



To: South Area Committee
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Wards affected: Cherry Hinton, Trumpington, Queen Ediths

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

1. Executive summary

- The County Council has recently made the decision to request commuted sums to fund their increased maintenance liabilities created by all third party funded projects within the highway, including those funded by the City Council. The potential for funding commuted sums for maintenance will now have to be considered for all EIP Projects within the highway.
- There is currently £29,546 remaining in the programme for this financial year.
- The County Council has approved a joint highways budget with the City Council to fund minor schemes within the highway. South Area Committee has been delegated a £5500 share of the County Council's £25,000 total contribution, subject to match funding by the City Council.
- Should South Area Committee wish to do so, it can prioritise these minor highway schemes and provide match funding from its Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) budget.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The South Area Committee is recommended:

2.1.1 To allocate £5500 from the 2011/12 programme budget to match fund the County Council's contribution to deliver minor highway schemes prioritised from the listed in Appendix B of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The £25,000 County contribution for the Joint Highways Budget, recently agreed by the County Council's Cabinet, was delegated to the Cambridge Area Joint Committee (CAJC). A list of unfunded minor schemes was also presented to this Committee for consideration.
- 3.2 This budget requires funding contributions from the City Council and it was agreed by the CAJC that it should be further delegated to the Area Committees to select schemes, taking into account the current unfunded minor schemes listed in their area. The current list of South Area schemes can be found in Appendix B of this report.
- 3.3 The CAJC resolved to delegate the £25,000 budget in favour of the Area Committees with the higher number of Wards. £7000 was therefore delegated to East and North and £5500 to West / Central and South.
- 3.4 The Area Committees have the option to approve matched funding contributions for these schemes from their allocated City Council Environmental Improvement Capital Programme Budget, in order to secure the County Council contribution and deliver the schemes.
- 3.5 The County Council's Third Party Funding Policy has existed for some time, but to date has been applied mainly to Parish Councils, not to the City Council.
- 3.6 In order to achieve consistency in its third party funding policy across the County, the County Council now requires the City Council to fund any additional maintenance liabilities arising from City Council projects in the highway, in the same way as other third parties.
- 3.7 These are to be provided in the form of commuted sums for assessed increases in annual maintenance over a twelve year period.
- 3.8 All new features introduced within the highway will have an associated maintenance liability. The assessment will also take into account any features that are removed, giving a balance of the maintenance liability.

4. Implications

- 4.1 There are currently no projects adopted as part of the 2011/12 programme that would lead to an increased maintenance liability for the County Council.
- 4.2 The projects delivered through the joint highways budget with the County Council will not lead to any contributions for increased maintenance liabilities, as the schemes would be jointly promoted and delivered with the County Council.

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

COUNTY COUNCIL NETWORK MANAGEMENT LEAFLET No. 6 (September 2010)
THIRD PARTY FUNDING OF HIGHWAY MEASURES

6. Appendices

APPENDIX A

South Area Committee Budget Table.

APPENDIX B

Current unfunded Minor schemes list for joint funding consideration.

7. Inspection of papers

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

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APPENDIX A

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Environmental Improvements Programme 2011-2012

Total Budget Available to 31/3/11	£225,200
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	COMPLETE	Total Spend Previous Years £	Forecast Spend 2011/12 £	TOTAL SCHEME COST £	Approved Budget £
ADOPTED PROJECTS					
Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets (2011)	✓	0	8,000	8,000	8,000
Wulfstan Way Local Centre		1,600	99,400	101,000	101,000
Clarendon Rd/Shafsbury Rd		246	11,754	12,000	12,000
Rectory Terrace - Cherry Hinton High St Forecourt		0	60,000	60,000	60,000
High St Cherry Hinton/Colville Rd		0	2,000	2,000	2,000
High St Cherry Hinton/Fulbourn Rd		0	3,500	3,500	3,500
Cherry Hinton Sign		0	5,000	5,000	5,000
St Bede's Gardens/Snakey Path		0	2,000	2,000	2,000
total cost to implement adopted projects			191,654		
Uncommitted Budget			33,546		
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*					
		Total Spend to Date £	Total Estimated Cost £		
Mowbray Rd/Fendon Rd Verge Parking		0	4,000		
total estimated cost of projects in development			0	4,000	
Uncommitted Budget				29,546	

*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.

APPENDIX B

MINOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (No source of funding currently identified)			
Location	Restriction	Ward	AJC consideration of representations/progress
Elsworth Place	Removal of Access only restriction	Queen Edith's	A proposal agreed with Ward Councillors
Reed Close, Shelford Road	Waiting restrictions	Trumpington	Details of proposal to be agreed with Ward Councillors
Cranleigh Close	Waiting restrictions	Trumpington	No specific proposals agreed with Ward Councillors
Eland Way	Waiting restrictions	Cherry Hinton	No specific proposals agreed with Ward Councillors
Alpha Terrace	Waiting restrictions	Trumpington	No specific proposals agreed with Ward Councillors
Hinton Ave/ Hills Ave	Waiting restrictions	Queen Edith's	A proposal agreed with Ward Councillors
Chelwood Road junctions with Claygate road and Chartfield Road	Waiting restrictions	Cherry Hinton	Request from Ward Councillor
Paget Close, Trumpington	Waiting restrictions	Trumpington	Request from Ward councillor-no firm proposals
<i>New Request: Nightingale Avenue</i>	<i>Waiting restrictions</i>	<i>Queen Edith's</i>	<i>Request from Ward Councillor</i>
<i>New Request; Almoner's Avenue</i>	<i>Waiting restrictions</i>	<i>Queen Edith's</i>	<i>Request from Ward Councillor</i>