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by:

To: East Area Committee

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Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

Environmental Improvement Programme

1.0 Adoption of Proposed New Schemes for 2011/12 Programme.

Decision: To determine which of the proposed schemes should be adopted as part of the delivery programme for 2011/12 and implemented subject to positive consultation.

2.0 BUDGET

Please see over.

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

Environmental Improvements Programme 2011-2012

Budget for 2011/2012 financial year 56200
 Add funding rephased from previous financial years 302000

Total Budget Available to 31/3/12 £358,200

	COMPLETE	Total Spend Previous Years £	Forecast Spend 2011/12 £	TOTAL SCHEME COST £	Approved Budget £
ADOPTED PROJECTS					
Mill Road Hanging Baskets 2011		0	7,500	7,500	7,500
Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts		5,650	64,350	70,000	70,000
Riverside Conflict Reduction Scheme		60,000	60,000	120,000	120,000
Cavendish Road		26	14,974	15,000	15,000
Staffordshire Street Verge Parking	✓	20,547	64,453	85,000	85,000
Devonshire Road Cycle Bridge Planting	✓	10,702	1,500	12,202	17,500
Highway Verges Scheme	✓	32,000	48,000	80,000	93,500
Mill Road Cemetery	✓	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Romsey Planting		10,175	11,825	22,000	22,000
Rustat Road Footpath	✓	6,624	350	6,974	10,000
total cost to implement adopted projects			277,952		
Uncommitted Budget			80,248		
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*					
		Total Spend to Date £	Total Estimated Cost £		
total estimated cost of projects in development		0	0		
Uncommitted Budget			80,248		

*Projects agreed by Cttee to be investigated, but no budget committed. Costs shown are estimated and will depend on detailed design and site investigation. N.B. The estimated costs shown above are merely given as a rough guide until the projects can be designed and costed.

3.0 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF EXISTING SCHEMES

3.1 Riverside conflict reduction and environmental improvement scheme

This scheme is currently under construction and is 70% complete. The scheme is due to be complete by mid July.

3.2 Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts

This scheme is currently under construction and is 75% complete. The scheme is due to be complete by the end of June.

3.3 Perne Road

The provision of this new pedestrian crossing is now complete.

3.4 Staffordshire Street

This scheme is now complete, with the exception of the planting, which will take place in October at the start of the planting season.

3.5 Romsey Planting

The planting beds have been reconstructed, the planting will take place in October at the start of the planting season.

3.6 Greville Rd Verges

This scheme is now complete.

3.7 Birdwood/Chalmers Verges

This scheme is now complete.

3.8 Rawlyn Road Verges

The road widening at either end of Rawlyn Road is now complete.

3.9 Galfrid Road Verges

The provision of blockwork surfaced layby at the corner of Galfrid Road and Whitehill Road is now complete.

3.10 Rustat Road Footpath Extension

This scheme is now complete. The replacement hedge will be planted in the autumn.

3.11 Burnside Toad Crossings

These are now complete.

3.12 Mill Road Cemetery

The £5000 grant has been provided.

3.13 Mill Road/Cavendish Road

This scheme to improve the landscaping at the junction of Mill Road and Cavendish Road has been delayed due to the need for a lease agreement with the shoe shop owner for the provision of a disabled parking space on City Council owned land. The shop owner is also funding the cost of the work associated with the parking bay. Until we are in receipt of a signed agreement and the necessary funding we cannot commence this scheme.

4.0 NEW SCHEMES IN DEVELOPMENT FOR ADOPTION

4.1 Ditton Walk/Newmarket Rd Planting – promoted by Cllr Wright

Introduction of a planting area at the junction of Ditton Walk and Newmarket Road as per the drawing attached in Appendix 1.

Estimated cost - £14,000

4.2 No waiting & 1hr Parking Restrictions – promoted by Cllr Herbert

To introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction of Birdwood Road/St Thomas' Road and Coleridge Road/Brackyn Road to prevent obstructive parking.

Measures to prevent commuter parking in Corrie Road, Rustat Road and Davy Road.

Estimated Cost - £10,000

4.3 Riverside Railings Refurbishment – promoted by Cllr Wright

Refurbishment of the railings along Riverside, a continuation of the current refurbishment being carried out at part of the Riverside EIP scheme.

Estimated Cost - £250 per linear metre

4.3 Silverwood Close and Whitehill Road Estate Verge Parking Prohibition – promoted by Cllrs Wright and Hart.

The introduction of a verge parking prohibition.

Estimated Cost – £8,000

4.4 Tree Planting on Chalmers Rd & Greville Rd – suggested by residents and officers.

Planting of 7 trees on Greville Rd and 5 on Chalmers Road, as suggested by residents on Chalmers Rd and to supplement the new bollards on Greville Rd.

Estimated Cost - £5000

4.5 Brooks Road / Perne Road Verge Parking Prohibition

The prohibition of verge parking on Brooks Road and Perne Road, including renovation of verges in particularly poor condition.

Estimated signage cost: £7,500

ANY OF THE ABOVE SCHEMES THAT ARE WITHIN THE HIGHWAY WILL REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AS THE HIGHWAY AUTHORITY.

5.0 SUGGESTIONS PASSED ON OR NOT FEASIBLE

5.1 Ashbury Close/Golding Road – promoted by Cllr Herbert

The request for a general tidy up of this area has been passed on to the housing department.

5.2 Barnwell Road Bus Stop Pole

The removal of this redundant bus stop pole has already been implemented as part of another scheme due to the small scale of the task.

5.3 Rayson Way Parking Facilities – promoted by Cllr Hart

The provision of parking lay-bys on Rayson Way is not feasible due to the location of tree roots within the existing verge. A number of trees would need to be removed in order to deliver this scheme.

5.4 Stanley Road/Garlic Row rat-running

The issue of HGVs using Stanley Road is difficult to resolve. A weight limit could be introduced, but this would require enforcement and would be subject to Highway Authority approval. The attraction to HGV traffic is their ability to turn right from Stanley Road into Newmarket Road, which is not possible when exiting from Garlic Row. This matter should be raised with the County Council to determine whether there are any feasible options.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDIX 1 - Ditton Walk/Newmarket Rd Planting Sketch Layout

APPENDIX 2 - EIP Eligibility Criteria

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- b) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- c) **Community Safety:** This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

8.0 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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APPENDIX 1



APPENDIX 2

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - as agreed by Executive Councillor (Environment) on 18 March 2003 with amendments agreed 22 March 2005

The essential criteria for consideration of funding of Environmental Improvement works are:

- Schemes should have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
- Schemes should be publicly visible and accessible.
- Schemes must have the owners consent if on private land – unless there are exceptional circumstances by which Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally and with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action.
- Schemes must account for future maintenance costs.

Desirable criteria – potential schemes should be able to demonstrate some level of:

- Active involvement of local people.
- Benefit for a large number of people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- Potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects.
- 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 (as there are other more appropriate sources of funding including S106 monies)

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.