



To: West Central Area Committee 24/06/2014

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Wards affected: Newnham, Castle, Market

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.
- This includes the allocation of necessary third party funding for schemes that have secured contributions from Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Highway Improvement Programme.
- It also requests the reallocation of funding currently allocated to projects that are either not feasible or no longer required.

2.0 Recommendations

The West Central Area Committee is recommended:

- 2.1 To reallocate the £10,000 currently allocated to the Eltisley Avenue Planting Scheme that has proved not to be feasible.
- 2.2 To allocate additional funding of £5,000 to the existing Grantchester Rd Traffic Calming Project.
- 2.3 To allocate additional funding of £7,000 to the existing Kite Area Parking Project.
- 2.4 To allocate the required £33,000 of match funding to the schemes that have secured a contribution from Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Highway Improvement Programme.
- 2.5 To allocate the remaining £12,159 to the remaining proposed projects in Appendix A of this report.
- 2.6 To approve all new projects for implementation, subject to positive consultation where required and final approval by Ward Councillors.
- 2.7 To note the progress of existing schemes listed in Appendix C of this report.

3.0 Existing Approved Schemes

3.1 Eltisely Avenue Planting

3.1.1 This scheme proposed to construct a build out in the carriageway to provide planting areas that coincide with the implementation of waiting restrictions by the County Council to protect fire hydrants.

3.1.2 The waiting restrictions have now been implemented, which have proved to be very short in length, making the construction of planting beds not feasible.

3.1.3 It is therefore recommended that, as the project is no longer feasible, the £10,000 budget currently assigned to the project, be reallocated to other projects.

3.2 Grantchester Rd Traffic Calming

3.2.1 The first phase of this project has recently been implemented, that being the reconstruction of the Selwyn Road junction.

3.2.2 Unfortunately some unforeseen additional costs have occurred on this project. These have been predominantly due to the unplanned full reconstruction of the whole island, due to its previous method of construction. A connection to the existing drainage system was also more complicated than expected.

3.2.3 A £4,000 contribution from Cambridgeshire County Council has been secured, but a further £5,000 is required to ensure that phase 2 of the project can still be delivered, which involves the construction of a speed table and required street lighting extension, as well as changes to the speed limit.

3.3 Kite Area Parking

3.3.1 A considerable amount of work has been carried out to review parking controls across the kite area of the city, which has involved measures to increase capacity for residents parking and resolve general issues with the management of parking.

- 3.3.2 Now that the final proposals have been agreed and objections to the legal traffic order process have been determined by Cambridgeshire County Council, the necessary signing and lining measures have been designed and quotations received from Contractors.
- 3.3.3 The current project budget of £9,966 made up of the remainder of the minor highway works budget, has not proved to be enough to deliver the necessary measures.
- 3.3.4 An additional £7,000 is required in order to make them deliverable.

4.0 Proposed EIP Projects

- 4.1 Initial feasibility work has been carried out on all of the schemes that have been suggested for the 2014/15 Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP).
- 4.2 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 West Central Area Committee.
- 4.3 The West Central Area Committee has an annual budget of £42,800 to allocate to schemes from its Environmental Improvement Programme Budget, added to unallocated funding from previous years of £2,359, provides a total 2014/15 budget of £45,159.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 The table in Appendix A highlights those schemes that have secured funding from this budget.
- 4.6 Schemes numbers WC4, WC6, WC7, WC8, WC9, WC10 and WC11 have secured funding totalling £47,500.
- 4.7 The LHI funding is subject to a minimum 10% third party contribution, proposed to be funded by West Central Area Committee's Environmental Improvement Programme.

- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 It is therefore recommended that £33,000 be allocated to the LHI funded schemes.
- 4.10 Further details of each proposed EIP scheme can be found in Appendix B of this report.

5.0 Background papers

None

6.0 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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