

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 24th January 2007

Report Title 2006-7 Capital Programme for Transport - Delegated Budget – Street Lighting, Marston

Summary A request has been made by Lea Marston Parish Council and Councillor Mrs Lea for additional street lighting to be provided on Old Kingsbury Road, Marston. A consultation with local people has taken place and a compromise scheme has been identified whereby new columns will only be placed where there were no objections from residents. Following the withdrawal of another scheme from the delegated budget due to a lack of local support, Area Committee is asked to consider whether it would support this scheme as a replacement.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers None.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees North Warwickshire Area Committee – 22nd March 2006, 26th July 2006
- Local Member(s) Councillor Mrs J Lea
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member Councillor M Heatley – for information
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

- Chief Executive
- Legal I Marriott - agreed
- Finance C Holden – comments incorporated
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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2006-7 Capital Programme for Transport - Delegated Budget Street Lighting, Marston

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That a scheme to improve street lighting on Old Kingsbury Road, Marston be included in the 2006/7 Capital Programme for Transport to be funded by allocating £6,000 from this Area Committee's delegated budget.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Transport Capital Programme for North Warwickshire was supported by Area Committee on 22nd March 2006. £40,000 was delegated to North Warwickshire Area Committee to allocate to transport projects to address local priorities.
- 1.2 At Area Committee in March 2006 it was agreed to allocate £10,000 to improvements to lighting on the Service Road on Watling Street, Grendon and to defer the decision regarding allocation of the remainder of the delegated budget until further schemes had been identified. Following a consultation, the scheme on Watling Street, Grendon has now been withdrawn due to a lack of support from local residents.
- 1.3 As Members will recall from the meeting of the Area Committee in July 2006, it was agreed to allocate £6,000 to the modification of two traffic calming humps in Laurel Drive, Hartshill. This leaves a remaining £34,000 in the delegated budget to fund further schemes within the Borough during the current financial year (2006/7). A consultation on a scheme to improve safety at the junction of the B5000 Grendon Road and Common Lane in Polesworth is currently being undertaken. This scheme, if it were to proceed, would cost in the order of £25,000. This therefore leaves £9,000 of unallocated funding from the 2006/7 delegated budget.

2. Additional Street Lighting on Old Kingsbury Road, Marston

- 2.1 A request has been made by Lea Marston Parish Council and Councillor Mrs Lea for a scheme to improve street lighting on Old Kingsbury Road, Marston. The proposal is that four new columns are erected to improve safety

and security during the hours of darkness. The estimated cost of the scheme is £6,000. It should be noted that this scheme was requested earlier this year, and was due to be considered at the forthcoming Area Transport Capital Seminar, for possible implementation in 2007/8.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Given the sometimes contentious nature of providing new or additional street lighting, it was considered appropriate to carry out a consultation with local residents before bringing this report before the Area Committee. Overall the response was favourable but there were some concerns about the specific location of 3 of the 4 columns. A compromise has been identified whereby the exact position of the new lighting columns will be adjusted to overcome the objections.

4. A Way Forward

- 4.1 It is recommended that this scheme to improve street lighting on Old Kingsbury Road, Marston be taken forward and that the scheme be funded by allocating £6,000 from the 2006/07 delegated budget.
- 4.2 If the expenditure cannot be completed in 2006/07 the underspend will be accommodated elsewhere in the integrated budget and provision to complete the scheme will be made from the 2007/08 integrated transport allocation.

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