



To: East Area Committee 19/06/2014

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Wards affected: Coleridge, Abbey, Petersfield, Romsey

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

1.0 Executive summary

- This report requests that the Committee determine which of the proposed new EIP schemes are allocated funding as part of the 2014/15 Environmental Improvement Programme, from those listed in Appendix A of this report.

2.0 Recommendations

The East Area Committee is recommended:

- 2.1 To allocate funding of £10,890 for the annual provision and maintenance of 66 hanging baskets along Mill Rd.
- 2.2 To allocate the remaining £45,310 to the list of proposed projects in Appendix A of this report.
- 2.3 To approve those projects for implementation, subject to positive consultation where required and final approval by Ward Councillors.
- 2.4 To note the progress of existing schemes listed in Appendix C of this report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Initial feasibility work has been carried out on all of the schemes that have been suggested for the 2014/15 Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP).
- 3.2 The table in Appendix A lists all of the schemes that could be feasibly delivered as part of this year's EIP Programme, should they be allocated funding by East Area Committee.

- 3.3 The East Area Committee has an annual budget of £56,200 to allocate to schemes from its Environmental Improvement Programme Budget.
- 3.4 Any scheme that involved the public highway was submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council, with authority for the public highway, to apply for funding from its Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Programme, of which £112,000 is allocated to the city for 2014/15.
- 3.5 The table in Appendix A highlights those schemes that have secured funding from this budget.
- 3.6 Schemes numbers E4 and E6 have secured funding totalling £14,500. A further £10,000 has been allocated to completing verge protection work in Birdwood Road; which is an existing approved EIP project.
- 3.7 The LHI funding is subject to a minimum 10% third party contribution, proposed to be funded by East Area Committee's Environmental Improvement Programme.
- 3.8 If the funding is not allocated, then the County Council funding will be withdrawn and reallocated to other LHI projects further down the prioritised list of schemes.
- 3.9 Further details of each proposed EIP scheme can be found in Appendix B of this report.
- 3.10 Appendix A lists a number of schemes aimed at improving damage to verges caused by vehicular parking and access to off-street parking facilities. A significant number of areas across Cambridge are suffering similar problems, many of which are subject to bids for improvements from this and previous EIP rounds. Consequently, it is considered prudent to undertake a review into how best to address this difficulty; balancing the strategic interest with local need.
- 3.11 Some of the schemes that have been suggested for this year's programme have not been included in Appendix A, as they either; require further assessment of their feasibility, are not deliverable or will be implemented by others. Table 1.0 below provides a summary of these schemes.

Scheme	Position
Stone Street parking restrictions	A Traffic Regulation Order to restrict parking in Stone Street, in order to facilitate access, is already included on the list of such projects approved by East Area Committee. Detailed development work is required given the difficulty in reaching local agreement over parking controls in the area previously.
Davy Road / Corrie Road parking restrictions	East Area Committee previously allocated £8,000 of EIP funding to a project that covered these issues. This will be delivered by the County Council, which is delivering a project to co-ordinate parking management across the south of the city (South Area Parking Review)
Birdwood Road parking controls / verge protection	East Area Committee previously allocated £15,000 of EIP funding towards a project to improve the verges at the Perne Road end of Birdwood Road. This project has since received a further £10,000 of County Council funding through the Local Highway Improvement Programme for 2014-15. A Traffic Regulation Order, as requested, can be considered as part of that project.
Stourbridge Common access from Riverside	The Council's Streets & Open Spaces Service is developing a separate project to improve access to Stourbridge Common from Riverside for the less able bodied.
Rustat Road parking restrictions	East Area Committee previously allocated £8,000 of EIP funding to a project that covered these issues. This will be delivered by the County Council, which is delivering a project to co-ordinate parking management across the south of the city (South Area Parking Review)

Table 1.0; Schemes in development, to be delivered by others, or not feasible.

4.0 Background papers

None

5.0 Appendices

APPENDIX A

Summary of Feasible EIP Schemes for 2014/15.

APPENDIX B

Further Details of Feasible EIP Schemes.

APPENDIX C

Progress on Existing EIP Schemes.

APPENDIX D

EIP Eligibility Criteria.

6. Inspection of papers

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