded programme, but one more aligned with core corporate and service objectives, and operational needs.

4.4 EIP has been successfully used to support other public realm infrastructure investment; including s106 funded improvements secured through new growth in the city. As s106 and other such investment opportunities diminish in the years ahead, there is expected to be increased pressure for EIP to help 'bridge the gap' remaining.

- 4.5 During 2018/ 19, and with the support of SLT/ Executive, officers explored how a future programme might be re-shaped. Retaining a ward Councillor led approach was still favoured, but one further informed by other areas of Council work – including the day to day operational needs of the service.
- 4.6 It became apparent, too, that there were a number of common themes emerging from the area led application programmes where there may be merit in adopting a more strategic, city-wide approach. Examples include:
- Verge and grass landscape protection/ enhancement measures
  - Engineered tree pits and new street trees, to increase canopy
  - Enhanced seating, and lighting
  - Community orchards, and notice boards
  - Pictorial meadows
  - Public drinking water outlets/ fountains
  - Improved pedestrian way-marking signs
  - Rationalising signing and other street furniture
  - Enhancing materials in sensitive conservation areas
  - Improving private shop-front forecourts
  - Murals and related street art
- 4.7 Efficient delivery of the Environmental Improvement Programme across all areas in recent years has led to savings against many project allocations. Additionally, some projects have been abandoned, deferred or become delayed. The overall effect is that capital reserves built up in all areas. Following consideration by Scrutiny Committee on 11 February 2019, the Executive Councillor for Strategy and Resources approved the allocation of £170,000 re-phased from 2018/ 19 to continue with EIP in 2019/ 20, and a separate budget proposal (C4192) of £170,000 for the following year 2020/ 21 (subject to annual budget setting). A further review will be carried out before any commitment is made beyond 2020/ 21.
- 4.8 It was further agreed by the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces, following Environment and Community Scrutiny on 21 March 2019, that this new investment be split; retaining £100,000 per annum to allocate to local area voluntary and community sector/ Ward Councillor promoted projects across the four Area Committees (split

proportionately and with individual schemes subject to approval by Area Committees, as previously), and directing the remaining £70,000 towards a more strategic, city-wide programme led by officers and subject to approval by the appropriate Executive Councillor (as is currently the case for Minor Highways Improvements – the City Council contribution towards County Council LHIs).

- 4.9 Of those themes outlined in 4.6, officers have subsequently agreed with the Executive Councillor that the initial focus of this new, strategic, EIP allocation should be on initiatives to protect and make better amenity use of the city's grassed verges, enhancing tree canopy, encouraging biodiversity and providing further, free to use, public drinking water points.

## **5. Further Programme Applications**

- 5.1 Applications for potential new EIP projects were sought from ward councillors, and local community groups, across all areas during late Summer 2019. A copy of the application form is included at **Appendix B**. This has identified potential new projects to be funded from both the respective local area, and strategic city-wide, EIP funding allocations.
- 5.2 The apportionment of area EIP funds across the city has been updated to reflect population changes since 2015-19. South area in particular is now eligible for a larger share of the overall programme budget as a direct consequence of new growth around Trumpington, with up to £23,960 new funding available to consider area led requests in 2019/20.
- 5.3 Some 11 new viable project suggestions have been identified in South area during the latest application round, as set out in **Appendix A**. Each has had outline consideration by officers for eligibility and practicality; with an estimate of the likely costs involved in delivering those projects considered, at this stage, to be potentially feasible. An additional column has been included identifying where there may be delivery risks or other uncertainty, with supporting commentary.
- 5.4 Since 2011/12 Area Committees have supported the practice of re-charging the costs of providing seasonal hanging baskets in a number of local 'High Streets' to EIP. This has included Cherry Hinton High

Street within South area - where the annual provision and upkeep of 26 baskets each Summer costs the Council some £4,500.

- 5.5 Efficient delivery of the Environmental Improvement Programme city-wide can lead to savings against individual project allocations. Whilst the exact budget available for allocation to new project applications across South area in 2019/ 20 is dependent of the final costs of schemes currently being delivered, latest estimates suggest there should be some additional funding available to 'top-up' new funding available over the 2019-21 period. Additionally, some aspirations are suited to funding from the new £70,000 strategic budget allocation, or other city-wide programmes.

## **6. Suggested Way Forward**

- 6.1 Three of the new project aspirations received for South area in the latest round (Appendix A suggestions S3, S4 and S11) align with the initial focus of the new strategic, city-wide EIP allocation. They can therefore be considered for centralised funding (rather than area specific allocated funds). Further, suggestion S3 might be funded through the Council's new EU (Interreg/ 2 Seas/Nature Smart Cities) tree canopy enhancement programme.
- 6.2 Projects S1, S2, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9 and S10 will need to be funded from local area funds if they are to be prioritised in 2019/ 20. The total estimated cost of these projects is some £34,500. There is however likely to be sufficient remaining and new local area funding available for Area Committee to support each of those new project aspirations unable to be considered for funding from centralised city-wide budgets, along with summer hanging baskets, in 2019/ 20. Officers will report back to Area Committee in 2020/ 21 should that not be the case.
- 6.3 Each of the four Area Committees will be considering new EIP project aspirations, and funding allocations, in the Winter/ Spring 2020 round. Those projects to be funded from the new central, strategic, city-wide allocation will be considered, and determined, by the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces (in consultation with area Ward Councillors as necessary).

- 6.4 Any projects unable to be supported from local area, and strategic, EIP allocations this year might be rolled forward and considered in any further round in 2020/ 21 (subject to annual budget setting), alongside any further applications received from future invitation rounds.

## **7. Implications**

### **(a) Financial Implications**

The current EIP has an approved capital budget allocation of £170,000 per annum up to and including 2020/ 21 (funding re-phased for 2019/ 20 year; 2020/ 21 subject to annual budget setting). Those new projects identified as being viable at this time, provided they are developed carefully, are not anticipated to generate significant revenue implications for the City Council. Where projects are on the public highway or hard-surfaced definitive footpaths, ongoing management and maintenance is generally the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council.

### **(b) Staffing Implications**

Historically a small number of projects have proven difficult to develop and deliver for reasons as laid out in this report, and have had a disproportionate impact on staffing resource in comparison with other programme work. The programme needs to be managed and delivered within the existing funded staffing resource (2 FTE).

### **(c) Equality and Poverty Implications**

Environmental improvements have historically been prioritised across all areas proportionate to population and in accordance with locally identified need. The impact of all programme schemes on Equality Act 'protected groups' is assessed at the design/ planning stage. All hard infrastructure schemes are designed to national standards to accommodate the needs of those with physical impairments, including mobility, sight and hearing. The overall impact of the programme is considered positive.

### **(d) Environmental Implications**

The programme aims to preserve and improve the quality of the natural and built public realm environment across Cambridge, in a manner that does not contribute towards climate change and leaves a positive legacy for future generations. The overall impact of the programme on the environment within Cambridge is therefore rated as +M (positive; Medium).

### **(e) Procurement Implications**

The programme projects are either delivered in-house utilising existing resources within the Streets & Open Spaces service, or via existing framework contract arrangements. To ensure value for money, the larger programme schemes may be delivered through competitive tender processes.

#### **(f) Community Safety Implications**

The programme is designed to deliver local public realm environmental improvements and foster increased pride of place and community cohesion. As a result, the programme is considered to have a positive impact on community safety.

### **8. Consultation and communication considerations**

All the programme's projects are consulted on at the planning/ design stage, with the level/ type of consultation determined by and proportionate to the nature, scale and scope of the proposed project. With the majority of the programme being small-scale projects, it is imperative that the proportionate principle continues to be followed.

### **9. Background papers**

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee meeting 21 March 2019 – paper and meeting minutes.

### **10. Appendices**

Appendix A – Summary of Potential EIP Schemes for 2019/ 20 – South Area

Appendix B – EIP Application Form and Eligibility Criteria 2019/ 20

## **11. Inspection of papers**

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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## SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL EIP SCHEMES FOR 2019/ 20 - SOUTH AREA

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost £	Risk to Delivery Rating R/A/G	EIP Allocation Requested £	Comments
S1	Lime Avenue benches	Provision of 3 new benches, including sloping backs and arms, to allow people to sit, and rest - particularly en route to the Clay Farm Community Centre.	Trumpington Residents' Association, via Cllr K Thornburrow	Trumpington	4,000	Amber	4,000	The land upon which these benches would be placed is not currently Council maintained, so the proposal would require agreement with and support of the landowner.
S2	Byron Square benches	Provision of additional new benches around the edge of the square, to enable people to sit, rest and better enjoy the outside space.	Local resident, via Cllr K Thornburrow	Trumpington	6,000	Green	6,000	The sum suggested should enable up to 4 or 5 new benches to be provided. Local community engagement suggested to identify suitable locations.
S3	Byron Square trees	Establishment of 2 or 3 new trees, close to the young children's play area, on the King George V playing field. Would provide shade in summer and encourage local biodiversity.	Local resident, via Cllr K Thornburrow	Trumpington	1,500	Green		- Suggestion expected to be quite straightforward, and not require extensive ground preparation - as the area is surrounded by established grass. <b>Funding from new 2 Seas programme under consideration.</b>
S4	Anstey Way verge improvement	Enhancement of grass verge areas on either side of Anstey Way, to include planting of wild flowers, around the local centre shops.	Local resident, via Cllr K Thornburrow	Trumpington	5,000	Green		- Provisional sum to support re-landscaping of areas due following redevelopment of Council properties in the area. Will require co-ordination with that work. Laying of suitable wildflower turf - although more costly initially - should provide year-round cover, and avoid need for annual ground preparation and seeding. <b>Funding from new strategic EIP allocation under consideration.</b>

S5	Cavendish Avenue landscaped planters	Landscaped road narrowing at the Hills Road end of Cavendish Avenue.	Cllr C McGerty	Queen Edith's	5,000	Amber	5,000	This junction has recently been amended in order to facilitate the introduction of express cycleways along Hills Road. The narrowing may, therefore, need to be positioned a little further in to Cavendish Avenue.
S6	Cherry Hinton Rec benches	The position of some benches in Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground have caused noise, and other anti-social behaviour, issues for local residents - and some are in poor repair. The proposal would be to replace, reposition and add to existing bench provision, where practicable.	Cllr M Ashton & local resident	Cherry Hinton	9,000	Amber	9,000	The provisional sum suggested should be sufficient for a number of bench improvements. Subject to engagement and agreement with local ward councillors, and residents.
S7	Hobson's Brook footpath improvements	Installation of suitable kissing gate(s), and signing, to deter cycling along the footpath adjacent to the brook between Long Road and Brooklands Avenue.	Accordia Residents' Association	Trumpington	4,000	Amber	4,000	Kissing gates would need to enable access by people in wheelchairs, so may have limited effect on discouraging cycling. The proposal is not expected to be particularly contentious, with local cycling groups already engaged.
S8	Monkswell cycle parking	Local properties often lack space to securely park cycles, and the suggestion is to site a few racks in suitable locations, for communal public use - helping to improve community cohesion within the estate.	Local resident	Trumpington	2,000	Amber	2,000	Locations will require careful planning to avoid potential problems, including the potential for theft. May require agreement with County Council highways team.
S9	Trumpington fringes bus stops	The new development estates in Trumpington, where now served by bus services, in many cases lack shelters and hard surfaces at stops upon which passengers can stand and wait. Ellis Road is one example.	Trumpington Residents' Association	Trumpington	3,000	Amber	3,000	The sum suggested should be sufficient to undertake suitable surfacing on a small area of grass verge upon which passengers could stand and wait.

APPENDIX A

S10	Trumpington Road bench improvement	Work by local residents, has recovered a bench on Trumpington Road close to Chaucer Road of the style popular around the city 50 years or so ago. Considering it's age, it is still in very good structural condition. Suitable refurbishment would retain it's character and prolong its life. Bases and end/ mid supports, and slats for backs and seats appear to only require rubbing down and re-painting. The proposal would be to refurbish rather than replace - if practicable.	Local residents	Trumpington	1,500	Green	1,500	If the existing bench is found to be beyond economic repair, the provisional sum suggested should be sufficient to enable replacement with a new, albeit shorter, variant.
S11	Wenvoe Meadow	Work to enhance biodiversity and access at this small Council owned open space adjacent to Cheer Hinton allotments.	Chairman, Cherry Hinton Allotment Society, supported by Cllr R Dryden	Cherry Hinton	3,500	Green		- Work would include provision of a small pond, improvement of access gates and fencing, provision of suitable information signing, planting of hedging and thicket, and establishment of a bee bank. Proposal would build upon previous successful work between the Council and local Allotment Society. <b>Funding from new strategic EIP allocation under consideration.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>44,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,500</b>	

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# Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) 2019/ 20 Year Applications



Please complete and return to [eiprojects@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:eiprojects@cambridge.gov.uk) by end of 5 August 2019

First Name

Surname

Organisation

Address

Post Code

Telephone

Email Address

Location of suggested Environmental Improvement

Are your 3 Area Ward Councillors supportive?      Yes       No

Issue/Problem – please outline what you would like your application to address:

Suggested Solution – please outline how you feel your objectives might be best met:

Benefits to the Local Area – please outline who would benefit, and how:

## Eligibility Criteria for Environmental Improvements

Please indicate which of these criteria would be met by your application:

Essential Criteria	tick	Desirable Criteria	tick
The scheme has a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area		The project will benefit a large number of local people	
The scheme is publicly visible and accessible		It is easy and simple to implement	
If the scheme is on private land, the owners' permission has been granted (unless there are exceptional circumstances by which the Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally, with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action)		It features the active involvement of local people	
The scheme provides low future maintenance costs.		It meets one/more key policy objectives (e.g. improves community safety or contributes to equal opportunities)	
		There is potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities	
		Additional 'partnership' funding is available.	

### Ineligible for funding:

- Projects costing in excess of £5,000; without Area Committee authority
- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available
- Revenue projects (i.e. management and maintenance of existing facilities)
- Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding)
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (S106 funding should pay for these facilities).

### Other Information:

The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
- Works to construct lay-bys where a comprehensive scheme can be carried out which not only relieves parking problems but achieves environmental improvements.

Thank you for completing your application.

All sections of this form must be completed and returned to [eipprojects@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:eipprojects@cambridge.gov.uk) by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in order to be considered.

Prior to that deadline, further advice is available from the above email address, or by calling the Streets and Open Spaces Development Unit on 01223 45 8525.



## AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2020-21

**To:** South Area Committee

**Report by:** Jackie Hanson, Community Funding & Development Manager  
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**Wards affected:** Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's, Trumpington

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2020-21 funding for projects in the South area and makes recommendations for awards. It also provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

### 2. Recommendations

The South Area Committee Councillors are recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the grant applications received and awards proposed which are detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria, detailed in paragraph 3.4.
- 2.2 Agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1, summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Project	Award £
S1	Albion Boxing Academy	After school boxing sessions	£2,730
S2	Accordia Residents Association	Music and social event on Accordia Green	£616
S3	Cambridge Royal Albert Homes	Summer day trip to Woburn Safari Park	£530
S4	Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise	Monthly older people's club activities	£650
S5	Cherry Hinton Festival Society	Towards festival costs	£2,500

S6	Cherry Hinton Residents' Association	Summer family fun day; volunteer recruitment event	£350
S7	Denis Wilson Court Social Club	Summer trip	£425
S8	Hanover and Princess Court Residents' Association	Summer outing, September barbecue, Christmas event, monthly craft sessions	£975
S9	Home-Start Cambridge-shire	36 weekly support group sessions	£3,000
S10	Huxley House Families	Summer trip	£404
S11	Queen Edith's Community Forum	One-off community event to promote cycling	£900
S12	Romsey Mill Trust	40 after school sessions for 13-18 year olds	£3,000
S13	Trumpington Community Drama Group	2 rehearsals and 2 performances x 2, theatre trip, scripts and licences	£1,000
S14	Trumpington Meadows Community	3 community meetings; Christmas event	£200
S15	Trumpington Residents' Association	Summer trip	£500
<b>Total</b>			<b>£17,780</b>

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports and Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.
- 3.2 The 2020-21 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, voluntary organisations, in local publications and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants are also invited to apply. Officers also held a briefing to explain the application process and eligibility criteria and priorities.
- 3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2020-21 as detailed in the Community Grants report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee January 2020. This has been allocated in accordance with the approved population and poverty formula = population + (2x benefit population).

It is understood that ward boundary changes take effect on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. We will be reviewing the budget accordingly for 2021-22 funding

The amount available for each area is as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Community Grants %</b>	<b>Total available £</b>
North	34.62	<b>24,220</b>
East	30.42	<b>21,140</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>25.15</b>	<b>17,780</b>
West Central	9.81	<b>6,860</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70,000</b>

### 3.4 Area Committee Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, East, South or West Central) by reducing social or economic inequality via one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- reducing poverty activities
- legal and/or financial advice (*organisations applying to give legal advice and support must have The Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent*)
- employment support
- capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above

3.5 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.

3.6 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.

3.7 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:

- grant scheme priorities
- grant scheme outcomes
- identifying need
- quality or viability of the project  
or
- proposals were the remit of another service or organisation such as the County Council, Health, Housing etc
- organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

3.8 All awards are subject to grant agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

3.9 Applications made after the main grants round will be considered on an individual basis until all the funding is spent. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2014.

3.10 In October 2020 any area committee funding remaining will be considered to support any applications received to ensure effective use of the funds available.

3.11 A list of awards to date for 2019-20 is attached as Appendix 2.

## 4. Appendices

**Appendix 1** - South Area Committee Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2020-21

**Appendix 2** – 2019-20 Awards

## 5. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report contact:  
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email: [jackie.hanson@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.hanson@cambridge.gov.uk)



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## Appendix 1- South Area Committee Community Grants - Applications and Recommendations 2020-21

**Beneficiary Key:** CH- Cherry Hinton QE- Queen Edith's T- Trumpington (E-East, N-North, W-West Central)

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + outcome	Beneficiaries	19-20 award	Budget	Bid	Award
S1	Albion Boxing Academy	48 weekly one-hour after school boxing sessions for 11-18 year olds	Develop participants self-discipline, respect for others, ability to be part of a team and work with others	QE 15 T 45	No bid	Full cost: £3,550 Income: £0	£3,550	<b>£2,730</b>
S2	Accordia Residents Association	Music and social event on Accordia Green on 20 June 2020	People to get to know each other, make connections and increase social harmony	T 175	£370	Full cost: £616 Income: £0	£616	<b>£616</b>
S3	Cambridge Royal Albert Homes	Summer day trip to Woburn Safari Park	Provide something for residents to look forward to; improve morale. An accessible trip as many residents have limited mobility and don't get out very often	T 30-35	£500	Full cost: £1,190 Income: £660	£530	<b>£530</b>
S4	Cambridge-shire Older People's Enterprise	Monthly older people's club including talks, exercise and entertainment at Queen Edith's Chapel	Reduce social and personal isolation, integrate social groups and improve physical and mental well being	CH 3 QE 50 T 2 (N 2, E 1, W 2)	£650	Full cost: £1,022 Income: £360	£650	<b>£650</b>
S5	Cherry Hinton Festival Society	Cherry Hinton Festival Day on 19 September 2020 on Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground - part of week-long Cherry Hinton Festival	A locally recognised positive occasion, enhancing residents' sense of place and belonging. Provide high quality attractions accessible to all residents regardless of income. Develop community integration, reduce social isolation and improve well being	CH 4,100 QE 600 T 40 (N 20, E 210, W 30)	No bid	Full cost: £21,538 Income: £13,640 Reserves	£5,000	<b>£2,500</b>

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + outcome	Beneficiaries	19-20 award	Budget	Bid	Award
S6	Cherry Hinton Residents' Association	Family Fun Day in summer holidays on Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground plus event to recruit local volunteers to organise community events.	Free and healthy outdoor event. Address economic inequality and financial exclusion. Reduce isolation, build community cohesion. Capacity building to enable more events to be held that bring people together and tackle isolation	CH 95 QE 15 T5 (E 5)	£375 fun day	Full cost: £405 Income: £0	£405	<b>£350</b>
S7	Denis Wilson Court Social Club	Summer day trip to Hampton Court Palace	Promote a shared interest, reduce social isolation and develop lasting friendships	T 15	£450	Full cost: £695 Income: £0	£695	<b>£425</b>
S8 Page 60	Hanover and Princess Court Residents' Association	Summer seaside outing, September barbecue, Christmas event and monthly craft sessions	Reduce social isolation, strengthen community cohesion and integration. Activities that add an extra dimension to those on low incomes, socially isolated and vulnerable	T 400	£900	Full cost: £1,770 Income: £545 Reserves	£975	<b>£975</b>
S9	Home-Start Cambridge-shire	36 weekly Family Connections Support Group sessions for socially isolated and/or low-income families with a child under 5 year	Reduce isolation; enable families to take positive steps to improve quality of life. Improve confidence and ability to join in activities in local community, break down barriers	T 20	£3,000	Full costs: £5,035 Income: £1,035	£4,000	<b>£3,000</b>
S10	Huxley House Families	Day trip to Knebworth House on 28 July 2020	Strengthen the Huxley House community and reduce social isolation. Enable families on a low income or with low confidence to get out of Cambridge and explore new surroundings	T 33	No bid	Full costs: £624 Income: £140	£484	<b>£404</b>

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + outcome	Beneficiaries	19-20 award	Budget	Bid	Award
S11	Queen Edith's Community Forum	One off 4-hour community event on 6 September 2020 including cycling promotion	Bring the local community together at an inclusive, free event. Support and encourage cycling take up especially among those who may lack confidence	QE 200	£1,375	Full cost: £1,492 Income: £500	£992	<b>£900</b>
S12	Romsey Mill Trust	40 weekly after school sessions for socially isolated and vulnerable 13-18 year olds at Trumpington Pavilion. Includes: boxing, cooking, music, trips and support	Reduce social isolation, increase confidence, motivation, self-esteem; engage in positive activities to change perception of themselves and their aspirations; build resilience. Develop positive sense of own identity and their place in their community	CH 4 T 25 (E 1)	£2,750	Full cost: £18,546 Income: £12,360 Reserves	£4,080	<b>£3,000</b>
S13	Trumpington Community Drama Group	Hire of Clay Farm Community Centre for 2 rehearsals and 2 performances x 2, local theatre trip, scripts and licences	Bring together children from all areas of Trumpington. Provide a positive and affordable activity for children where they can develop social skills, friendships, improve self-esteem and confidence. Encourage community interaction and cohesion	T 30	£700	Full cost: £9,850 Income: £4,900 Reserves	£1,900	<b>£1,000</b>
S14	Trumpington Meadows Community	3 community meetings at Trumpington Meadows Primary School plus Christmas event	Reach out to new residents and engage with existing residents in this growing development	T 500 (South Cambs 400)	£400	Full cost: £667 Income: £467	£200	<b>£200</b>

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim + outcome	Beneficiaries	19-20 award	Budget	Bid	Award
S15	Trumpington Residents' Association	Annual summer trip to Hunstanton	A day at the seaside for disadvantaged families, children and the elderly who would not otherwise be able to have a day out. Encourage community cohesion between residents in the older and newer parts of Trumpington	T 135 (15 South Trumpington)	19-20: £500 (£1,000 - other activity)	Full cost: £1,525 Income: £700 Reserves	£500	<b>£500</b>

## Appendix 2 - 2019-20 awards

Organisation	Purpose	Award
Cambridge Community Church	7-week Shine empowerment course at Clay Farm Centre	* £900
Cambridge Pickleball Club	21 sessions of 'Pickle in the Park' at Nightingale Recreation Ground	£1,300
Cambridge Royal Albert Benevolent Society	Trip to Brick Lane Christmas show in London	£ 500
Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise	Monthly older people's club at Queen Edith's Chapel	£ 650
Cherry Hinton Residents' Association	Extend opening hours of Last Sunday Café at Cherry Hinton Library	* £ 600
Cherry Hinton Residents' Association	Weekly craft activity for children and adults at Cherry Hinton Library	* £100
Cherry Hinton Residents' Association	Community family summer fun day at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground	* £375
Cherry Hinton Residents' Association	Christmas Fair and lights switch-on	* £550
Denis Wilson Court Social Club	Summer coach trip to Sandringham estate for residents	£ 450
Families living on Accordia (C/O Accordia Residents' Association)	Sports and music event for Accordia families on 15 June 2019	£370
Forever Active Forum Ltd	50 weekly strength and balance exercise classes for older people at Queen Edith Chapel	£750
Hanover and Princes Court Residents' Association	Summer seaside outing, Autumn BBQ, Christmas event, monthly craft sessions	£900
Home-Start Cambridgeshire	36 weekly Family Connections Support Group for families	£3,000
Queen Edith's Community Forum	Quarterly newsletter delivered to all households in Queen Edith's	£1,000
Romsey Mill Trust	40 Friday after school sessions for 13-18 years olds at Trumpington Pavilion	£2,750
St Paul's Church	Thursday Lunch Club boat and coach trip	£400
Trumpington Community Drama Group	40 weekly rehearsals, 2 performances and pantomime trip	£700
Trumpington Meadows Community	4 community meetings at Trumpington Meadows School + Christmas event	£200
Trumpington Residents' Association	10th anniversary celebration of the Pavilion on 21 September 2019	£700
Trumpington Residents' Association	Soft play sessions at Trumpington Pavilion	£300
Trumpington Residents' Association	Annual day trip to Hunstanton 20 July 2019	£500

- There will be some underspend on these budgets (to be confirmed)

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