

**SOUTHERN AREA CORRIDOR FUNDING**

**Note to Members of Cambridge City Council - South Area Committee**

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the process for allocating Corridor Area Transport Plan (CATP) S106 funding. It is also to update on progress on funding and schemes and to seek views on a proposal for funding. Views of the Committee are also welcome on additional schemes for future consideration and assessment for funding.

**2. Background**

2.1 Transport s106 contributions are collected in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire largely through the Corridor Area Transport Plan (CATP) process. Contributions are collected from a number of developments, towards a range of schemes and principles that are included in the plans

2.2 The plans have been formally adopted by the City, South Cambridgeshire and the County and the allocation of funds must adhere to the principles in the plans. This is principally about mitigating the impacts of growth and improving accessibility and travel by sustainable modes.

2.3 A process is in place between Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire, for making recommendations for allocating the pot of S106 funding which currently includes some £3.m for the South Area. The Plans themselves form the starting point for considering schemes for funding, officers from the authorities are asked for views on appropriate schemes that mitigate the effect of additional transport related movements from new development.

2.4 Views are also sought from the Area Committees on proposed schemes as well as suggestions for schemes which fit with the objectives of the CATP. Suggestions are then assessed using a Project Assessment Form, to establish a value for money score. The schemes and their assessment results are then taken back to the Area Committees to seek views on priorities/ additional schemes for consideration

2.5 Further consideration is then undertaken on the proposals to ensure fit with Area Transport Corridor Plan approach ahead of making recommendations to Lead Portfolio holder and Cabinet for proposed funding allocations.

### 3. Progress update

3.1 A number of schemes were discussed at the Area Committee in the autumn, and priorities were confirmed. Subsequent to this, funding recommendations were made to County Cabinet in December 2012. This included seven schemes for the South Area Committee at a value of £572,500. Cabinet approved the proposed spending for the priority schemes which have now been allocated funding. Schemes approved in July and December 2012 are being programmed for progressing and implementation. An outline of activity is provided in the table below.

3.2 At the Area Committee in the autumn, a couple of additional proposals were mentioned for follow up and investigation. This included the need for improved and safe crossing at the roads close to the roundabout at Fendon Road, Mowbray Road, Queen Edith's Way. Further investigation has revealed that there are proposals for a refurbishment of this junction coming through some of the development at Addenbrookes. Therefore at this stage it is not proposed to progress this for S106 funding.

3.3 Another suggestion proposed included improvements to traffic signals at Robin Hood Pub and these are currently being considered in terms of fit with corridor area funding. However given that funding has been approved for enhancing accessibility along Cherry Hinton High Street, consideration of signals could be in relation to this so that issues are scoped holistically. If there is a specific proposal coming out of this work, then this could then be considered at a future meeting.

Scheme	Funding allocated	Current status	Next steps	
			Activity	Date
Lighting the guided busway cycleway	£100,000	Design standards being developed, design procurement & planning requirements being scoped.	Procure design, finalise standards & commence design.	June 2013
Feasibility study into installation of bridge linking Leisure park & CB1 Station area	£25,000	To be commenced	Feasibility study including discussion with Network Rail	Jul 2013
			Review of feasibility study	Aug 2013
Remodelling Long Road Cycleways	£100,000	To be commenced	Follow up/discuss with local interests & local members to ascertain issues to be addressed in project.	March 2013
Improvements to Brooklands Avenue Bus Stops & Shared use paths	£50,000	City Council has commenced design of improvements to shared use path. Bus	Follow up discussions with local members to ascertain specific issues to be addressed	April 2014
Improvements	£250,000	To be commenced	Workshop to be	June

to Cherry Hinton High St traffic calming			convened in June to brainstorm future of High Street, to seek ideas and suggestions	2013
Ring Road and Radial Route Signing review	£50,000	To be commenced	Scope of Project to be defined in consultation with members to ascertain problems.  Surveys/sign audits undertaken.	June 2013  Aug 2013
Feasibility study into improving access from Hauxton Road Bridge to Busway:	£10,000	To be commenced	Follow up with local members to ascertain specific issues to be addressed in project. Queries have been raised regarding specific need for this.	April 2014
Hills Road Bridge Steps	£500,000	Preliminary design complete	Design to be reviewed with consultant	March 2013

#### 4.0 Current Recommendations for Scheme Funding

- 4.1 Views of the Area Committee are welcome on the following proposal which is recommended for consideration and funding at this time;

***New Pedestrian/ cycleway linking Trumpington P&R, Clay Farm/Trumpington Meadows New school & guided bus way - £160,000 - Sought Value for money score – High 7***

- 4.2 A new pedestrian/cycleway link is needed along the northern boundary of the Trumpington Park and Ride site. This will allow safe movement for pedestrians providing connection between Clay Farm/ Trumpington and Trumpington Meadows. The path will provide improved links to existing transport infrastructure into Trumpington and the guided busway facilitating movement to Addenbrooke's and Cambridge and critically important it will provide a link to the new Trumpington Meadows School. This will promote walking and cycling as a main means of access along a key corridor. This proposal has strong links with mitigating the impacts of development in the area, fits well with CATP approach and scored highly for VFM.
- 4.3 The new Trumpington Meadows school is due to open in September and while the developers will contribute towards costs of a pedestrian link, full costs of a cycling and pedestrian link won't be covered. Therefore funding for this scheme will enable a high quality permanent link to be provided which will help to enhance walking and cycling as the main means of travel to and from the school and wider areas.

## **5.0 Next Steps in the Approval/Implementation Process**

- 5.1 Views from the Area Committee will be fed back and considered when making recommendations on proposals for funding allocations to a future County Cabinet meeting. Following Cabinet approval to allocate s106 funding to any scheme, the usual separate approval scheme process will follow, with design and consultation on proposed options prior to implementation.
- 5.2 The Area Committees views are welcome on the proposed recommendations, and also other suggestions /schemes are invited for consideration and assessment of fit with Area Corridor funding.