



Report by: Head of Streets and Open Spaces

To: West/Central Area Committee

1 March 2012

Wards: Castle, Newnham and Market

Environmental Improvements Programme

1. 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. BUDGET (See Appendix 1)

3.0 APPROVED SCHEMES – PROGRESS

3.1 Manor St/King St Cycle Parking – promoted by Cllr Rosenstiel

The legal agreement has been signed, the cycle bars have been erected and improvements to the surrounding surfacing will be completed shortly.

3.2 Fitzroy/Burleigh Street Refurbishment – promoted by Cllr Bick

The construction work to complete this scheme is due to start shortly. This involves the planting of two new trees on Burleigh Street, the replacement of two existing trees on Fitzroy Street and maintenance resurfacing works carried out by the County Council.

3.3 Prospect Row – promoted by Cllr Rosenstiel

The Contractor has applied for a road closure in order to construct the speed cushions proposed for this scheme. Under the traffic management act this requires a 3 month advanced notice. The work is programmed to commence in April.

3.4 Grantchester Road Traffic Calming – promoted by Cllr Reid

A consultation with local residents is planned for this scheme, including a public meeting to discuss the proposals and issues on Grantchester Road.

3.5 Central Area Mobility Crossings - promoted by Cllr Bick

The process of identifying the priority crossings in the city centre is now complete. The chosen crossings will be finalised shortly and constructed by the end of April.

3.6 North Terrace Gates - requested by Friends of Midsummer Common.

This work to provide wider pedestrian gates in order to improve accessibility is now complete.

3.7 Gough Way Path Bridge – promoted by Cllr Reid

Consultation on the proposed footbridge replacement will be carried out shortly. The new bridge is planned to be installed in the spring.

3.8 Canterbury Street - promoted by Cllr Kightley

A consultation on the traffic calming options for this area is currently under way. The results will then be presented to the next West/Central Area Committee in April.

3.9 Huntingdon Road 30mph extension - promoted by Cllr Kightley

This scheme is currently being developed with the County Council. A request has also been made for the limit to be extended to include the access to Girton College. This is currently being discussed with key stakeholders before any formal statutory process to introduce the traffic regulation order is carried out.

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.	Lammas Land Access Road – review of exit at junction with Barton Road.	Newnham	Cllr Cantrill	£1,000	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget. Potential to relocate stop line further into access road, cut back overhanging vegetation and review signal operation.
2.	'No Right Turn' Signage for Newnham Croft	Newnham	Ward Councillors	£1,000	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget.
3.	Resurfacing of the footpath from South Green Road as far as the Grantchester Meadows footpath starting at the Pembroke Playing Field.	Newnham	Cllr Reid	TBC	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget. This is a County Council responsibility and will be raised with their maintenance division in the first instance.
4.	Path improvements to Paradise Nature Reserve	Newnham	Cllr Reid	-	This is already proposed as part of the Upper Cam Biodiversity Project.
5.	Landscaping at the junction of Selwyn Rd and Grantchester Rd	Newnham	Cllr Reid	£6,000	To be reviewed as part of the existing Grantchester Road traffic calming project.

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6.	Cycle Path along the southern boundary of Lammas Land	Newnham	Cllr Reid	-	It is suggested that the demand for this facility does not outweigh the associated loss of green space necessary. The Lammas Land Access Road currently provides a suitable route.
7.	Gough Way Footpath/Cycleway Lighting	Newnham	Cllr Reid	TBC	Difficulties with landownership and revenue funding make this scheme potential difficult to deliver. Investigation into the provision of solar powered 'cats eye' units to provide directional guidance proposed.
8.	Seating at bus stops on Grange Rd and along Burrell's Walk into the city centre.	Newnham	Cllr Reid	TBC	Further work planned to determine potential locations.
9	City Centre Mobility Crossings.	Market	Ward Councillors	£10,000	Work during this year's programme to determine priority sites used to deliver further crossings.
10.	Lighting on mid stretches of the footpaths on Parker Piece.	Market	Ward Councillors	TBC	Further investigation required into the feasibility of this scheme including its sensitivities. The County Council have already indicated that this would not fall within their policies for funding additional street lighting. The City Council would therefore need to provide additional revenue funding in order to maintain.
11.	Improvements to 20mph signage for all entry points to the city centre area.	Market	Ward Councillors	TBC	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget.

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12.	Hanging Flower Baskets Burleigh/Fitzroy St - offer joint venture with traders.	Market	Ward Councillors	TBC	Confirmation and approval from Balfour Beatty that baskets can be attached to the columns on both streets will be required.
13.	Public Realm Improvements to Quayside	Market	Magdalene College	£15,000	Improvements to the quayside area, decluttering of street furniture, provision of two new trees and a public art funded feature bench. Match funding already proposed from Magdalene College (£5k) Love Cambridge (£5k) and County Council Minor Works budget bid submitted.
14.	Dropped kerb and footway extension to facilitate cycle route at the end of Christchurch St.	Market	Cllr Rosenstiel	£5,000	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget.

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

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 - West/Central Area Committee 2011/12 EIP Budget

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

WEST/CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE Environmental Improvements Programme 2011-2012



Total Budget Available to 31/3/12 **£300,269**

ADOPTED PROJECTS	COMPLETE	Total Spend Previous Years £	Forecast Spend 2011/12 £	TOTAL SCHEME COST £	Approved Budget £
Fitzroy/Burleigh St Refurbishment		25,531	74,469	100,000	100,000
Contribution to Riverside/Abbey Road conflict reduction scheme		0	61,000	61,000	61,000
Holy Trinity War Memorial		0	9,000	9,000	9,000
Midsummer Common/Jesus Green Tree Planting		47,564	2,769	50,333	50,000
Grantchester Road Traffic Calming		385	21,615	22,000	22,000
Grantchester Road Maintenance Commuted Sum		0	4,656	4,656	4,656
Prospect Row Traffic Calming		0	12,000	12,000	12,000
Prospect Row Maintenance Commuted Sum		0	2,954	2,954	2,954
Histon Road Shops Bollards		1,370	2,130	3,500	4,000
Manor Street Cycle Racks		0	12,000	12,000	12,000
Gough Way Path Bridge		0	25,000	25,000	25,000
Central Area Mobility Crossings		0	10,000	10,000	10,000
Canterbury Street Traffic Calming		0	12,250	12,250	15,000
North Terrace Gates		0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Huntingdon Rd 20mph extension		0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Lammas Land Pavilion Rebuild		0	20,000	20,000	20,000
Oxford Road Traffic Management Investigation		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Joint Minor Highway Schemes Funding		0	2,750	2,750	2,750
total cost to implement adopted projects			280,593		
Uncommitted Budget				19,676	
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*		Total Spend to Date £	Total Estimated Cost £		
Mud Lane Lighting		0	5,000		
Midsummer Common & Jesus Green Paths [ON HOLD whilst sources of further funding is sort]		0	14,676		
total estimated cost of projects in development		0	19,676		
Uncommitted Budget				0	

*Projects agreed by Ctte 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 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 improvement.