

## CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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**Report** Project Delivery & Environment Manager

**by:**

**To: East Area Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Wards:** Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

### Environmental Improvement Programme

#### **1.0 DECISIONS TO BE MADE**

##### **NEW SUGGESTED SCHEMES FOR THE 2012/13 PROGRAMME**

***Recommendation:** To approve the list of schemes in section 5.0 for further investigation into their feasibility and estimated cost.*

#### **2.0 BUDGET**

Please see over.

**EAST AREA COMMITTEE**

**Environmental Improvements Programme 2011-2012**

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

	<b>COMPLETE</b>	<b>Total Spend Previous Years £</b>	<b>Forecast Spend 2011/12 £</b>	<b>TOTAL SCHEME COST £</b>	<b>Approved Budget £</b>
<b>ADOPTED PROJECTS</b>					
Mill Road Hanging Baskets 2011	✓	0	7,500	7,500	7,500
Cherry Hinton Rd 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 St Verge Parking	✓	20,547	64,453	85,000	85,000
Devonshire Road Cycle Bridge	✓	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			<b>277,952</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Budget</b>			<b>80,248</b>		
<b>SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT</b>					
		<b>Total Spend to Date £</b>	<b>Total Estimated Cost £</b>		
Ditton Walk/Newmarket Rd Planting		0	14,000		
No Waiting & 1hr Parking Restrictions (Coleridge Area)		0	10,000		
Riverside Railing Refurbishment		0	25,000		
Silverwood Close and Whitehill Road Estate Verge Parking Prohibition		0	8,000		
Tree Planting on Chalmers Rd & Greville Rd		0	5,000		
Stanley Rd/Garlic Row		0	4,000		
Brooks Rd/Perne Rd Verge Parking Prohibition		0	7,500		
total estimated cost of projects in development			73,500		
<b>Uncommitted Budget</b>			<b>6,748</b>		

## **3.0 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF EXISTING SCHEMES**

### **3.1 Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts**

This project is now complete, including the installation of the cycle racks, which took longer than expected due to issues with their procurement experienced by our Contractor.

### **3.2 Cavendish Road/Mill Road Improvements**

This scheme to provide landscape improvements to this junction is on hold until the owner of the Shoe Shop has signed the lease agreement and provided the funding to construct a disabled parking space adjacent to his premises on City Council owned land. Once this has been received, the construction work can commence immediately.

### **3.3 Staffordshire Street Verge Parking**

This scheme is complete and the planting of trees and shrubs will take place shortly.

### **3.4 Romsey Planting**

Reconstruction of the numerous planting beds has been completed and the new planting will take place shortly.

### **3.5 Ditton Walk/Newmarket Road Planting**

The construction work for this scheme will commence towards the end of the summer and planted in the autumn at the beginning of the planting season.

### **3.6 Rustat Rd and local area parking restrictions**

This scheme is on hold as it is being included in the South Area Parking Review.

### **3.7 Riverside Railings Refurbishment**

We are currently waiting for our Contractor to complete discussions with a specialist contractor who are looking into the feasibility and cost of refurbishing the railings insitu. There is a concern that the existing railings may not be able to be removed whilst maintaining their existing connections. This would then make the offsite option not feasible, due to the high cost of the requirement for new connections to a higher standard when reinstalling. Once the most feasible option has been determined, a consultation will be carried out with local residents.

### **3.8 Silverwood Close/Whitehall Estate Verge Parking Prohibition**

A consultation is planned to take place on this scheme throughout February.

### **3.9 Chalmers Road & Greville Road Tree Planting**

This scheme is on hold due to the request from the County Council for a 12 year commuted sum for maintenance, amounting to £11,235.84. Discussions are still ongoing with the County Council, who are yet to finalise their rates for items that attract commuted sums for maintenance from third parties.

### **3.10 Stanley Rd/Garlic Row Traffic Management**

A consultation will take place on the options for this scheme throughout February, following development of the options with local residents, Ward Councillors and the County Council.

### **3.10 Brooks Road/Perne Road Verge Parking Prohibition**

The County Council have suggested that this issue should be taken into account as part of their review of traffic regulation orders through their Ring Road and Radial Routes Review Project. The budget set aside for this scheme could then be used to recondition the verges themselves, whilst the County Council introduce any traffic orders

## **4.0 UPDATE ON MINOR HIGHWAY TRO SCHEMES JOINTLY FUNDED WITH COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **4.1 Schemes currently being formally advertised:**

- i) Stone Street
- ii) Fairsford Place
- iii) Ainsworth Court
- iv) Tiverton Way/Budleigh Close
- v) Birdwood Road/St Thomas's Road

### **4.2 Schemes requiring further consultation prior to advertisement:**

- i) Rustat Road and local area - part of South Area Parking Review.
- ii) Ainsworth Place – informal consultation required on options.

## 5.0 NEW SUGGESTED SCHEMES FOR 2012/13

The table below lists the new schemes that have been submitted by Ward Councillors and residents for consideration as part of the 2012/13 Environmental Improvement Programme.

No	Proposed Scheme	Ward	Promoter	Estimated Cost	Considerations
1.	Mill Road – Railway Town signage	Romsey	Ward Councillors	£5000	Design still required, budget therefore difficult to quantify at this stage.
2.	Cycle and Pedestrian Improvements at junction of Brookfields and Burnside, leading to the Tins path.	Romsey	Ward Councillors	£4000	Match funding from the County Council will be applied for. To include request for double yellow lines at junction.
3.	Reinstatement of wooden bollards erected to protect pedestrians from cars mounting pavement on Tenison Road.	Romsey	Glisson Rd/Tenison Road Area Residents Association	-	County Council have agreed to look into reinstating these wooden bollards. Also proposing to review the highway network in this area as a consequence of the CB1 Station Development.
4.	Reinstatement of the wooden bollards along Tenison Road between the Lyndewode Road and Mill Road junctions.	Romsey	Glisson Rd/Tenison Road Area Residents Association	-	County Council have agreed to look into reinstating these wooden bollards. Also proposing to review the highway network in this area as a consequence of the CB1 Station Development.
5.	Wheeled Bin Stores/Screens in Tenison Road and Devonshire Road.	Romsey	Glisson Rd/Tenison Road Area Residents Association	-	Screens/Stores could not be provided on the public highway as this would not be supported by the County Council as highway authority. Is the EIP Programme the most suitable/appropriate vehicle for resolving this issue?
6.	Planting at the speed table at the junction of Lyndewode road and Glisson Road.	Romsey	Glisson Rd/Tenison Road Area Residents Association	£5000	The feasibility of this proposal would need to be discussed with the County Council. As the table is located close to the junction, the space available for any planting areas will be limited.

No	Proposed Scheme	Ward	Promoter	Estimated Cost	Considerations
7.	Community Noticeboard on Cannons Green at junction of Lyndewode Road and Tenison Road.	Romsey	Glisson Rd/Tenison Road Area Residents Association	£2000	
8.	Road safety concerns at blind bend on Catherine St	Romsey	Cllr Zoe Moghadas	T.B.C	Further investigation required in conjunction with the County Council.
9	Road safety concerns at the Mill Road/Coleridge Rd/Hemingford Road signalised junction.	Romsey	Cllr Zoe Moghadas	T.B.C	Further investigation required in conjunction with the County Council.
10.	Radegund Road H-bar road markings to discourage vehicles from blocking driveway accesses.	Coleridge	Ward Councillors	£800	To be agreed with the County Council. Proposed in conjunction with the provision of bollards to prevent verge parking on Radegund Road. School side to be funded by the school, further EIP funding may be required if the County Council do not agree to fund those on the opposite side.
11.	Evening and night time weight restriction for the north Romsey terraced streets.	Romsey	Cllr Catherine Smart	T.B.C	To be agreed with the County Council. Similar existing restrictions apply on Cavendish Road.
12.	Improved accessibility at the Wadloes Road bus stop.	Abbey	Cllr Caroline Hart	£7500	Provision of flush access into the bus shelter and from the bus shelter across the cycle lane on to the hardstanding where the bus stops.
13.	Removal of conflict between cyclists, pedestrians and motorists at the junction of the path from Tesco's and Riverside.	Abbey	Mr Eva	£1200	Introduction of no waiting restrictions to prevent parked vehicles from obscuring the visibility of cyclists joining Riverside at this point.

14.	Resolution of the issues associated with parked vehicles from the Riverside Bridge to Stourbridge Common	Abbey	Mr Eva	T.B.C	Parked vehicles create conflict zones for cyclists pedestrians and motorists, strongly detract from important views in a conservation area and allow overnight parking by campervans. Consultation required on the options available to resolve this issue. No waiting restrictions or residents parking could form the basis of options presented to residents.
15.	Three flower beds for Whitehill Close	Abbey	Whitehill Close Neighbourhood Watch	T.B.C	The cost of maintaining these additional planted areas would need to be determined and funded secured to ensure the appropriate level of maintenance.
16.	Dropped Kerb at the junction of Gwydir Street and Hooper Street	Petersfield	Cllr Sarah Brown	£4000	Potential issue with the location of utility apparatus chambers hindering the installation of dropped kerbs and the associated requirement to lower the footway to suit.

**Recommendation:** To approve the list of schemes in section 5.0 above for further investigation into their feasibility and estimated cost.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

### APPENDIX 1 - 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**

### **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.