

Stratford on Avon East Joint Committee

**Notice of a Meeting to be held
at the
Southam College, Southam**

**on
Tuesday 10 March 2009
at
6.00 p.m.**



Members of the Committee are requested to attend

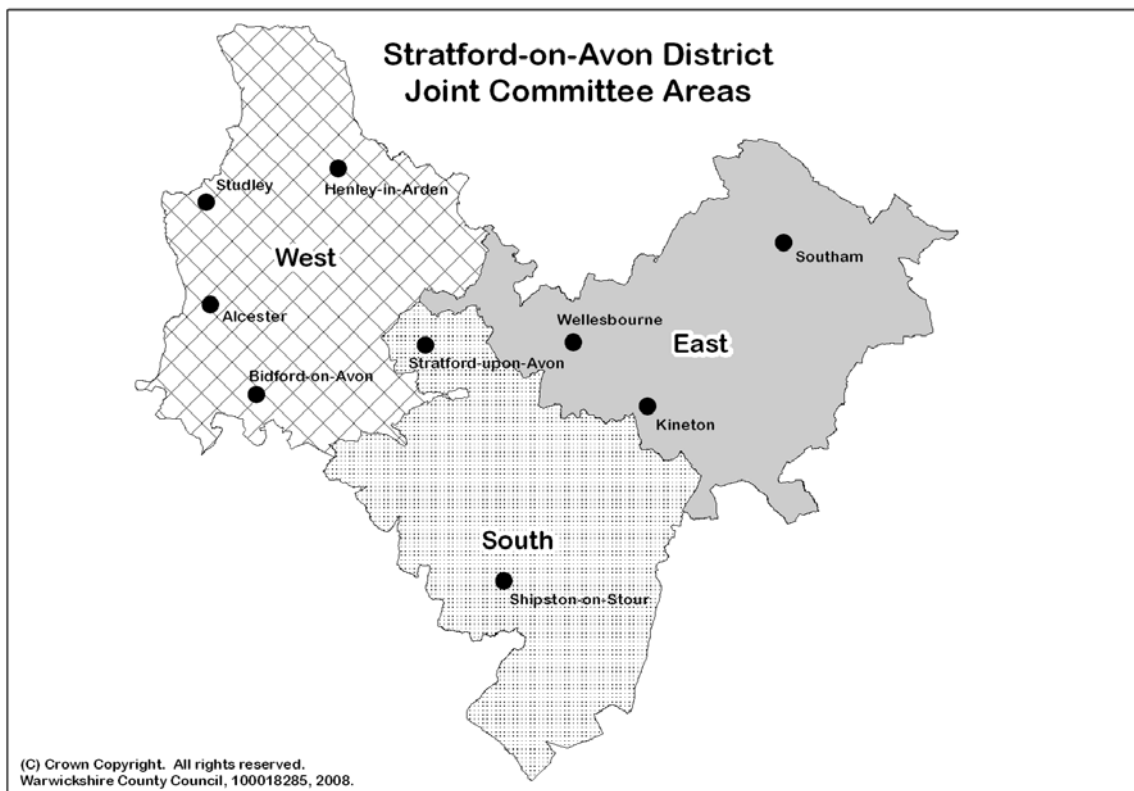
Membership of the Committee

Councillors:		
Alan Akeister	John Appleton (Chair)	David Booth
David Close	Richard Hobbs	Simon Jackson
Susan Main	Beverley Mann	Christopher Mills (Vice Chair)
Andrew Patrick	Nigel Rock	Bob Stevens
Chris Williams	David Wise	Susan Wixey
Roger Wright.		

Jim Graham
Chief Executive
Warwickshire County Council

Paul Lankester
Chief Executive
Stratford-on-Avon District Council

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STRATFORD ON AVON EAST JOINT COMMITTEE

10 March 2009

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

(Note: Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion, then providing the matter is considered in public session, they are entitled, with the consent of the Chair, to make representations and answer questions if members of the public are granted the same entitlement. Members must leave the room before the ensuing debate and vote and must not attempt to improperly influence a decision about that matter).

3. **Minutes** (Pages East 5 - 20)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 9 December 2008 and 21 January 2009.

4. **Public Question Time**

Up to thirty minutes is allowed for the public to ask questions on any matter relevant to the business of the Joint Committee. Questions must be submitted in writing to **Martin Gibbins, the County Council's Area Manager, c/o Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX, (telephone 01789 290784)** at least one working day before the meeting. Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes.

PART A – Non Executive Functions

None

PART B – Executive Functions

5. **Stratford District Sustainable Community Strategy (Pages East 21 – 39)**

To consider a report seeking views on the draft Strategy.

6. **Community Grants (Pages East 40 – 56)**

To consider a report relating to the proposals made by the East Funding Sub Group for Community Grant awards.

7. Increase in the Admission Number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School (Pages East 57 – 62)

To consider a report seeking views on the proposed increase in admission numbers at this school.

8. Fenny Compton Parish Plan (Pages East 63 – 94)

To consider a report proposing the adoption of the Plan.

**9. Southam/Feldon and Wellesbourne/Kineton Community Forums
(Pages East 95 - 96)**

To consider reports from the Forums.

10. Capital Programme for Transport 2009-10 (Pages East 97 – 102)

To consider a report relating to the proposed 2009-10 Delegated Budget Allocations

**11. Highway Maintenance Plan 2009/10 and Five Year List of Structural Maintenance Schemes
(Pages East 103 – 142)**

To consider a report seeking the Committee's views.

12. Review of Joint Committee Working

To be considered.

13. Dates of Future Meetings

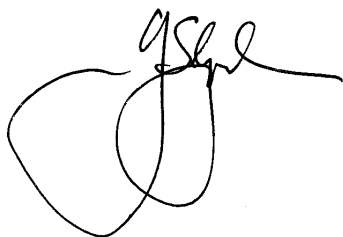
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15 September
8 December

14. Items for Future meetings

To consider any requests from Members for items to be considered at future meetings of the Committee.

15. Urgent Business

To consider any business which the Chair decides is urgent.



Chief Executive
Warwickshire County Council



Chief Executive
Stratford-on-Avon District Council

A Meeting of the Stratford East Joint Committee was held at the Kineton High School, Banbury Road, Kineton on the 9 December 2008.

Present:

Councillors

John Appleton (Chair)
David Booth
Simon Jackson
Susan Main
Beverley Mann
Andrew Patrick
Nigel Rock
Bob Stevens
Chris Williams
David Wise
Susan Wixey
Roger Wright

Officers

Warwickshire County Council

Sorrelle Clements, Library Networks &
Access Manager
Paul Cowley, Area Manager for County
Highways
Louise Denton, Scrutiny Officer
Martin Gibbins, Area Manager
Pete Keeley, Member Services
Amanda Wilson-Patterson, Localities and
Communities Officer

Stratford on Avon District Council

Trevor Askew, Strategic Director
Katherine Geddes, Project Officer
Rebecca Goodman, Community Grants
Officer

1. Apologise for Absence

were received from Councillors Alan Akeister, David Close, Richard Hobbs and Christopher Mills.

2. Disclosures of Interests.

Councillor Sue Main declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 - **Framework for the Future: Library Service Transformation**, as a member of the County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Bob Stevens declared a personal interest in any item affecting the Warwickshire PCT as an associate member of the Trust.

Councillor David Wise declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 3 - **Vision for Southam Project Funding** in view of his involvement with the Southam Youth Group.

Councillor Roger Wright declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6 – **Grant Application by the Stratford & District Citizens Advice Bureau** and indicated that he would leave the room when the matter was being discussed.

3. Minutes

(1) Minutes

Councillor Nigel Rock indicated that his apologies for non attendance at the last meeting had not been recorded in the minutes.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2008 be approved as amended and be signed by the Chair.

(2) Matters Arising

(i) Minute 3 Public Question from Bob Barker – Access to Leamington Railway Station

Martin Gibbins, Area Manager for the County Council, indicated that the written response made to Mr Barker had now been circulated to all Members of the Committee.

(ii) Minute 9 B4451/07 Harbury Station Bridge

In response to comments from Councillor Nigel Rock, Martin Gibbins indicated that he would ensure that the councillor's concerns about the impact of the weight of loaded and unloaded busses using the bridge and the additional distance and time that the proposal would involve, be brought to the attention of the officers concerned.

New Arrangements for Highways Matters

At this point in the meeting members were introduced to Paul Cowley, Area Manager for County Highways. Paul advised members of the new arrangements for dealing with highway related matters and indicated that

all of the highway matters in the Feldon and Southam Electoral Division would now be dealt with from the Dunchurch Highways Depot.

4. Public Question Time.

(1) Pedestrian Safety in Southam

Len Gale of the Southam Civic Ideas Forum advised the Committee that the Forum had been looking at pedestrian safety in Southam Town Centre and had made the following suggestions:

- Create double yellow lines in School Street (south side) at junctions with Daventry Road and Pendicke Street. Currently cars park too close to the junctions and, at Pendicke Street junction, obstruct dropped kerbs.
- Install pedestrian refuge in Warwick Street at the junction with Market Hill. Currently, when crossing from footway outside Southam Wear towards Market Hill it is impossible to know if any traffic is approaching from Warwick Street.
- Narrow carriageway and widen footway (by approximately one metre) outside Post Office, Coventry Street. Currently the footway outside the Post Office becomes very congested.
- Widen footway in Wood Street from Post Office to Public Car Park. This may necessitate imposing a weight/width limit on Wood Street so that only cars and light vans use the road. This should not cause a problem to drivers of heavier vehicles as they are already prohibited from using Wood Street Car Park and there is an alternative route via High Street and Daventry Street. Our long term hope is still the pedestrianisation of the top end of Wood Street, a proposal supported by the Town Council when it was first mooted.

He asked the Committee to support the Forum's requests.

The Chair indicated that these matters should be included in the list of proposals to be considered at the transport seminar arranged for Members in January.

It was suggested that there could be other schemes that should be included in the list to form a more holistic approach to pedestrian safety.

(2) Welsh Road East – pedestrian crossing and traffic calming.

Councillor Carol Pratt of the Southam Town Council, advised the Committee that Southam residents, whilst supporting the requests for controlled safe crossings at local schools, have been asking for a crossing and or traffic calming measures on Welsh Road East for nearly 7 years. She asked the Committee to take action to urgently progress the matter before one of the several reported near misses of children

crossing the road becomes a fatality. She also indicated that the Town Council had some funds available for traffic calming which could be used for this crossing.

In response, Members were advised that following earlier representations, the Town Council had been advised as follows:

The installation of a pedestrian crossing in Welsh Road East was investigated in 2004 as part of the Vision 4 Southam project. At that time the evaluation concluded that the cost of providing a crossing was disproportionate to the number of pedestrians and an alternative scheme of improving the existing pedestrian refuge was proposed. In the event, this was not progressed for financial reasons. The officers would revisit the site to determine the need for a crossing in accordance with the County Council's policy and also that it meets the required safety standards.

Site investigations had subsequently been undertaken and the County Council was currently awaiting the results of vehicle and pedestrian surveys to determine whether the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Welsh Road East could be justified.

The Town Council would be notified once the results of the surveys have been received and analysed.

During a short discussion it was suggested that consideration should be given to less costly ways of introducing traffic calming in the area.

The Committee asked that they be kept informed of the outcome of the analysis referred to.

5. Vision for Southam Project Funding

Katherine Geddes, Project Officer at the District Council, introduced the report which provided updated information on the progress of the Vision for Southam projects and suggested funding allocations for the remaining 08/09 budget of the 2020 Vision Action Plan.

The Committee then considered the two applications contained in the report, as follows.

(1) Application 836 Community Technology Bank

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- ICT Classes were held during the week
- Consideration should be given to promoting the project outside the town of Southam and possible including on village websites.
- The existing laptops were in regular use by 4 local groups and job centre plus activities.

Resolved:

That the Committee approved a grant of £2400.

(2) Application 863 Park Lane Youth Shelter

Councillor Wise declared a personal interest in view of his involvement with the Southam Youth Group.

The following points were noted during the discussion:

- The Town Council would be responsible for maintenance of a shelter, including the removal of graffiti.
- Some members felt that the proposed siting of the shelter would be too far away from where youths congregated currently. The Committee was advised that if required the shelter would be resited.
- The shelter in use in Farnborough was located in a position that made use of an electricity supply for lighting and this was considered to be an encouragement to youths to use the shelter. If possible the proposed shelter should have lighting.
- The shelter would be an improved facility for youths and was likely to result in less litter and graffiti elsewhere.

Resolved:

That the Committee approve a grant of £4,000.

6. Community Grants

Rebecca Goodman introduced the report which related to the proposals made by the East Funding Sub Group for Community Grant awards.

Members noted that the Funding Sub Group consisted of Councillors David Booth, Bob Stevens, Chris Williams and Roger Wright.

(1) Radway Playground Trust

Project: To replace worn out swings and improve safety of play area in Radway.

Grant Requested: £3,320.50

Grant Recommended: £3,321

Resolved: That a grant of £3,321 be awarded

(2) Butterfly Conservation Warwickshire Branch

Project: Restoring habitats across sites in the East Area of Stratford District to enable the rare blue butterfly to return.
Recruit and train large numbers of local volunteers, including school children, in conservation management
Raise public awareness on conservation and local environment

Grant Requested: £11,154

Grant Recommended: £11,154

Resolved: That the Committee award a grant of £11,154

(3) Fenny Compton Parish Council

Project: The installation of new play equipment specifically for under 8s in the village of Fenny Compton.

Grant Requested: £15,000

Grant Recommended: £15,000

Discussion:

The following points were noted:

- Mike Davies representing the Parish Council addressed the Committee on the application. He indicated that the proposal had been included in the Parish Plan and the shelter would be sited on Parish Council land.
- The Parish Council would be responsible for maintenance of the shelter.
- £15,000 was being sourced from other organisations.
- Members were advised that the grant criteria included DDA requirements.

Resolved:

That the Committee award a grant of £15,000

(4) Shotteswell Parish Council

Project: Additional children's play equipment (zip wire) and adult fitness equipment on Shotteswell Village Playing Field.

Grant Requested: £10,800

Grant Recommended: £6,000

Discussion: Val Ingram addressed the Committee about the proposal and drew attention to the difficulties of accessing outside facilities. The additional grant had been requested to enable a more ambitious project than an earlier project and would benefit the more senior residents. A greater level of grant would enable a more ambitious proposal. Contributions were being sought from the Housing Association and certain charities. Shotteswell had no village shop or pub for people to meet

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- An award that was less than requested would restrict the project.
- The Committee had the power to award a grant that was higher than that recommended by the Members Working Party.
- There were sufficient funds available to award the requested grant.

Resolved: The Committee agreed to award a grant of £10,000

(5) Applicant – Southam@play

Project: To install a Youth Shelter on the recreation ground at Southam.

Grant Requested: £1,000

Grant Recommended: £1,000

The Committee was addressed by Andy Crump on behalf of the organisation

Resolved: That the Committee award a grant of £1,000

(6) CVS

Project: The provision of web based sports and recreation information

Grant Requested: £14,750 (£4,425 for East Joint Committee)

Grant Recommended: None

Resolved: That no grant be awarded.

(7) Stratford Community Radio.

Project: Start up costs for a new community radio station.

Grant Requested: £6,270 (£1,568 from the East Joint Committee)

Grant Recommended: None

Resolved: That no grant be awarded.

(8) Southam Christmas Lights

Project: The erection of Christmas lights in Southam

Grant Requested: £1,283

Grant Recommended: None

Resolved: Decision: That no grant be awarded

(9) Mezzo Mums

Project: To pay for travel and costs for 35 disadvantaged children to attend national championships in Ireland.

Grant Requested: £8,006 (£1,601 from the East Joint Committee)

Grant Recommended: None

Resolved: That no grant be awarded.

(10) St. Mary's School PTA

Project: To improve sports facilities in St Mary's School grounds.

Grant

Requested: £11,800

Grant

Recommended: None

Resolved: That no grant be awarded.

(11) Applicant – Stratford & District Citizens Advice Bureau (deferred from the last meeting)

Project: To move the entire CAB operation to a different premises at which will provide easier access to clients and provide the opportunity to extend the range of services being offered. Application deferred from previous meeting.

Grant

Requested: £2,250 (30% of the £7,500 requested)

Discussion:

Councillor Roger Wright having declared a personal interest in Agenda Item prejudicial interest in the item left the room whilst it was being considered.

The following items were noted during the debate:

- The CAB should be encouraged to serve the East Joint Committee's area better.
- There were transport difficulties from certain villages
- The CAB has registered interest in using facilities at One Stop Shops.

Resolved: That the Committee do not award a grant but the CAB be advised that the matter will be reconsidered if the CAB redevelop a presence in this area.

7. Coventry Street, Southam - Proposed Puffin Crossing

The Committee considered a report about a proposal to install a puffin crossing on Coventry Street, Southam to assist parents and children walking to school.

Resolved:

That approval be given to the proposed puffin crossing on Coventry Street, Southam as detailed in the report.

8. Framework for the Future: Library Service Transformation

The Committee considered a report outlining the key principles underpinning the transformation of Library Services to Warwickshire residents and community. The Committee had been consulted and any views would be submitted back to the County Council's Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 February 2009.

Following introductory comments from Sorrelle Clements, Library Networks & Access Manager, Members discussed various aspect of the report. The following points were noted during the discussion:

- The review would include benchmarking of the performance of various councils.
- Consultations should include parish and town councils and Members of the Youth Parliament.
- The District Council was well equipped to consult with local communities.
- The East Joint Committee's area was perhaps the most rural of the areas and regard must be had to the limited facilities available for many village communities.
- Regard should also be had to the benefits to rural areas of extending the mobile library service and the community centre aspects of library premises.
- There would be benefits in promoting increased use of libraries and incorporating library services into one stop shops.
- A pilot service at Studley industrial site was suggested as being more than a pilot and Kenilworth.
- Consideration should be given to the benefits of making provision for book swapping which would allow people to donate their own read books to the libraries

9. Adoption of Parish Plans

The Committee considered a report which set out a proposed process for the Joint Committee to endorse a Parish Plan on behalf of both County and District Council.

During the debate the following points were noted:

- Paragraph 1.4 should become part of the new process and included as paragraph 1.3 (c).

- Martin Gibbins would examine the procedure for adoption by the County Council and the extent of officer input having regard to the current highways consultations and footpath requirements.
- It was suggested that an officer should be nominated by the County Council to assist parishes in the preparation of plans.

Resolved:

That the East Joint Committee approves the revised arrangement for adopting Parish Plans in its delegated powers as set out below:

“To adopt, in the following circumstances, Parish Plans and Village Design Statements which, in the opinion of the Chief Executives of Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council do not conflict with District Council or County Council policy;

- a) as a local information source
- b) as a material consideration in dealing with planning applications in accordance with provisions in the District Local Plan
- c) where a Parish Plan contains issues or proposals that relate directly to County Council or District Council services, the appropriate Directorate/Service should be asked to comment on those matters in the report to the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee should then take a view on those issues or proposals, where appropriate referring matters to Directorates/Service for possible action or alternatively, referring matters to the County and District Cabinets.”

10. South/ Feldon and Wellesbourne/Kineton Community Forums

The Committee considered the reports from the Southam/Feldon and Wellesbourne/Kineton Community Forums which had been circulated before the meeting.

The following points were noted:

- Discussion should be held about the interface between the Community Forums and PACTs
- Discussion had been focussing on youth issues and consideration should be given to ways in which forums could be made more friendlier.
- Highways issues should be included in items for discussion.

The reports were noted.

11. Items for Future meetings

The following items were noted for future meetings:

- (1) Update on flooding issues.
- (2) HGVs on rural roads.
- (3) Public Lighting

In response to comments from Councillor Nigel Rock, the Committee agreed that a report should be prepared about public lighting focussing on the prospects of reducing energy consumption, costs and light pollution in the east area of the Stratford on Avon District.

Members requested that this report should also include information about:

- the possibility of encouraging commercial businesses to turn off lighting.
 - The County Council's decision on street lighting including any views of the County Council's climate change champion.
 - Responsibilities of Parishes including responsibilities for the costs of changes to the specification of light bulbs.
- (4) Warwickshire PCT should continue to be lobbied to send a representative to meetings.

Members noted that a transport seminar was being arranged for January. The date would be confirmed with Members.

12. Urgent Business

There were no urgent items.

The Committee rose at 8:11 p.m.

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Chair

A special meeting of the Stratford East Joint Committee was held at the Grange Hall, Coventry Street, Southam on the 23 January 2009.

Present:

Councillors

John Appleton (Chair)
David Booth
Simon Jackson
Beverley Mann
Nigel Rock
Bob Stevens
Roger Wright

Other Councillors

Izzi Seccombe – County Council Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families.

Officers

Mark Gore, Head of Education Service - Education Partnerships & School Development Division
Nick Williams Assistant Head of Service (Pupil and Student Services), Education Partnerships and School Development
Victoria Gould, Young People Legal Services Manager
Martin Gibbins, Area Manager
Pete Keeley, Member Services
Amanda Wilson-Patterson, Localities and Communities Officer

20 members of the public attended

1. Apologies for Absence

were received from Councillors David Close, Susan Main, Christopher Mills, Andrew Patrick, Chris Williams, David Wise and Susan Wixey

2. Disclosure of Interests

The following Councillor declared personal interests as School Governors for the schools indicated.

Councillor John Appleton as a Governor of Southam Primary School.
Councillor David Booth as a Governor Kineton High School.
Councillor Bob Stevens as a Governor of Long Itchington Primary School and Southam College.
Councillor Izzi Seccombe as a Governor of Kineton High School.

3. Admissions to Rugby Grammar Schools

The Joint Committee considered a report about proposed changes to admission arrangements to Grammar Schools in Rugby following a ruling by the Schools Adjudicator and which set out a proposal for admissions to those schools in September 2010. The Joint Committee were asked for their views on the proposals.

The Committee was addressed by four members of the Public as follows:

Gill Freeman expressed concern about the impact of the proposals on the long term education opportunities in the area and on the level of success of village schools. She expressed her support for the representations made by village schools on this matter.

Tammy Heap expressed concern that the proposed admission arrangements could result in one of her children not being permitted to attend the same school as older siblings. She also advised the Committee that she felt that the proposals would have an adverse impact on the viability of school transport arrangements in the area.

Louise Bowman-Shaw advised Members that she had two boys at Southam College who would be deprived of sixth form choice under the proposed arrangements. Mark Gore indicated that the admission arrangements under discussion related only to admissions in Year's 7 to 11.

She made representations on behalf of other parents who could not be present at the meeting. In particular she indicated:

- the need for continuity in the provision of sports facilities for those children who wished to develop their sporting abilities.
- The proposed arrangements would create difficulties for many local children in their choice of sixth form school because of transport difficulties that would result from the new admission arrangements.

Helena Knight of Napton advised the Committee that the future schooling of her children was an important aspect of her decision to move to the area and that it was unlikely that she would have moved if the proposed admission arrangements were in place at that time. She highlighted difficulties in transport arrangements that could result from the new arrangements.

Bransby Thomas of the Southam Town Council and a Governor of Southam College and Ashlawn Bilateral School, reported that the County Council's Rugby Area Committee supported the proposal. He also indicated that the Greenwich decision puts pressure on many schools. He stressed that Southam College was a good high performing school and that Members should be encouraging parents to send children there.

Mark Gore, Head of the Education Service, presented the report and outlined the difficulties facing the County Council resulting from the School Adjudicator's decision and the Greenwich decision, as detailed in the report. He drew attention to the need for admission arrangements to be agreed by the Council

for Ashlawn School and the admission authorities of the Lawrence Sheriff and Rugby High Schools. He added that there would be no changes to the choice of sixth form under the proposed arrangements.

Members discussed several aspect of the proposal. The following points were noted during the debate.

- The Committee were being asked for their views in response to the consultation and no decision on whether or not to proceed with the arrangements was to be made by the Committee. The decision would be taken by the County Council's Cabinet who had asked for comments on whether the priority area proposed in the report was the right one to be adopted. The Cabinet would take a decision in respect of Ashlawn School on the 19 March having considered all of the information obtained from the consultation process which will end on the 6 March 2009. The admission authorities for the other two schools would make decisions following their consultations also.
- Originally, the Schools Adjudicator had wanted the new arrangements to be in place for September 2009 but the Council had persuaded him to delay implementation on the basis of the timetable that would be involved, any proposals should be from September 2010.
- In response to the concerns of some Members relating to the interpretation of the School Adjudicator's decision, the Committee were advised of the full legal reasoning that had lead to the conclusion that there was no alternative but to review the admission arrangements. Leading Counsel had advised that a challenge by the County Council to the Adjudicator's decision would be unlikely to be successful.
- Full discussions would be held with the schools on the outcomes of the consultations.
- Members expressed concern that not all of the Parishes within the current admissions area had been consulted on the proposals. They were advised of the extent of the consultation that was still in progress and informed that it exceeded statutory requirements.
- A specific boundary for the consultation should be drawn and this should include both Parish Councils and Parish meetings in areas affected.
- Admission arrangements settled upon following the consultation must be justifiable objectively and not be in breach of the law. It would be difficult to justify the inclusion of Warwickshire villages but not Northamptonshire villages for example.

Councillor Bob Stevens, seconded by Councillor Nigel Rock, moved and Resolved unanimously:

- (1) That the Committee notes the report on the Rugby Grammar Schools consultation and expresses concern at the interpretation of the adjudicator's judgement.

- (2) That the Committee objects to the omission of Warwickshire Parishes already covered by the existing admissions policy for these schools.
- (3) That the Committee agrees that the following parishes within the Feldon Division should also be included in the proposed new Catchment areas:
Bishops Itchington, Chapel Ascote, Chesterton & Kingston, Harbury (including Deppers Bridge), Hodnell and Wills Pastures, Ladbroke, Long Itchington, Napton, Priors Hardwick, Priors Marston, Radbourne, Upper and Lower Shuckburgh, Southam, Stockton, Stoneton, Ufton, Watergall and Wormleighton
- (4) That the comments made by the Committee be included in the Committee's formal response to the consultation.

The Committee rose at 11:25 p.m.

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Chair

Subject: Stratford District Sustainable Community Strategy
Lead Officer: Dave Nash
Lead Member: Councillor L Topham

Summary

This report draws attention to the current consultation on the Draft District Sustainable Community Strategy developed by the Stratford District Partnership and invites feedback from the Joint Committee. The draft is attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

That the Joint Committee identifies any representations it may wish to submit on the draft District Sustainable Community Strategy.

1 Background/Information

- 1.1 The current Stratford District Community Plan was adopted in 2005. This Community Plan was prepared by the Stratford District Partnership. The District Council and the County Council have each adopted terms of reference for this Partnership which include tasking it with the preparation of a Sustainable Community Strategy "to set out a shared long term vision for the District that has regard to local economic, social and environmental objectives".
- 1.2 The Partnership agreed in January 2008 that it was necessary to review and refresh the current Community Plan. A project brief was adopted in July 2008 and the Partnership's Core Group agreed at its meeting on 10 December 2008 to progress to consultation on the draft document that has been developed. The consultation was formally endorsed by the Leader of the District Council in early January and the period for comment runs to 20 March 2009.
- 1.3 The Government issued new statutory guidance on "Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities" in July 2008. Under this statutory guidance the duty to prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for the district lies with the District Council. The Council is under a duty to consult and seek the participation of such organisations and people as it considers appropriate in preparing the strategy. Once prepared, the strategy must be agreed at Full Council. It is currently planned to seek the adoption of the Strategy at the Council meeting on 20 April 2009.

- 1.4 The reference of the draft document to this Joint Committee is part of an extensive consultation process that includes the Youth Forums, SCAN groups, town and parish councils, Community Forums, businesses and strategic partners. Residents are being consulted via the District Council's Citizens Panel and a feedback questionnaire can be accessed by all interested parties via the Stratford-on-Avon District Council website.

2 Options

- 2.1 The Committee is free to express any opinions it wishes to on the draft SCS. In particular, the Committee may wish to consider the following:
- are the key challenges facing the area correctly identified, or are there any challenges that either have not been identified or should not be included?
 - which of the key challenges should be considered as the highest priorities (perhaps identify the top five or six)?
 - does the 'Vision' correctly identify our ambitions for the District? Is there anything either missing or wrongly included?
 - are there any priorities (as set out under the six Local Area Agreement 'themes') that are really urgent and deserve to be tackled first?

3 Implications of the report

3.1 *Legal/Human Rights Implications*

- 3.1.1 There are no direct implications.

3.2 *Financial*

- 3.2.1 The purpose of the Strategy is to establish a long-term vision to 2026. This report has no direct financial implications, but the Committee should be mindful of the importance of being realistic about matching stated ambition with available resource.

3.3 *Environmental*

- 3.3.1 The draft Strategy identifies a number of priorities which, if delivered, would be likely to have a positive environmental impact. Environmental sensitivity is acknowledged as being an integral component of a sustainable community.

3.4 *Corporate Strategy/Priorities*

- 3.4.1 In developing the draft document the LSP has had regard to the priorities currently identified in the corporate planning documents of both the County and District Council.

3.5 *Equality Impact Assessment*

- 3.5.1 The draft Strategy as updated as a result of the consultation process will be assessed to determine the need to undertake a formal Equality Impact Assessment. At this stage such an assessment is judged as unlikely to be necessary.

4 Risk Assessment

- 4.1 The SCS should rightly be ambitious in setting out the community's aspirations for the future. However, in doing so there is a risk that

expectations will be raised against which it may be hard to deliver, particularly in the short to medium term.

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 The Stratford District Partnership has developed its vision of a 'sustainable district' that by 2026 would enjoy improved economic, social and environmental characteristics. The Joint Committee is invited to provide feedback on this draft Strategy and in particular to comment on the challenges identified in the document and the issues that should be afforded the highest priority.

Dave Nash

STRATEGIC DIRECTOR



Improving the quality of life for *everyone*

A 2026 Vision for
Stratford District

A Sustainable Community Strategy

Introduction by the Chair of Stratford District Partnership

I am delighted to introduce the Sustainable Community Strategy for the Stratford District.

The strategy is yours. The Stratford District Partnership of the county and district councils, police, health agencies, private sector and the voluntary and community sector developed it. You have endorsed it.

Your strategy sets out the community's vision for the District for 2026, and what we intend to do to improve our economic, social and environmental wellbeing – and our quality of life overall.

The vision is aspirational – but achievable. And we aim to achieve it through working together.

That will be key. The members of the Partnership have signed up to a shared vision and have committed to work together in a coordinated way to address the challenges facing us.

We need to tackle the challenges and opportunities to make the quality of life better for everyone living here.

I am confident that with all the partners and the community united around our ambition, and prepared to work together, we will be successful.

Charles Goody
Chair, Stratford District Partnership

What is a Sustainable Community Strategy?

And how is it meant to work?

A Sustainable Community Strategy sets out a long-term vision for an area. Ours sets out what we would like Stratford District to look like in 2026.

It describes

- What the key challenges are for us
- What the Stratford District Partnership has identified as the main things we need to do, and
- What the partners, working together, intend to do.

What is a 'sustainable' district?

Sustainability is at the heart of our new strategy. But what is 'sustainability'?

According to the government, a sustainable community is

- **Active, inclusive and safe** – fair, tolerant and cohesive with a strong local culture and other shared community activities
- **Well run** – with effective and inclusive participation, representation and leadership
- **Well connected** – with good transport services and communication linking people with jobs, schools, health and other services
- **Environmentally sensitive** – providing places for people to live that are considerate of the environment
- **Thriving** – with a flourishing, diverse and innovative local economy
- **Well designed and built** – featuring high quality built and natural environment
- **Fair for everyone** – including those in other communities now and in the future

Our aim is for our District to be sustainable by 2026.

And achieving this means getting the balance right between our social, economic and environmental needs to ensure a steadily improving quality of life for everyone, now and for future generations.

Relationship with other strategies

The Sustainable Community Strategy links closely to other strategies and plans agreed by the members of the District Partnership. These include:

- Local Area Agreement (LAA)
- District Council Corporate Strategy
- District Council Wellbeing Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Regional Spatial Strategy
- Warwickshire NHS Strategy
- Warwickshire County Council Children and Young People's Plan
- South Warwickshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Plan
- District Council Housing, Private Sector Housing and Homelessness Strategies
- Warwickshire County Council Local Transport Plan
- Warwickshire Waste Partnership Waste Management Strategy
- District Council ICT Strategy
- District Council Active Communities Strategy
- Vision Action Plans for Alcester, Shipston and Southam
- Parish plans

How it will be delivered

The Strategy sets the long-term direction for the District to achieve the community vision, and identifies key priorities for action.

The members of the Partnership will direct resources to delivering those priorities through their existing strategies and plans.

How we'll check it is being delivered

The District Partnership has a Core Group of senior representatives from all the partners. It has also six groups covering the six sections of the Strategy. These are:

- Children and Young People
- Stronger Communities
- Safer Communities
- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Economy and Employment
- Climate Change and Environment

Those groups will monitor progress in their areas and report every three months to the Core Group. The Core Group will identify and tackle any problems collectively.

The Strategy will be fully reviewed every three years and action plans updated as needed.

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What are the key challenges for the District?

Stratford District is an enviable place to live, work and visit. We have much to appreciate and value. And we certainly want to preserve everything that makes our District one of the best places to be.

Yet we cannot be complacent. There are challenges we need to tackle over the next ten years just to maintain our quality of life, let alone improve it for everyone.

An ageing population

The District's population is among the 'oldest' in the country. More over-65s than under-15s live here. There are fewer births per 1,000 compared with most other districts. People moving into the District tend to be older than those moving out. And with the number of over-85s set to increase dramatically – and outnumber the number of children – our District will age even faster. This will have considerable implications for services, especially healthcare.

Shortage of affordable housing

Housing is expensive. Young couples, people on low incomes and key workers, can't buy or rent anywhere to live because property prices and rents are beyond their reach. Demand for affordable housing for local needs is outstripping supply. This is causing a persistent, serious and ever-growing shortage District-wide. And it is driving younger people from our District, and stopping others from moving in.

Lack of access

Many residents in the rural areas struggle – and often fail – to get to the services, facilities and activities that matter to their lives. They live too far from them and public transport is poor in many areas. The problem affects most rural areas. And it affects young and old especially. Going anywhere in the evening is impossible for many young people – getting to medical appointments is costly and time-consuming for older people. The public sector will have to find new ways of delivering services

An economy under pressure

Our District's economy needs revitalising to compete successfully in the future. Economic growth has been low. Increases in jobs and pay have lagged behind other areas. Four in ten workers travel to jobs, often higher paid outside the District. Yet poor broadband connections prevent people from working from home. Tourist numbers continue to fall. Stratford faces strong competition for shoppers from neighbouring areas, and our market towns are struggling to attract new investment and businesses.

Keeping us all healthy

Keeping residents fit and healthy will be increasingly important. Our children and young people are not active enough – and obesity is a growing problem among primary school pupils. Bullying in school and at college affects the emotional and physical health of young people. More and more of us are living longer with long-term health conditions such as heart disease, arthritis, mental health and diabetes – a particular challenge for healthcare providers. Healthcare varies in quality across our District: there are significant differences in life expectancy between some areas.

Improving our skills

Generally, our District benefits from high levels of qualifications. Yet many residents – of all ages, not only school-leavers – are relatively lowly skilled. This forces them to take low-paid jobs, stops them getting better-paid ones, and makes it harder to attract new companies looking for better-qualified workers to fill higher-paying jobs. Skills and qualifications will be key to our District's economic resurgence.

Crime and our fear of it

Crime levels in our District are low compared with most areas, but residents want them reduced further. The fear of crime, while falling, is high. A major concern, among all age groups, is lack of activities for youngsters, seen as a cause of anti-social and other misbehaviour. The level of alcohol abuse, often leading to violence, creates anxieties. The numbers of casualties from road accidents and persistent speeding through our towns and villages are other big issues.

Young people

Young people feel frustrated about the lack of access to opportunities and facilities. Under-12s for example want to be able to play outside in any way they can. Over-12s want places to meet up and hang out – without being told off or moved on. Young people's dissatisfaction continues after leaving school. Many find it hard to get well-paid jobs. And those looking for somewhere to live often find it impossible to get anywhere they can afford. Vulnerable young people often lack support, including accommodation in some circumstances, to live independently, or avoid dropping out of school or work.

Managing new development

The character and heritage of our District is important to us, and we need to protect it for ourselves and for future generations. Yet we have to balance this with providing more housing and new employment opportunities for local people. Where we put these extra homes and businesses will decide whether new development supports our towns, villages and natural environment – or damages them.

Tackling waste and climate change

We still send too much waste to landfill. And we must cut back – to comply with tough EU and national rules, and for the environment's sake. But higher recycling rates won't be enough to cope with the scale of the problem – because we produce too much waste in the first place. Climate change is a global issue. But we can help by significantly reducing our carbon footprint - ultimately becoming a carbon neutral District – through cutting our energy use and using our cars less.

Flooding

Flooding has caused considerable damage to homes and businesses across the District on several occasions in recent years. It is a recurring threat, and residents in the areas at risk live with the worry of it happening again. It is the overriding concern for many. Residents expect the authorities to work together more closely and effectively to reduce the risk of future flooding, and where possible remove the threat altogether.

Getting us more involved

People are asking for more influence over the decisions affecting them. And they want their voice to be heard before decisions are taken. This means giving more weight to their views – for example acting on the priorities they identify in local plans – and finding new ways to actively involve them in the process. We need to do more to find out the views of hard-to-reach groups, including the emerging minorities.

Strengthening the voluntary sector

Voluntary organisations are already the lifeblood of many communities, playing a key role in tackling disadvantage and exclusion. They are being asked to take on more work as the authorities struggle to maintain services. Yet they need to recruit more volunteers and attract new sources of funding to be able to do so. New investment in the voluntary sector will be critical.

Deprivation

Lack of access and rural isolation causes social deprivation. There is financial deprivation too. The average income here is £xx,000, but 17% of households have an income of less than £10,000 a year. There are more households on means-tested benefits now than ten years ago. Fuel poverty has become a serious issue in some villages. Parts of Stratford are among the 25% most deprived neighbourhoods nationally. There is a big gap to narrow within our District.

These are major challenges, many of them tied together.

Tackling them requires a clear vision of how we want the District to move forward, and a clear strategy – a Sustainable Community Strategy – to see that we get there.

A 2026 Vision for Stratford District

By 2026 the quality of life will have improved for everyone living here.

Our economic vision

By 2026,

- all sectors of the local economy will be thriving throughout our District
- children, young people and older workers will have access to the first-class education and training they need to qualify for better paying new jobs within our District
- Stratford-upon-Avon will be established as a world-class town to live, work and visit, competing with the best in Europe and beyond
- our rural areas will be providing more businesses and jobs
- more tourists will be visiting the whole District, staying longer and spending more

Our social vision

By 2026,

- everyone will have access to first-class services and amenities
- there will be enough affordable housing, opportunities and support to keep young people in the District during and after their education
- everyone will have access to high-quality healthcare
- older people and people with disabilities will have the support they need to lead independent lives
- communities will influence decisions affecting them
- everyone will feel and be included, involved and safer

Our environmental vision

By 2026,

- our carbon footprint will be significantly smaller
- there will be less need to use cars because there will be more reliable alternatives
- homes will be using less energy
- much less waste will be going to landfill because we will be using and producing less
- the District's character, landscape, heritage and natural habitat will have been enhanced
- our District will be the cleanest in the country

Children and Young People: By 2026, our young people will be active, involved and physically and emotionally fitter.

We want to

- ***Increase activities for children and young people***, by
 - Providing more opportunities and facilities, e.g. youth clubs, youth spaces, play areas, holiday play schemes and after-school clubs
 - Running more organised, adult-led outside activities
 - Implementing new ways of delivering different play opportunities for all ages
- ***Improve children and young people's physical and emotional health***, by
 - Providing more healthy lifestyle support, and getting more children and young people active in school and community sport
 - Reducing the level of bullying and supporting its victims
- ***Improve access for children and young people***, by
 - Taking services into rural areas and improving transport for children and young people to access activities throughout the area
- ***Increase children and young people's positive contribution***, by
 - Giving children and young people more influence through county and district youth councils, and through seats on locality forums
 - Improving vulnerable young people's wellbeing and independence through enhancing their accommodation and support options

Stronger Communities: By 2026, everyone will have access to first-class services and amenities, and more influence over decisions affecting them.

We want to

- ***Improve access to services/facilities***, by
 - Taking services closer to rural communities
 - Giving everyone 'anytime anywhere' access through digital and other technologies
 - Improving transport links by extending community schemes, pressing for more funding for other rural initiatives, and lobbying for better public transport
- ***Give residents more influence over decisions***, by
 - Giving more weight to parish plans in decision making
 - Using digital and other technologies to let residents 'have their say' at meetings and other times
 - Finding out the views of hard-to-reach groups
- ***Increase the number of affordable homes in rural areas***, by
 - Helping communities identify sites for affordable housing
 - Extending the local choice scheme
 - Making more accommodation available by bringing more empty homes into use and encouraging older people to move to smaller properties
- ***Strengthen the role and work of the voluntary and community sector***, by
 - Developing new sources of funding
 - Recruiting more volunteers

Safer Communities: By 2026, we will feel safer, and be safer.

We want to

- ***Reduce the level of crime***, by
 - Focusing on priorities and moving resources to tackle them
- ***Reduce anti-social behaviour***, by
 - Providing more activities for children and young people (see **Children and Young People**) to keep them away from trouble
 - Supporting parents and schools to deal with bad behaviour, and taking tough enforcement action against unacceptable behaviour
- ***Reduce violent crime***, by
 - Clamping down on drunken behaviour and under-age drinking
 - Focusing on domestic abuse
- ***Reduce substance abuse***, by
 - Identifying and prosecuting drug pushers
 - Running anti-drugs education programmes in schools
- ***Reduce theft and robbery***, by
 - Working with businesses to deter offenders
- ***Reduce the fear of crime***, by
 - Working closely with communities to support local initiatives like Neighbourhood Watch
 - Involving people of different ages and backgrounds in community projects
- ***Reduce road accidents***, by
 - Cutting traffic speeds, particularly on rural roads, by enforcing speed limits and introducing local safety schemes

Healthier Communities and Older People: By 2026, we will be encouraged to lead healthier lifestyles, and older people will be supported to live independently.

We want to

- ***Improve access to healthcare***, by
 - Delivering more services locally supported by electronic services
 - Improving transport links between key health facilities to cut down the time and cost of obtaining treatment
- ***Support older and vulnerable people to live independently***, by
 - Improving, expanding and extending at-home services, and adapting more properties to meet the needs of older people and people with disabilities
- ***Encourage and support healthier lifestyles***, by
 - Encouraging more residents to get involved in sports, leisure and recreation activities and extending opportunities for them to do so across the District
 - Working with employers to launch initiatives in the workplace
 - Increasing the number of residents eating five portions of fruit and vegetables a day
- ***Reduce health inequalities***, by
 - Targeting resources at the areas where they are needed most
 - Delivering more accessible homes, transport, leisure and employment opportunities

Economic Development and Enterprise: By 2026, all sectors of the local economy will be thriving throughout the District.

We want to

- ***Encourage economic growth and change***, by
 - Attracting new firms to provide more high-value jobs in the District
 - Supporting business start-ups
 - Increasing the economic vitality of the main rural centres
 - Promoting and encouraging business diversification
- ***Increase the value of tourism across the whole District***, by
 - Encouraging a wider range of hotels, conference facilities and attractions across the District to persuade visitors to visit, stay longer, spend more and visit again
 - Capitalising on the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics
 - Using new technologies to promote the District internationally
- ***Improve qualifications and skills***, by
 - Working with local firms to improve training opportunities for employees
 - Increasing the take-up and success rates in science, technology engineering and maths in schools
 - Working with employers to develop more apprentice and other programmes to help young people enhance their employability skills

Climate Change and Environment: By 2026, we will have created less waste, used less energy and cut our carbon footprint.

We want to

- ***Reduce the District's carbon footprint***, by
 - Supporting and setting standards for home energy efficiency and the supply and use of renewable energy
 - Promoting energy efficient, low emissions forms of transport
- ***Cut the amount of waste we send to landfill***, by
 - Encouraging everyone to reduce waste, recycle more and establishing a community re-use shop
 - Increasing the level of home composting and requiring developers to provide home composting bins to new properties
 - Working with industry and government to reduce the amount of packaging used in the first place
- ***Encourage alternatives to private car use***, by
 - Promoting and supporting public transport, car sharing, home working and better facilities for cyclists and pedestrians
 - Promoting better rail services including a bus-rail interchange in Stratford
- ***Reduce the risk of flooding***, by
 - Preventing development in areas prone to flooding and tackling drainage issues in others
- ***Keep the District amongst the cleanest in the country***, by
 - Making litter, graffiti, dog fouling and fly tipping socially unacceptable, and responding rapidly to incidents
- ***Preserve the District's distinctive character***, by
 - Ensuring new development meets strict design quality standards
 - Supporting initiatives to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment
 - Protecting locally important wildlife and geological sites and features

Joining it all together

We've identified the key challenges facing our District. Our new strategy sets out what we want to achieve – and some of the key actions to get results.

Many of the issues are linked. For example,

- Better transport links will improve **access** to facilities and services, support our **ageing population** and **young people**, and help both the **environment** and local **economy**.
- Improving the quality of the local **environment** will benefit our **health**, and impact on **community safety**.
- Providing more leisure opportunities will improve our **health** and ease **community safety** concerns by offering more activities to young people.
- Extending **learning** opportunities to improve skills and qualifications will strengthen the local **economy** by helping to attract new companies and equipping people to **access** higher-value jobs.
- Providing more **affordable housing** will help counter our **ageing population** by keeping more **young people** in the District, and strengthen the **economy** by increasing the labour pool locally.
- Creating a stronger local **economy** with more jobs here will benefit the **environment** by reducing outward commuting.
- Providing more opportunities for **young people** will improve **community safety** by keeping them off the streets, and improve their **health** by getting them more active.
- Supporting our **ageing population** to live independently will ease the pressure on **healthcare** and other services.
- ICT, digital and other technologies will improve business efficiency and help attract more visitors, boosting the local **economy**, help the **environment** by reducing unnecessary travel, and improve **access** to many services.

In short, our actions to tackle one challenge will have a knock-on effect on others too.

Subject: Community Grants

Lead Officer: Contact Rebecca Goodman on 01789 260694

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Chris Williams

Summary

To consider the proposals made by the East Funding Sub Group for Community Grant awards.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the recommendations made by the East Funding Sub Group and awards rejects or amends as appropriate.

1 Background/Information

- 1.1 All applications have been assessed for eligibility (appendix 1) and scored against the agreed criteria for the scheme (appendix 2) by WCC and SDC officers. The applications have then been reviewed in detail by the Funding Sub Group held on 12th February 2009 and their subsequent recommendations are included in this report.
- 1.2 The Funding Sub Group is made up of District and County Councillors from the main and opposition parties. The scope of the Group is to conduct a detailed review of each application and provide recommendation to the Joint Committee on what level of grant should be awarded.
- 1.3 The committee is reminded that 15% of the grants budget can be used by the Joint Committee to support strategic proposals. Two project proposals have been submitted for this round of funding. Details of the Strategic Budget allocation for the East Committee are given in Section 4.

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The budget shown represents the total District and County Council funds for this financial year and is no longer split between revenue and capital.

2.1 Grant Budget

		Balance remaining
East Area Budget 08/09	£114,000	
Grants Awarded to date	£83,860	£30,140
Awarded under delegated authority	£1,710	
Recommended awards by FSG	£24,840	£3,590

3. NEW APPLICATIONS

3.1 The following grants have been awarded under delegated authority by officers

Organisation	Application score	Grant Award
Napton Parish Council	14	£750
Ratley Youth Club	13	£960

3.2 The Funding Sub Group recommends awarding grants to the following applicants. Details of applications can be found in Appendix 3

Organisation	Application score	Recommended Award
Getting Kineton Growing	20	£1,000
ILEAP	18	£4,500
Lighthorne Heath Village Hall	14	£2,000
Southam Christmas Lights	12	£1,600
Napton Youth Club	10	£740

3.3 The Funding Sub Group recommends the following grant requests are declined. Details of applications can be found in Appendix 3.

Organisation	Application score	Requested Award
George Povey Gardening Project	12	£4,950
Age Concern South Warks	8	£13,000
Half Crown Petanque Club	5	£1,000
Asian Community Equality Centre	-	£15,000

3.4 The recommended awards for each grant application are listed above; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.

4. Strategic Budget Allocation

4.1 Under the terms of new joint community grants scheme, 15% of the total budget available may be used by the Joint Committee to fund Strategic projects identified via Community Forum. The Joint Committee may also choose to use the 15% allocation to award Community Grants. The 15% allocation in the East Area totals **£17,025**.

4.2 Two proposals have been received in relation to the Strategic Allocation for this round of Committee meetings. The Funding Sub Group recommends awarding grants to the following applicants. Details of applications can be found in Appendix 4

Organisation	Application score	Recommended Award
Lighthorne Heath Partnership	n/a	£12,000
Voluntary Centre Transport Scheme	n/a	£3,000

5. Remaining Budget Allocation

5.1 Based on the recommendations above, there is a budget balance remaining of **£3,590**. The Funding Sub Group proposed that this balance is used for "narrowing the gap" in the East Area by the Local Strategic Partnership.

5.2. Whilst the funds cannot be given directly to the LSP it can be achieved by requesting the LSP to develop a project that would be approved by a subsequent meeting of the Joint Committee. However this would require the funds to be carried forward to the next financial year and this is not possible as it would constitute "slippage". Any funds that are not committed to project activity in the current financial will be lost

5.3 The options available to the Joint Committee are:

- a) To award funds to a declined application or increase a grant award for one or more of the applications previously considered
- b). To surrender the balance of the budget to be offered as a cost saving.

6 Options available to the Committee

The Committee has the option in each case of awarding, rejecting or amending the grant recommended by the Funding Sub Group and deciding the appropriate option for any budget balance remaining.

7 Members' Comments

7.1 Each application has been supported by a District or County Councillor. These comments have been reviewed and considered by the Funding Sub Group.

8 Implications of the proposal

8.1 *Legal/Human Rights Implications*

8.2 There are no legal/human rights implications to this report

9 Financial

9.1 See 2.1

9.2 The grant requests are listed above. Recommended levels of grant award are shown with each individual application; however these sums may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Committee.

9.3 The Financial aspects of each grant application have been reviewed and considered by the Funding Sub-Group.

10 *Environmental*

10.1 Successful applicants will be encouraged where appropriate to adopt sound environmental principles when delivering their project

11 *Strategic Priorities*

11.1 The extent to which each application supports delivery of the Local Area Agreement Strategic Priorities is identified within the scoring criteria.

12 *Equality Impact Assessment*

12.1 An equality impact assessment has been conducted on each application. Additional points are awarded for projects reducing inequality in the community.

13 Risk Assessment

13.1 A risk assessment has been conducted on each application

14 CONCLUSION

14.1 That the Committee considers and awards, rejects or amends grants as appropriate for the applications presented.

Robert Walsh

HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Appendix 1
Criteria of Community Grants Scheme

Eligible Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a Community Grant the project MUST:

- Provide new opportunities for local people or develop the capacity of local people to run their own projects
- Provide lasting benefit
- Contribute to local Strategic Priorities
- Usually require a maximum of £15,000 from this fund
- Be looking to spend the grant within 24 months of its award subject to flexibility on a case by case basis
- Be led by a fully constituted organisation with its own bank account
- Have not been previously funded by this scheme (groups can reapply for a new project as long as previously funded projects have been completed)

The Community Grant WILL NOT fund:

- The running costs of an established group or activities which are that groups main service
- Ongoing refurbishment, repair or maintenance
- Any costs incurred before the grant is awarded (unless previously agreed)
- Services which are a groups statutory responsibility
- Activities promoting religious beliefs
- Statutory public bodies such as District or Council Councils, Police, PCT (grants to Parish/Town Councils will be considered where evidence of need is indicated within a parish plan or equivalent)
- Commercial projects

Appendix 2
Evaluation Criteria

Area	Description	Maximum Points
Location	Projects that will benefit priority wards based on the index of Multiple Deprivation	0 - 4
Reducing Inequalities	Projects that will benefit a local community of Group of people experiencing specific disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities	2
Community Involvement	Projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have involved the local community and/or the projects end-beneficiaries in developing the project • Will generate new opportunities for people to get involved in their community • Will help to build the capacity of a community group 	4
Community Benefit	Projects that will provide new services or opportunities based on identified need	3
Sustainability	Projects that will create lasting benefits beyond the end of the funding	2
Partnership working	Projects that work effectively with other Organisations	1
Quality	Projects that are well thought-out, with clear objectives, timescales, budget and success Measures. Projects that are aware of risks, and demonstrate value for money	2
Strategic Priorities	Projects that will contribute to one or more of the priorities listed and are additional and complementary to other initiatives	2 2

Appendix 3

Application Information from East Area Funding Sub Group

Organisation name	Project Title	Project Description	Ward	Number of Beneficiaries in East Area	Total Points Scored	Amount Requested	Total Project Costs	Recommended from FSG West	Recommended from FSG East	Recommended from FSG South	FSG Comments
Getting Kineton Growing	Getting Kineton Growing - Food Project	To engage the local community in growing, cooking and eating local, sustainable and ethical food	Kineton	2500	20	£4,600	£11,050	£0.00	£1,000	£0.00	The FSG had questions about the commercial nature of some activities of the project. Recommend award partial grant to fund demonstration plots to get project started.
ILEAP	ILEAP in Leisure in Stratford on Avon	To provide people with mild and moderate learning disabilities and difficulties and their disabled and non-disabled peers the opportunity to meet with friends and take part in leisure activities in their community	district wide	25	18	£15,000	£160,000	£5,100	£4,500	£4,800	The project supports disadvantaged young people. ILEAP have an excellent track record of delivering successful projects. ALL 3 FSGs recommend AWARD GRANT
Lighthorne Heath Village Hall	Kitchen Refurbishment	Replace old kitchen units and refurbish kitchen to import health and hygiene standards	Kineton	350	14	£2,000	£4,154.	£0.00	£2,000	£0.00	The Village Hall is in urgent need of upgrading and is situated in an area of need. AWARD GRANT.
Napton Parish Council	Nosh and Natter Club	To provide a meal and an opportunity to socialise and share information	Stockton and Napton	50	14	£750	£1,050	£0.00	£750	£0.00	AGREED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Ratley Youth Club	Circus Skills Workshop	2 practice sessions with workshop leader plus an all-age workshop open to family and villagers followed by a performance.	Burton Dassett	60	13	£960	£960	£0.00	£960	£0.00	AGREED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY
George Povey Gardening Project	George Povey Gardening Project	To obtain locally a plot of land to develop a wildflower and vegetable garden to improve life skills of autistic children.	Snitterfield	6	12	£4,950	£9,900	£1,649	£0.00	£852	West FSG - Award Grant, South FSG - Award part Grant of £852 due to budget constraints, East FSG - No Award due to low number of beneficiaries.
Southam Christmas Lights	Southam Christmas Lights	Christmas lights for Southam and a switch on event for the community with father Christmas and mop fair with charity stalls.	Southam	1000	12	£1,600	£8,526	£0.00	£1,600	£0.00	The group have raised a significant amount through own fundraising. The switch on event is free and brings all the community together. Award Grant of £1600. The applicant should be aware that cannot reapply for the same project in future funding rounds
Napton Youth Club	Pathway and Projector	Provision of an overhead projector for members to use with x-box and Wii games in multi-player roles. Construction of concrete path from storage shed to village hall	Stockton and Napton	50	10	£1,090	£2,180	£0.00	£740	£0.00	The FSG fully support the application for a Projector, however felt that installing a concrete pathway should be the responsibility of the Village Hall and not the Youth Club. Award £740 to fully fund projector.

Age Concern South Warks	Helping Older People to stay Happy and Healthy and at Home in Stratford District	Development of an information and health/training programme to be promoted with partners responsible for promoting the well being of all Elders.	district wide	500	8	£13,000	£26,300	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	The costs are for a salaried post. No other funding secured yet and no plans on how this post can be funded ongoing. Consultation with other partners, including SDC and SCAN has not yet taken place and potential for duplication of services.
Half Crown Petanque Club	Land Purchase	To purchase the land used by the club when the lease expires	Stockton and Napton	100	5	£1,000	£1,000	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	The group are not contributing any of their own funds to this project. The FSG are concerned about funding land purchase and potential issues of community access. There is no evidence of benefit to wider community outside the club. No Grant Award
Asian Community Equality Centre	Development of Essential Services to the Community	Raising awareness and influencing local issues, stimulating local action and good practice. Advice and support to local businesses and community. Professional advice for key services and combating inequality issues. Support the needs of vulnerable community	district wide	0	0	£15,000	£21,595.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	The Application does not meet the criteria as activities take place outside the district (Leamington Spa) and the application is for running costs.
Southam and District Children's Centre	Family Counselling by Relate	To provide a family counselling service at Southam Children's Centre for 2 families per week	Southam, Stockton, Napton, Harbury, Bishops Itchington	0	0	£2,377	£8,066	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Application withdrawn

East Joint Committee Project Proposal

Name of Project: Lighthorne Heath Partnership

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Joint Committee

The Southern Area Community Learning Partnership representing a range of local partners has identified Lighthorne Heath as an area with many opportunities to develop a more coherent and coordinated delivery of local services particularly around the needs of learners. The area has many positives but it has been recognised as an area of relative deprivation in terms of education, economic opportunities and social activities.

The aims and objectives are:

- Provide quality local services that best suit needs
- Use local resources in the most efficient way possible
- Ensure issues in the local community are addressed in a joined up way
- Narrow the Gap experienced by more disadvantaged people and communities

The project will develop strategic and collaborative ways of reaching groups of learners in the local community who would not normally access learning opportunities. In order for these to be achieved we would see that the following would need to be put in place

- Opening lines of communication
- Providing a community lead
- Improving the multi agency collaborative approach
- Publicising activities and opportunities
- Sharing and adding value to resources
- Generate funding
- Increase participation by local people
- Promote volunteering

The appointed coordinator will firstly consult with the local people, community groups, Extended Services, the local school and newly opened Childrens' Centre and other partner organisations to identify gaps in local services and areas where greater multi agency collaboration will ensure better provision. The coordinator will then develop an action plan to ensure those gaps are met through closer local partnerships and through the commissioning of new activities, if necessary. In order for the project to have a lasting benefit to the community and to create sustainability we would encourage community ownership. We would need to work closely with the community and agencies involved to be open to new ideas, and to be approachable.

Sharing knowledge and experience from previous work and projects will enable best practice models to be used.

Priorities, set by the Joint Committees, that will be addressed

- Children & Young People
- Safer Communities
- Stronger Communities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Healthier Communities</u> • <u>Economic Development & Enterprise</u>
Location of Project
2.1 Lighthorne Heath focus although through the links to the local schools' Extended Services Cluster, it is hoped opportunities will be created across the cluster area
Who will benefit from the Project?
2.2 Local people of all ages, local community groups and the community as whole through the empowerment of local people and the development of further community cohesion
When will it be delivered?
JANUARY 2009 - DECEMBER 2009
Outputs to be Achieved
<p>Greater coordination of existing services</p> <p>New Projects delivered</p> <p>Increase in learning participation</p> <p>COMMUNITY EVENT</p> <p>Improved services</p> <p>Improved publicity</p> <p>Volunteer participation</p>
Outcomes to be Achieved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community attendance • Community ownership • Reduction in fear • Reduction in anti-social behaviour • Improved community spirit • Sustainable projects • Improved services • Volunteers • Skills shared • Mutual respect between young and old • Community learning • Healthier community • All heard
Proposed monitoring arrangements
2.3 This project will have regular management meetings and reports will be given to the

Southern Area Community Learning Partnership

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

2.4 The project is planned to establish and develop closer partner collaboration and develop greater local community participation which it is expected will lead to the long term empowerment and ownership of local provision and activities in the Lighthorne Heath area

Details of other sources of funding

NONE

When would the project start?

January 2009

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible

Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£
Salary for Coordinator	13000
Training & materials	1000
Expenses	1000
Capital/Equipment	£
Other	£
Total	£15,000

Appendix 5

East Joint Committee Project Proposal

Name of Project: Voluntary Community Transport
Warwickshire County Council Social Services

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Joint Committee																																							
<p>The Council for Voluntary Service and Volunteer Bureaux, Stratford on Avon, provides Warwickshire County Council with a transport service for the following departments: Social Services Adult, Social Services Disability Team, Social Service Specialist Team, and Social Services Children's Team.</p> <p>These departments contact us to arrange for travel for clients to attend day care centres such as Lower Meadow, Limes Day Centre, Low Furlong, Saltway Day Centre, Loxley Day Unit, Victor Hodges Day Centre, Wootton Lodge, Dell Court, etc. We are also asked to take children to schools, foster homes, and other ad hoc needs as they arise.</p>																																							
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<p>We have not been advised of any priorities set by the Joint Committees; however, this service assists in meeting a number of key National Indicators including NI6, NI50, NI71, NI124, NI141, NI175, NI139.</p>																																							
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<p>Support 200 volunteer drivers within Stratford on Avon District.</p> <p>Support 35 office volunteers in Volunteer Centres in Stratford upon Avon, Alcester, Shipston on Stour and Southam.</p> <p>Provide 6,000 vulnerable members of the community with a vital transport service.</p>
<p>Outcomes to be Achieved</p>
<p>Improved quality of life to people living in rural communities who cannot access public or private transport.</p> <p>Improved quality of life to people referred by Social Services who through this project are able to receive care and engage in social activities with others.</p> <p>Through ongoing training, volunteer drivers are able to provide a caring companion to the clients, which is not the case when the alternative of a commercial taxi service is used.</p>
<p>Proposed monitoring arrangements</p>
<p>Detailed written records are kept of all journeys booked and undertaken.</p> <p>Client feedback is monitored through the use of regular surveys and informal qualitative data.</p>
<p>What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)</p>
<p>Stratford on Avon District has a particular need for volunteer transport services because of its rural nature and isolated communities. This will continue to be a factor for the foreseeable future. Projections by Prof Owen (DEFRA research project) highlighted that transport issues will become more urgent and important to rural communities in the period up to 2015.</p> <p>We anticipate that demand will increase further as pressures mount through the current recession, resulting in many financial and social difficulties for families, and with regard to the growth of the elderly population in the District.</p>
<p>Details of other sources of funding</p>
<p>Mileage at 40p per mile is reimbursed to drivers for each journey undertaken.</p> <p>There is no external funding to assist with the administrative cost of arranging for transport, checking driver claim forms, photocopying and posting claim forms to the appropriate Social Services cost centre. Administration, stationery, postage, phone and photocopying costs are currently covered by the CVS/VC from its own funds.</p>
<p>When would the project start?</p>
<p>The service has been in operation for 30 years, and has grown considerably over the past 20 years. We have experienced increasing demands from WCC Social Services on the CVS/VC to supply the service.</p>
<p>Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible</p>

<p>Staff (Salaries and Expenses)</p> <p>Based on: one third costs of two part-time staff members. The other two-thirds are for time expended on other voluntary transport journeys supported by the PCT.</p> <p>The staff operating the scheme from our Alcester, Shipston on Stour and Southam Volunteer Centres are all unpaid volunteers.</p>	<p>£10,000</p>
<p>Capital/Equipment</p>	<p>£</p>
<p>Other</p> <p>Based on: administration for 6,000 journeys @ 70p per journey. This includes telephone calls (minimum 2 per journey), stationery, photocopying, postage, claim form processing, and liaison with Social Services.</p>	<p>£4,200</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>£ 14,200</p>

REPORT INFORMATION SHEET

Please complete and submit to Committee Services with draft report

Committee/Date	East Area Joint Committee 10 th March 2009	
Item No/Title of report	Community Grants	
Consultations undertaken		
Consultee	✓	Details / Date of consultation / comments received
Ward Members		
Committee Chairman/ Portfolioholder * <i>*Cllr John Appleton</i> <i>Cllr Chris Williams</i>	✓	Draft Report 16/2/09
FINANCIAL SERVICES * <i>Richard Burrell</i> <i>Sarah Pittaway</i>	✓	Draft Report 16/2/09
Legal Services * <i>*Richard Hood</i>		Draft Report 16/2/09
Other Services		
Other organisations Martin Gibbins , Amanda Wilson-Patterson – WCC	✓	Draft Report 16/2/09
Final decision by this Committee or recommendation to another committee/Council ?		Final decision
Does this report contain exempt information? If so, under which paragraph(s) ?		No
Does this report relate to a key decision (referred to in the Executive Forward Plan)		No

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Stratford-on-Avon East Joint Committee
Date of Committee 10th March 2009
Report Title Increase in the Admission Number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School

Summary This paper seeks to inform Members of the response to the consultation with stakeholders on proposals to increase the admission number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School. It also asks for any comments that the Joint Committee wishes to make to Cabinet.

For further information please contact: Phil Astle
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Tel: 01926 742166
philastle@warwickshire.gov.uk

Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision] No

Background papers

- School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10
- Cabinet report 6.11.08
- Consultation document and responses

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

Other Committees

Local Member(s) Cllr Les Caborn – Bishops Tachbrook – *"I have no objection to the change of numbers"*

Other Elected Members Spokespersons for information:
Cllr John Burton
Cllr Richard Grant
Cllr John Whitehouse

- Cabinet Member Cllr Izzi Seccombe
- Other Cabinet Members consulted
- Chief Executive
- Legal Diane Nation – no comments to make
- Finance
- Other Strategic Directors
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals All stakeholders

FINAL DECISION **NO**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet A report on the consultation will be presented to the Cabinet meeting on 2.4.09 for decision
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee A report on the consultation will also be going to the Warwick Area Committee on 10.3.09
- Further Consultation

Stratford-on-Avon East Joint Committee – 10th March 2009

**Increase in the Admission Number of Barford St. Peter's
C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children,
Young People and Families**

Recommendation:

That the Joint Committee considers:

- (1) the proposal to increase the admission number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School from 17 to 20 pupils per year,
- (2) the responses to the consultation received from stakeholders to these proposals, and
- (3) any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

1. Introduction

Formal consultation has taken place with stakeholders on proposals to increase the admission number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School to 20 pupils per year. The purpose of this report is to feedback to Members the response to that consultation.

2. Barford St. Peter's C of E Voluntary Aided Primary School

2.1 Background

2.1.1 Barford St. Peter's is a 4 to 11 years Voluntary Aided Church of England school serving the parishes of Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne. The school currently has an Indicated Admission Number of 17 pupils per year and when its capacity was previously measured it could accommodate 119 pupils.

2.1.2 Tables 1 and 2 below show current numbers on roll at this school and the forecast pupil numbers up to 2012:

Table 1
Number of pupils on roll at Barford St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School – January 2009

	School year								
	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total	Capacity
Pupils on roll	17	17	15	14	21	11	20	115	119

Source : Barford St. Peter's School

Table 2
Total number of pupils on roll at Barford St. Peter's C. of E. Primary School

Year	Actual Sep 2008	Forecast Sep 2009	Forecast Sep 2010	Forecast Sep 2011	Forecast Sep 2012
Pupils on roll	118	118	121	130	134

Source : Barford St. Peter's School

2.1.3 Pupil forecasts for the area served by the school are forecast to rise slightly and to increase in nearby Warwick town over the next four years. Table 3 below sets out the forecast pupil numbers for reception year cohorts in the Warwick town area:

Table 3
Forecast reception pupil numbers in Warwick

Year	Actual Oct 2008	Forecast Pupil Numbers			
		Sep 2009	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Sep 2012
Reception Year Nos	162	166	173	177	182

2.1.4 Barford St. Peter's has four classrooms all of which are small by modern standards, plus a library but no small rooms for group work or other activities. The Diocesan Board of Education has identified the school as a priority for capital investment and £585,000 has been set aside to improve the school building. The proposed improvements include extending and remodelling the existing school accommodation to provide teaching accommodation that conforms to the latest standards and a space for extended services and nursery provision. Another flexible space for teaching will enable the school to increase its admission number from 17 to 20 pupils per year. Pupil forecasts for the area suggest that an additional 3 places per year would be a modest addition to school place capacity in the area without having a negative impact on pupil numbers in other local schools.

2.1.5 The proposal is to improve the accommodation and increase the admission number of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School from 17 to 20 pupils per year with effect from September 2010 admissions.

2.2 Consultation

- 2.2.1 A consultation paper setting out the proposals was sent to all parents and prospective parents, staff, the governing body and the pupil school council of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School, schools in Warwick, adjacent schools in South Warwickshire, Warwick District Council, Stratford District Council, Parish Councils in Warwick District and adjacent Parishes in Stratford District, the Diocesan Education Authorities and local Member of Parliament.
- 2.2.2 Copies of the responses received have been placed in the Members' Group Rooms. A summary of all of those received at the time of drafting this report, with comments, is set out below:

Governors of Barford St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Support the proposal as an opportunity to utilise funding to assist in the organisation of the school and securing its long-term future.

Parent

- Welcomes the opportunity to extend teaching accommodation and rooms for group teaching.
- Current library and music rooms are too small.
- Increase in size seems quite 'dramatic' and would like to be assured that there is sufficient outdoor play area to provide for the higher number of pupils.
- Would not oppose the increase as the school should still be able to maintain its 'village school' feel.

Comment

It is confirmed that the outdoor play area will be large enough to meet the needs of the proposed school capacity.

Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council

The Parish Council have no objections to the proposals.

3. Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to consider the proposals and the responses to the consultation and any comments it wishes to make to Cabinet.

MARION DAVIS
Strategic Director for Children,
Young People and Families
Saltisford Office Park
Ansell Way
Warwick

26th February 2009

Subject: Fenny Compton Parish Plan

Lead Officer: Karen Johnstone
Contact on 01789 260332

**Lead Member/
Portfolio Holder:** Councillor S Beese

Summary

This report sets out the assessment of the Fenny Compton Parish Plan. Fenny Compton Parish Council adopted the Plan in September 2008.

Recommendation

- (1) That the Parish Plan is adopted as a local information source to offer advice to the relevant services of Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council.**
 - (2) That Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council seek to respond to the Parish Plan Action Plan in the ways suggested in Appendix C of this report.**
 - (3) That the Parish Plan is adopted by Stratford District Council as a material consideration in processing planning applications, in accordance with Policy COM.1 of the Local Plan Review.**
 - (4) That the Parish Plan steering group, Parish Council and the residents of Fenny Compton Parish be commended for preparing their Parish Plan and that they are encouraged to implement and review their Action Plan.**
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1 Background/Information

- 1.1 Parish Plans are community-led projects identifying and surveying the assets, needs, opportunities, problems and solutions of a community. Through 'capacity' and 'consensus building', Parish Plans provide communities with a framework to take stock of the present and to plan for the future.
 - 1.2 The momentum for Parish Plans is continually increasing, with many of the communities in the district having completed or in the process of undertaking detailed Parish Plans or Appraisals with associated recommendations and Action Plans. Further background information on the process is included in Appendix B.
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1.3 Background to the submitted Fenny Compton Parish Plan

- 1.3.1 In October 2006 the Parish Council organised a public open meeting to launch the Parish Plan, and a Parish Plan Steering Group was formed as a result. The Plan was funded by grants from DEFRA, Fenny Compton Parish Council, Awards for All, Stratford District Council and contributions in kind from many volunteers.
- 1.3.2 Regular progress updates were given throughout the process in the Compton Chronicle, the monthly magazine for parish residents.
- 1.3.3 After an initial consultation period, a questionnaire was developed which was sent to every household in the Parish. 258 households completed the questionnaire out of a total of 322 households in the Parish. This gives a response rate of 80% which is statistically sound. The responses to the questionnaire were analysed by Warwick Network Ltd.
- 1.3.4 Everyone in the village was invited to attend an open event in the Village Hall in October 2007 where the analysed results were displayed. More than 150 residents attended to discuss the results, give comments, and make suggestions for inclusion in the Parish Plan. The survey results showed a strong desire from residents to address local housing need and therefore a Housing Needs Survey was undertaken in May 2008. The results also highlighted the lack of facilities for teenagers in the Parish, and so a survey of young people from the village who attend Kineton High School was also carried out in May 2008.
- 1.3.5 The findings of the consultation process were used to develop a draft Action Plan which was presented at a further public meeting in the Village Hall. Again many residents attended to discuss the Action Plan and make suggestions.
- 1.3.6 Fenny Compton Parish Council adopted the Parish Plan in September 2008 and will oversee its implementation. Further working groups will be established to implement the Action Plan, reporting back to the Parish Council who will keep the Action Plan under regular review. The Parish Council and others have already successfully carried out several of the actions in the Action Plan.

1.4 Fenny Compton Parish Plan findings

- 1.4.1 The findings of the Parish Plan, which have informed the Action Plan, cover:
 - Traffic
 - Public transport
 - Local facilities
 - Sports field and recreation
 - Facilities for young people
 - The village environment
 - Crime and Emergency Services
 - Local Government
 - Housing and local development.

The Parish Plan has been prepared employing a range of community

participation techniques including questionnaire surveys, public forums and a transparent process of reporting back to the community on progress. The process has generated a range of statistical and qualitative data that has informed the Action Plan and is a useful information source.

- 1.4.2 Suggested response: Endorse – that the findings of the Fenny Compton Parish Plan be endorsed as a true representation of the topics addressed by the Parish Plan questionnaire.

1.5 **Fenny Compton Action Plan**

- 1.5.1 Analysis and responses to the Action Plan are provided in Appendix C, and the following analysis and comments should be read in conjunction with the Fenny Compton Parish Plan Action Plan.
- 1.5.2 The policy position of the Local Plan Review is supportive of the Action Plan points relating to planning, the environment and land use. The District Council and County Council can offer advice and support in undertaking some actions, and offer help in locating funding. Progress has already been made in taking forward actions including traffic and HGV traffic surveys and providing information on recycling and Post Office services. SDC and the Fenny Compton volunteer flood team are already working together to take forward the flooding actions identified.
- 1.5.3 SDC Housing Team and Warwickshire Rural Community Council welcome the action to investigate options to address the identified local housing need and can provide help in this area.

2 **Options available to the Committee**

- 2.1 A) Adopt the Parish Plan fully: This is a good, well-prepared Parish Plan that would be a valuable local information source and material planning consideration.
- 2.2 B) Adopt parts of the Parish Plan: If there are any concerns with certain aspects of the Parish Plan, this option would allow the District and County Councils to use selected aspects of the Plan in its decision making and as a local information source. No reasons have so far been identified to make this option necessary.
- 2.3 C) Not adopt the Parish Plan: The District and County Councils would miss the opportunity to adopt a useful source of local information, and a material consideration to aid planning decision-making.

3 **Members' comments**

- 3.1 None.

4 **Implications of the proposal**

4.1 ***Legal/Human Rights Implications***

- 4.1.1 If adopted, the Parish Plan will become a material consideration to be taken into account by the District Council when determining planning applications. The Plan does not conflict with the District Council's policies.

4.2 ***Financial***

- 4.2.1 Projects developed through this Parish Plan may need funding to take

them forward and the recommendations contained in this report should be contained within existing budgets. The County Council fund a community grants scheme aimed at funding these types of projects, and the District Council's Community Grants team may be able to help search for appropriate funding sources. It is hoped that the Parish Council and local residents will consider and pursue funding in order to develop their identified action points.

4.3 ***Environmental***

4.3.1 Many of the actions within this Parish Plan aim to increase the sustainability of life within the village and reduce the need to travel to access activities and services.

4.4 ***Corporate Strategy***

4.4.1 The Parish Plan is a useful source of information about local community perception of their locality. The Community Plan and District Council Corporate Strategy support the range of topic areas and policies in the Action Plan. The Parish Plan also complements and helps move forward the District Council's Agenda 21.

4.5 ***Equality Impact Assessment***

4.5.1 The consultation for the Plan provided everyone within the community with an opportunity to comment.

5 Risk assessment

5.1 The actions recommended within this report are to commend those involved in the preparation of the Parish Plan, adopt the Parish Plan as a local information source and adopt it as a material consideration. There are no identified major risks associated with these actions.

5.2 Choosing to not adopt the Parish Plan would risk losing the chance to adopt a valuable source of local information and a useful material consideration to aid planning decision-making.

6 Conclusion

6.1 The Parish Plan Steering Group, the Parish Council and residents of Fenny Compton should be commended and congratulated on completing their Parish Plan, and are encouraged by Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council to implement and periodically review the Action Plan.

6.2 The Fenny Compton Parish Plan is a good example of how a community can prepare a Plan that is both a good source of local information and provides a sound basis through the Action Plan to address the needs and aspirations of the community.

Pat Reid

HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

Background papers:

Fenny Compton Parish Plan 2008

Stratford District Community Plan; the future to 2015

Stratford-on-Avon Local Plan Review 2006

Officers Consulted: Head of Service: 13/02/09

Appendix A - Guidance for the Assessment of Parish/Town Plans

- 1.1 In assessing Parish Plans, the following considerations should be taken into account:

Evidence and extent of research work to justify conclusions.

Evidence and extent of analysis related to conclusions.

Public involvement and endorsement at local level.

Level of implementation available to District and County Council services, (e.g. the District Council Planning Authority, Leisure and Arts etc.).

Conformity with District and County Council's policies, (e.g. Planning policies etc.).

- 1.2 The above five criteria will enable the production of recommendations regarding the acceptance of each of the Parish Plan's detailed conclusions and Action Points.

- 1.3 A response to each of the detailed conclusions and Action Points will be one of the following:

(A) ENDORSE

The specific recommendation will be accepted and taken into account on the decision making of the District Council. (For example, "Small scale development with a 'craft' emphasis should be looked at sympathetically").

(B) ACTION

The specific recommendation will be accepted in principle and, subject to financial, procedural and legal constraints, implemented by or with the support of the District or County Council. (For example, "A social housing scheme of ten units on land next to the Green should be provided").

(C) INVESTIGATE

Further information to be obtained by the Parish/Town Council or other agency may be required in order that the District or County Council may establish if the specific recommendation can be supported. (For example, "An existing Conservation Area should be extended").

(D) SUPPORT

The specific recommendation relates to a matter which is not the responsibility of the District or County Council. However, the proposal is supported and will be forwarded to the appropriate authority.

(E) NOT SUPPORTED

The specific recommendation relates to a matter which is in contrary to the policy of the District or County Council or is beyond the powers of the authority or that insufficient and/or unsatisfactory information has been submitted to substantiate their commendation. (For example, "No development of any kind should take place within the settlement").

Appendix B – Further Background Information

- 2.1. Communities produce Parish Plans for a number of reasons:
 - To increase the awareness of community issues, foster community spirit and encourage a sense of pride;
 - To act as a strong basis for local action (the Action Plan);
 - To collectively represent the views of residents, to positively influence others to the benefit of the community.
- 2.2. In the 1980s the concept and practice of Village Appraisals first emanated nationally from the Rural Development Commission in conjunction with the Countryside Commission.
- 2.3. Nationally, Parish Plans have a role to play within the 'modernising Local Government' agenda, for example, shaping local services, public participation, decision-making and greater democratic legitimacy.
- 2.4. One of the aims within Chapter 12 of the Rural White Paper (Our Countryside: the future – A fair deal for rural England) includes involving people living in rural areas in developing their community, safeguarding its valued features and shaping the decisions that affect them – developing a vision for the future. Parish Plans are a recognised method of achieving this aim.
- 2.5. In line with guidance from the Countryside Agency issued in August 2000 ('Planning tomorrow's countryside', advice to local planning authorities, government and developers on how the planning system should operate and evolve), Parish Plans are a recognised community planning method to help achieve key objectives. In March 2003 the Countryside Agency produced detailed guidance for parish and town councils on the preparation of Parish and Town Plans.
- 2.6. Policy RA3 in the Warwickshire Structure Plan 1996-2011 encourages local planning authorities to use 'Appraisals' when establishing the views of local communities and when identifying local housing and industrial development need.
- 2.7. Stratford-on-Avon District Council is committed to the encouragement of Parish Plans as a means of identifying local issues and will respond to them positively. Much faith has been placed by the Government, the County Council and the District Council on local appraisals and their role in assisting the formulation of strategic policy.
- 2.8. Parish Plans can now play a broader role within the production of the statutory Community Plan for Stratford District.
- 2.9. The recommendations and Action Plans can both inform and help deliver the Rural Strategy for the Stratford-on-Avon District.
- 2.10. Policy COM.1 of the Stratford-on-Avon District Local Plan Review 2006 states:

"The views of the local community as expressed preferably in a Parish Plan (or equivalent) or in its absence an alternative source of reliable evidence, will be fully taken into account in the planning process. In particular they will be used:

 - To help assess the merits of schemes promoted by communities to meet needs which they have identified;

- As a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and to assist in identifying the scope and nature of associated planning obligations which might be sought; and
- To identify opportunities for environmental and other forms of enhancement.

In the case of Main Rural Centres and Local Centre Villages only, as defined in Policy STR1, small scale schemes which meet housing (particularly affordable housing) and employment needs will be encouraged in this way..."

- 2.11. Nationally, Parish Plans are broad, holistic documents addressing local issues at a local level. Whilst in this District 'appraisals' have had a close association with planning, they are no longer 'planning-led'. Parish Plans address both planning and non-planning related matters and this is reflected in their assessment at Committee.
- 2.12. Parish Plans can and do act as a tool to assist in giving many of the services provided by the District Council greater community focus. Vice versa, many of the services provided by the District Council can and do feed into the Parish Plan process creating more informed Action Plans.

Appendix C

Summary of key action points

Abbreviations

SDC= Stratford District Council

WCC= Warwickshire County Council

WRCC= Warwickshire Rural Community Council

Appendix A gives an explanation of what is meant by each suggested response key word.

Parish Plan action	SDC and WCC Proposed Response
Traffic	
Seek to reduce HGV traffic through the village by:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertaking a traffic survey 	Action – this traffic survey has been completed with support from WCC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> engaging with local businesses 	Support – this action can be supported.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting forward proposals to reduce volume of HGV traffic 	Investigate – the traffic survey found that through traffic did not make up a large percentage of all HGV traffic and therefore the proposal put forward so far is not a justifiable option. WCC Traffic Projects - Strategic Projects team would be happy to discuss any further suggestions.
Seek to reduce speed of traffic through the village by:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertaking a traffic survey 	Action - this traffic survey has been completed with support from WCC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting forward proposals to reduce speeding. 	<p>Investigate – The Road Safety Unit runs the SpeedAware scheme which utilises mobile flashing sign technology and employs two Community SpeedAware Officers with 'Smiley SIDs'. SpeedAware operates in Fenny Compton. WCC Road Safety Team advise that there is no funding to take forward a further road safety scheme in Fenny Compton as their work is casualty reduction prioritised.</p> <p>However, small-scale proposals could be considered for the Minor Works and Safety and Maintenance scheme 2010/11 but this will be subject to budgetary constraints.</p>

Parish Plan action	SDC and WCC Proposed Response
<p>Improve the safety of the road under the railway bridge by putting forward proposals to improve safety for all road users.</p>	<p>Investigate – The Road Safety Unit have no plans to undertake work at this location. There is no funding to take forward a further road safety scheme in Fenny Compton as work is casualty reduction prioritised.</p> <p>However, small-scale proposals could be considered for the Minor Works and Safety and Maintenance scheme 2010/11 but this will be subject to budgetary constraints.</p>
Local Transport	
<p>Obtain a definitive answer from Network Rail and Chiltern Railways as to whether the railway station could be re-opened.</p>	<p>Support – this action can be supported in principle. The Community Plan seeks to support communities by improving access to key services.</p>
<p>Investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village e.g. public transport, car sharing, Community Links.</p>	<p>Support/ Action - The Community Plan aims to support individuals by increasing the number of people using tailored transport schemes.</p> <p>SDC and WCC are partners of the Community Links, Back and forth, and Volunteer Centre's Medical Journeys schemes which could help meet the need of eligible residents.</p> <p>Fenny Compton is served by 2 conventional bus services, one supported by WCC, but frequency is low.</p>
Facilities for young people	
<p>Improve facilities for young people within the village by:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surveying young people to establish their priorities. 	<p>Support – this action can be supported and has been completed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigating the feasibility of introducing a youth club to the village. 	<p>Support – the Community Plan seeks to increase the number of young people participating in leisure and recreation activities, and joining in local clubs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering using the SDC mobile skateboard facilities on the sports field. 	<p>Action – SDC Mobile Skate Park is designed to be used in different locations around the district. The Sports Development Team can be contacted on 01789 260115 to discuss arrangements.</p>

Parish Plan action	SDC and WCC Proposed Response
Recreation and Sports Field	
Improve and extend facilities for children aged 2 to 7, and 8+	Support - The District Council Community Grants Team offers help locating and applying for funding. Enquiries should be made to the Community Leadership Team on 01789 260651 or 260694.
Improve sports facilities for all by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigating provision of a tennis court on the Sports Field • improving sports pavilion • conducting feasibility study to consider replacing sports pavilion. 	Support – The Community Plan seeks to increase the number of people playing sport on a regular basis. The District Council Community Grants Team offers help locating and applying for funding. Enquiries should be made to the Community Leadership Team on 01789 260651 or 260694.
Village Hall	
Improve the quality of facilities though short-term improvement of appearance and ambiance of the village hall, and long-term consideration of a new multi-function village hall.	Support - The Community Plan seeks to maximise the use of existing facilities for community use, and support development of new facilities where they are needed. The Local Plan Review encourages the provision of new services to meet the needs of the local community. WRCC Village Halls Adviser is able to supply guidance and support, and can be contacted on 02476 217 344.
Provide a wider range of facilities at the village hall by:	
Showing films through the Rural Cinema Initiative	Action – This touring cinema facility is jointly funded by SDC, WCC and Screen West Midlands.
Re-instate the Pilates class and extend range of activities at village hall	Support – the Community Plan seeks to increase the number of people participating in clubs and activities, and maximise the use of existing facilities such as village halls.
Neighbourhood Watch	
Raise awareness through meetings and publicity, and increase coverage by recruiting additional co-ordinators.	Support – the Community Plan seeks to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the district.

Parish Plan action	SDC and WCC Proposed Response
Village Communication	
Investigate possibility of creating a village directory.	Support – this action can be supported.
Local Facilities	
Raise concerns relating to level of service from post office with Post Office and sub-post master. Represent village views in the Fire Station review and Post Office Network Change consultation. Investigate options for providing allotments.	Support – the Community Plan seeks to improve access to key services.
Local Government	
Improve communication and engagement of Parish Council with the village by reviewing methods and providing more information about the Parish Council and Councillors.	Support – this action can be supported.
Access to the Countryside	
Improve awareness of walks within the parish by producing leaflets and putting updates on the village website.	Support – The Community Plan seeks to increase the number of people enjoying the countryside.
Continue to maintain and improve the footpath network.	Action – Fenny Compton is a member of the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) which enables residents to manage their local footpaths, supported by WCC Countryside Access team.
The Village Environment	
Provide more information about recycling service	Action – SDC Environment Services have completed this action.
Review provision of dog bins in the village to reduce dog fouling.	Support - this action can be supported.
Continue to maintain flood prevention measures by:	
Reviewing the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures.	Support – this action is completed.
Co-ordinate an investigation into the causes of recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures.	Action – a consultant engineer has been engaged by SDC to carry out an investigation into the causes of the last flood event in the village in Sept 08.

Parish Plan action	SDC and WCC Proposed Response
Endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures.	Action – once a draft report has been produced, SDC and the consultant engineer will meet with the Parish Council, WCC, and Severn Trent to discuss the required measures and agree how different agencies will assist in implementing the measures.
Ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams.	Support – this action can be supported.
Housing and Local Development	
Preserve the character of the village by reflecting the findings of the Parish Plan when responding to planning applications, and asking SDC to consider the Parish Plan when determining planning applications.	Endorse - The Parish Plan and the community views expressed within it will be used by Stratford District Council as a material consideration when determining planning applications, as laid out in Policy COM.1 of the Stratford District Local Plan 2006.
<p>Meet local housing need by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out a further Housing Needs Survey • Investigating options to meet the needs identified in the survey • Supporting development to meet local housing needs 	<p>Endorse/Action - The Parish Council has undertaken a Housing Needs Survey with support from WRCC Rural Housing Enabler. The District Council is keen to support the Parish Council and Rural Housing Enabler in their work.</p> <p>Policy COM.1 of the District Local Plan allows for the provision of local occupancy housing on the basis of an identified need.</p>

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Looking to the future



The 2008 Fenny Compton Parish Plan





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The Fenny Compton Parish Plan

Introducing the Parish Plan

In March 2006 it was agreed by the Parish Council that a Parish Plan should be prepared as a response to the Government White Paper *Our Countryside: The Future - A Fair Deal For Rural England*.

The objectives of the Plan were to:

- Provide opportunities for all residents to define the way the community should develop into the future;
- Identify the aspirations, needs and concerns of the community;
- Develop a realistic Action Plan to address those aspirations, needs and concerns.

The Parish Plan acts as a blueprint for the future of the parish as defined by the community. It is recognised as proof of public consultation, which is fundamental to any application for external grant funding.

An open meeting was organised by the Parish Council in October 2006 to introduce the concept of the Parish Plan to the community and provide an opportunity for volunteers to support the process.

An initial grant was obtained from Defra. Further grants were obtained from Fenny Compton Parish Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council Community Fund. These grants have funded the survey of parish residents, analysis of the results and presentation of these back to the community. A final grant was obtained from Awards for All which has funded the production of this document.

A small Steering Group was set up in March 2007 to consult with parishioners and to develop a questionnaire to be sent to the 322 households in the parish. 258 or 80% of all households completed the questionnaires, ensuring that the conclusions of the survey were representative of the community as a whole.

The responses to the main questionnaire were analysed by Warwick Network Ltd, including many pages of comments, opinions and suggestions. All the information gained was displayed in the Village Hall in October 2007. All parishioners were invited to attend and give further comments on the results of the survey. More than 150 residents attended on the day, from the youngest to the oldest members of the community. Much discussion took place and many more suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the Parish Plan.

As the Action Plan was developed, regular progress updates were published in the Compton Chronicle, the monthly magazine for Fenny Compton and the surrounding villages. A draft of the Action Plan was displayed in the Village Hall in May 2008. Again, this open meeting was well

attended with much discussion on the material presented.

By using all the responses, which represent the wishes of the community, an Action Plan has been drawn up by the Steering Group in consultation with the Parish Council.

The Action Plan sets out:

- The concerns of the community;
- The actions to be taken;
- The partners;
- The priorities and timescales for delivery.

Fenny Compton Parish Council has played an important part in the production of the Parish Plan and in September 2008 formally adopted the Parish Plan and Action Plan.

The Parish Council and others have already put in place several of the actions suggested in the responses to the Questionnaire and placed within the Action Plan.

Further working groups will be established to implement the Action Plan, reporting back to the Parish Council who will keep the Action Plan under regular review.

The Fenny Compton Parish Plan Steering Group are extremely grateful for all the support they have received from Defra, the Parish Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Awards for All and the community of Fenny Compton Parish. Without this support it would not have been possible to discover and record the wishes of the Fenny Compton community and set out this Action Plan for its future.

The Parish Plan Timeline



The Village of Fenny Compton

The Origins of Fenny Compton

Fenny Compton dates from before the Domesday Book, at which time the village was known as 'Contone' and consisted of around 40 properties. The name Fenny Compton is thought to come from the Anglo-Saxon Fennig Cumbtūn, meaning "marshy farmstead in a valley".

The church of St. Peter and St. Clare was built in the 14th century. In 1769 the Fenny Compton Enclosure Act was passed, which signalled the end of the open field system, and the Oxford Canal reached the parish in 1776.



The 1840's was a period of great change for the parish. A piped water supply was installed which still serves some 40 houses, and our first railway station was opened.

In the late 1990's the village expanded significantly with new residential developments behind Berry Meadow and off the High Street.

The Parish Today

The parish today consists of some 322 households. Most of the population live in the village, but there are households as far out as The Wharf and the Tunnel, and on Dassett Road.

The village is in the form of a distorted T, with the southern part of the village containing more of the older houses, and the northern part more of the newer houses.

258 households, made up of 703 people, completed questionnaires, and the following statistics were obtained from an analysis of these.

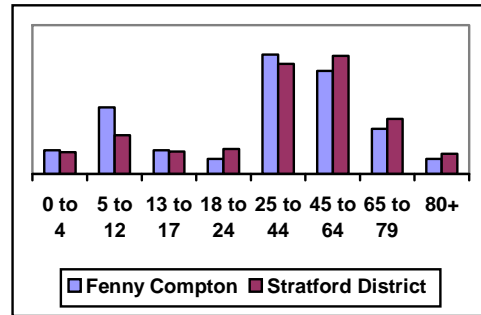
The average household has 2.7 members.

43% of households have lived in the village for more than 15 years, and just over another third (34%) between 6 and 15 years. Less than a quarter (23%) have lived in the village for less than 6 years.

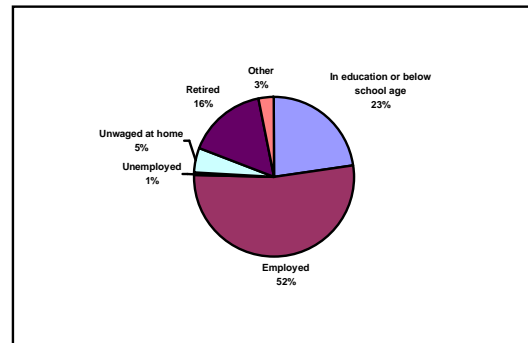
Almost four in five households (79%) own their own home, while most of the rest rent.

The age profile of the parish (shown below) is broadly typical of the area, with the exception of the high proportion of young children aged 5-12, possibly due to the presence of the primary school. Conversely, the proportion of young adults

aged 18-24 is somewhat lower, which may reflect the limited availability of starter homes.



The employment status of the survey respondents is summarised below, showing that just over half the population is employed, with the majority of the remainder being in education or retired. Only 1% of the population describe themselves as unemployed.



What We Think About Fenny Compton

Residents value the balance that Fenny Compton manages to strike between traditional 'village life' and a connected, self-sufficient place to live: on the one hand, a friendly and peaceful village with little crime, and good access to the countryside; and on the other, a village in a convenient location, with access to local towns and major roads, containing a comprehensive range of valued facilities such as the school, doctors surgery, post office and shop.



Unsurprisingly, the aspects of life in the parish that residents wish to improve reflect a desire to

maintain or enhance this balance. Issues around traffic are by far the most important, including the volume of lorry traffic and problems with speeding. Concerns were raised about the lack of public transport. Although crime is not seen as a problem, there are some concerns about anti-social behaviour, which may be related to the lack of facilities for young people.

Traffic

Concerns about traffic dominate the responses to the survey. More than half of households are concerned about speeding; the volume of lorry traffic; speeding lorries; and parking causing obstruction. When asked to identify the worst aspects of living in Fenny Compton, traffic contributed three out of the top six issues.

Fenny Compton Traffic Group was formed in October 2007 to address all traffic-related issues affecting the village. One of their first actions was to request a comprehensive traffic survey from Warwickshire County Council, to provide evidence to support the perceptions reported in the survey. This was carried out over a three week period in January 2008, measuring the number, size and speed of vehicle traffic in both directions via the three entrances to the village.

Speeding

84% of households are concerned about the level of speeding through the village. The results from the traffic survey showed that more than 80% of traffic exceeded the 30mph speed limit along the roads entering the village.



The survey showed that two-thirds of households were in favour of illuminating signs to reduce speeding.

Action: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to reduce speeding

Lorry Traffic

The volume of lorry traffic is one of the most emotive issues facing Fenny Compton. 82% of households are concerned about the number of HGVs passing through the village. The sources of this traffic are varied: businesses within the parish; deliveries to the shop; and through traffic.

The traffic survey showed that an average of more than 100 HGVs pass through the village every working day. Nearly half are associated with a single operator based in the parish.



More than three-quarters of households supported restrictions on lorries passing through the village.

Action: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to reduce HGV traffic through the village

Parking Causing Obstruction

In common with any other village, Fenny Compton has narrow roads. Nearly 70% of households are concerned about parking causing obstruction. The survey did not ask for specific details about where issues exist, but problem areas are known to include the High Street, especially close to the shop and around the school; Church Street; and Station Road.

Traffic Danger Spots

When asked about a number of specific traffic danger spots in the parish, almost 90% of households identified walking or driving under the railway bridge as an area of concern.

Action: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to improve safety under the railway bridge for all road users

Public Transport

The residents of Fenny Compton stated that access to the road network and local towns was one of the things that made the village a good place to live; however, they also expressed concern about the lack of public transport. 40% of respondents believed it was an issue for the less able and for teenagers living in the village.

The survey suggested that if the bus service was better publicised and ran more frequently, people would be more likely to use it.

Action: The Parish Council will investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village, e.g. public transport, car sharing, Community Links

A main line railway from Birmingham to London passes along the east side of the village. In the past Fenny Compton was served by two railway stations, but these closed in 1952 and 1964 and the nearest stations are now Banbury and Leamington Spa. Many residents have asked for a railway station to be re-opened; however, it has been suggested that there is insufficient capacity on the line to make this possible.



Action: The Parish Council will obtain a definitive answer as to whether the railway station could be re-opened

Local Facilities

Fenny Compton is fortunate to enjoy a number of facilities which are important to the community, including the doctors' surgery, shop, post office, fire station, village hall, school, sports field and playground.

Some of these, such as the post office, may be at risk of closure due to under-utilisation. Others may appear safe for the moment, but events outside the parish's control, such as changes in national or regional policies or the redevelopment of Southam, may place some of them under threat.

The range of facilities and amenities provide employment, act as meeting places to support a sense of community, and provide vital services to those who find travel out of the parish difficult.

The Village Hall

Fenny Compton's Village Hall was originally built in the 1920's and extensively refurbished in 2001. As well as providing a venue for several community groups to meet on a weekly basis, the hall hosts frequent social events. The fabric of the building is starting to show its age; the building is expensive to heat and has recently been found to suffer from extensive dry rot; and there is no off-street parking.



Action: The Village Hall Committee will improve the appearance and ambience of the Village Hall

94% of households believe the village hall is important to the village, and 23% of households use the hall on a regular basis (weekly or monthly). A further 56% of households use the hall occasionally. The survey invited residents to indicate their support for a range of new activities at the hall. The most popular suggestions were village cinema (41%), Pilates classes (27%), social evenings and charity events (both 21%).

Action: The Village Hall Committee will extend the range of activities provided at the Village Hall

The village cinema started in autumn 2007 but has had limited support. A Pilates class also started in autumn 2007 but closed when the instructor had to leave for personal reasons.

Action: The Village Hall Committee will reinstate the Pilates class

The Post Office

Fenny Compton's previous Post Office on the High Street closed in 1999. In 2002, it was re-opened in an annex to the Village Hall. The costs of maintaining the Post Office in the village are subsidised by a substantial donation from the Parish Council.

97% of households in the village think the Post Office is important, and 57% of households use it at least monthly. Unfortunately there were a number of adverse comments about the Post Office in the survey, mostly related to a failure to adhere to the published opening hours.

Subsequent to the survey, informal and formal discussions have taken place with the sub-postmaster and the Post Office, and in June 2008 revised opening hours were implemented.

At the same time, the proposals for the Post Office Network Change programme were published, and fortunately Fenny Compton's Post Office was not one of those scheduled for closure.

The Fire Station

Fenny Compton has had its own fire engine for many years, previously operating out of the barns behind The Merrie Lion. The current station opened in 1965. Having a fire station in the village provides employment to residents and 96% of households believe that the Fire Station is important to the village.



There is likely to be a review of fire station provision in Warwickshire in 2009.

Action: The Parish Council will represent local views in the Fire Service review

The Doctors' Surgery

Fenny Compton has an excellent doctors' surgery. It was rated as 'important' by 100% of respondents to the survey.

Public Houses

There are two public houses in the parish: The Merrie Lion in the centre of the village, and The Wharf on the Southam road.

A number of households expressed a desire for the Merrie Lion to be more welcoming and more family-friendly. Informal discussions with the landlord have failed to identify a way forward.

The Shop

Fenny Compton has a popular shop, which provides all the essentials and has long opening hours. It was rated as 'important' by 99% and is used weekly by 88% of households.

The School

Fenny Compton's first school was built in 1833 and a larger infant school was completed in 1864. Modern classrooms were added at different times, with large extensions in 1972 and 1998.



By this time all the neighbouring villages had lost their village schools, and the Dassett Primary School now serves Avon Dassett, Northend, Knightcote and Farnborough as well as Fenny Compton.

The school currently enjoys an excellent reputation, and is supported by an active group of 'Friends'.

Communication

Most of the village feel that communication is of a high standard. The Compton Chronicle, notice boards and fliers are all considered to be effective ways of spreading the word.

The Sports Field and Recreation

Around 9 in 10 households consider the Sports Field and the Playground to be important to the parish. 60% of households use the Sports Field at least 'occasionally' and the equivalent figure for the Playground is 47%.

70% of households using the sports field and 56% of those using the playground were satisfied with their maintenance.



There is a wish among the main users of the sports pavilion (i.e. the Cricket Club, the Football Club, and the Colts) for improvements to the pavilion, both in the short term, by carrying out relatively inexpensive works to the existing building, and in the longer term, by considering the replacement of the existing building by a more permanent structure, which would be easier to maintain.

Action: The Parish Council will improve the sports pavilion

Action: The Parish Council will conduct a feasibility study to consider replacing the sports pavilion

One additional sports facility was supported by a significant number of households – 25% expressed an interest in the provision of a tennis court.

Action: The Parish Council will investigate providing a tennis court on the Sports Field

The Fenny Compton Playground Group has been working for some time on the provision of improved playground facilities for children, initially for the under 8's, and then for the older age groups. Support for these improvements was found in the results of the questionnaire.

Proposals for the under 8's area have been obtained, and sources of funding are currently being investigated.

Action: The Parish Council will improve playground facilities for children aged 2 to 7

Action: The Parish Council will improve playground facilities for children aged 8+

Facilities for Young People

Fenny Compton is a rural village, and as such the level of facilities for young people is naturally limited. Although access to the countryside is good, access to other leisure facilities such as shops and sports centres is hindered by distance and the lack of public transport. It is therefore unsurprising that when asked to assess the quality of facilities for particular age groups those for young people scored very low, only 6% of households assessed those for 13-17 year olds as 'adequate' and not a single respondent thought they were 'good'. Similarly only 9% thought facilities for 18-24 year olds were 'adequate' or 'good'.

The lack of facilities for these age groups may contribute to concerns about anti-social behaviour, which was the highest area of concern for crime.

The number of residents in these age groups in the parish is relatively small – only 9% of the population are between 13 and 24. However the high proportion of children aged 5-12 means that the issue of facilities for the older age groups is

likely to become even more pressing over the next few years.

A survey of young people from the village who attend Kineton High School (predominantly in the age range 11 to 16) was carried out in May 2008. This confirmed that the main issues for young people were a lack of facilities and a lack of public transport. There was some support for a youth club in the village, with more than 60% saying they would use it 'sometimes' or 'often'.

Action: The Parish Council will investigate the feasibility of introducing a youth club

Action: The Parish Council will consider utilising the District Council's mobile skateboard facility on the Sports Field

Action: The Parish Council will investigate ways to improve public transport to and from the village

The Village Environment

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling was identified as the biggest area of concern for the village environment, with 74% of households being concerned. There are a number of dog bins in the village, but these are away from the main thoroughfares. Opinion was evenly split on whether more bins was the answer.

Action: The Parish Council will review the provision of dog bins in the village

Flood Prevention

A local volunteer group, Aqueous, was founded following an incident in 1998 when 22 houses



were flooded. A flood prevention scheme was implemented in 2000 that involved the building of a dam and flood retention scheme in Hall Yard.

The group's main activities currently include the maintenance of the village's streams, ditches and culverts.

The Parish Plan survey was undertaken in June 2007, just before two significant national flooding events. Although Fenny Compton was virtually cut off at the height of both incidents, only a handful of properties experienced minor water ingress into the living area, proving the value of the scheme implemented in 2000.

The timing of the survey may account for the relatively low proportion of 33% of households

being concerned about the risk of flooding – fewer than were concerned about dog fouling, litter or noise pollution – or it may be a reflection of the work already done by Aqueous.

Nevertheless, the survey did identify some concern with maintenance of the drainage system, this being the factor contributing most to flooding.

Due to the events of summer 2007, flood prevention has become a high priority nationally, and increased funding has been made available for flood prevention measures.

More recently, in September 2008 Fenny Compton suffered serious localised flooding, which affected many houses in the Bridge Street and Brook Street areas.

Action: Aqueous will review the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures

Action: Stratford-on-Avon District Council, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and other agencies such as Severn Trent Water and British Waterways, will coordinate an investigation into the causes of the recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures

Action: Stratford-on-Avon District Council, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and other agencies such as Severn Trent Water and British Waterways, will endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures

Action: Fenny Compton Parish Council will ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams



Footpaths

Fenny Compton has over twelve miles of public footpaths, most of which link up with others in adjacent parishes. Ten years ago a group of volunteers formed Fenny Compton Footpath 2000 under the sponsorship of Warwickshire County Council and began the restoration of our system of footpaths. Although the restoration work is largely complete, the workload of the ongoing maintenance of the footpaths is considerable, and the group needs more volunteers.

83% of households indicated that they would find maps or leaflets of local walks useful; and more than half wanted to see improvements to existing paths.

Action: The Footpaths Group will produce and distribute leaflets of local walks

Action: The Footpaths Group will continue to maintain all footpaths

Crime and Emergency Services

We are fortunate to live in a village where serious crime is a rarity. Residents listed antisocial behaviour, vandalism and graffiti, and under-age drinking as their main causes for concern, although these were seen as less important than traffic or dog-fouling.

On a more positive note, those who have had reason to call the police are generally satisfied with the speed of the response.

Similarly, those who have called an ambulance are generally satisfied with the response time and over 80% of households were aware of the First Responders.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch has been operating in Fenny Compton for several years, although the entire village is not yet covered.



The results of the survey showed that awareness of Neighbourhood Watch was very good but some respondents requested wider coverage and available contact details. It is planned that all areas of the village will be covered by the end of 2008.

Action: Neighbourhood Watch will recruit additional coordinators to give 100% coverage of the village

Local Government

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and the closest to the electors of the parish. Amongst its main responsibilities are the maintenance of parish assets; the provision and maintenance of public open space which includes sport, recreation and play facilities; the provision of allotments; the provision and maintenance of seats, litter bins and dog bins for public use.

62% of households indicated that they knew their Parish Councillors and nearly 80% knew how to contact the Council. Much of the feedback in the survey demonstrated a need for better communication from the Parish Council.

Action: The Parish Council will review how it communicates with the parish

Action: The Parish Council will provide more information about who the councillors are and what the Parish Council does

Action: The Parish Council will consider ways to improve engagement with the community

Housing and Local Development

"We have a beautiful village and we need to work together to keep it that way". This was one resident's response to a question in the Parish Plan Survey but could equally be a mission statement for us all. It is the wish of the majority to preserve and enhance the character of the village.

Housing

There was a general view that no further large scale residential developments should be supported. Over 70% of households would, however, support a development to satisfy local housing needs identified by a Housing Needs Survey.

Action: Warwickshire Rural Community Council will carry out a further Housing Needs Survey

This Housing Needs Survey was carried out in Fenny Compton in May 2008. Around 100 households participated in the survey, of which 70% (the same proportion as in the Parish Plan Survey) were in favour of a small development to meet the needs of local people. Thirteen housing needs were identified, of which three are suitable for owner occupier homes and the remaining ten will be rented.

Action: Fenny Compton Parish Council and Warwickshire Rural Community Council will investigate options to meet the needs identified in the Housing Needs Survey

Local Development

Through the Parish Plan Survey, many households indicated they would not support further commercial, industrial or tourism development in Fenny Compton.

Action: The Parish Council will reflect the findings of the Parish Plan survey when responding to planning applications

Action: The District Council will consider the findings of the Parish Plan survey when deciding planning applications

The Parish Plan supports the District Design Guide, which states that:

To achieve the objectives of this guide, the central focus is the distinctive, local quality of the District. The guidance works on the basis that new development should share some of the characteristics that define the area in which it is located.

Any changes within or extension of the village should respect its character and if possible enhance the immediate area. Key vistas from within the village should also be protected.

The Parish Plan is now a 'local information source' and a 'material planning consideration', and should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

Stratford-on-Avon District Design Guide (Issue 1: 2001)

Supplementary Planning Guidance – Meeting the needs of the District's rural communities (April 2003)

The Countryside Design Summary

The Stratford-on-Avon Character Map

Fenny Compton Village Design Statement
(1998)

What Happens Next?

The Parish Action Plan was developed in full consultation with the Parish Council. The formal adoption of the Parish Plan and Action Plan in September 2008 by the Parish Council, and as a 'local information source' and a 'material planning consideration' in [March 2009] by Stratford-on-Avon District Council ensures that the document will become part of future planning for the parish.

Some of the actions listed have already been implemented, some are under detailed consideration, while others will be delegated to community groups as appropriate. More extensive long-term plans will depend not only on access to external funding, but on the level of support given to a range of pilot schemes which will be run by volunteers. Working groups may be formed, reporting back to the Parish Council who will monitor progress and keep the Action Plan under constant review.

The full reports are available for inspection, if you would like to see them please contact the clerk to the Parish Council. Anyone wishing to contribute help in any way should contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Plan Steering Group.

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Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications	
Traffic	Reduce HGV traffic through the village	Undertake a traffic survey to provide authoritative data on the scale of the problem	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Traffic Group	Warwickshire County Council Fenny Compton Parish Council Northend Traffic Group	Funded by WCC	
		Engage with local businesses to investigate ways to reduce the volume of HGV traffic	High	Short – 2008			None	
		Put forward proposals to reduce HGV traffic through the village	High	Medium – 2009			WCC would fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council	
	Reduce speed of all traffic through the village	Undertake a traffic survey to provide authoritative data on the scale of the problem	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Traffic Group	Warwickshire County Council Fenny Compton Parish Council	Funded by WCC	
		Put forward proposals to reduce speeding	High	Medium – 2009			WCC would fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council	
	Improve the safety of the road under the railway bridge	Put forward proposals to improve safety under the railway bridge for all road users	High	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Traffic Group	Fenny Compton Parish Council Warwickshire County Council Network Rail	WCC may fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council	
	Local Transport	Re-open the railway station	Obtain a definitive answer as to whether the railway station could be re-opened	Medium	Short – 2008	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Network Rail Chiltern Railways	None

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Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications
	Improve access to public transport	Investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village, e.g. public transport, car sharing, Community Links	High	Medium –2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Warwickshire County Council Local bus companies	Subsidy may be required
Facilities for young people	Improve facilities within the village	Survey young people to establish their priorities	Medium	Complete	Parish Plan Steering Group	Kineton High School	Printing
		Investigate the feasibility of introducing a youth club to the village	Medium	Medium – 2009	Parish Council	Warwickshire County Council	Funding would be required if a club was to be established
		Consider utilising the District Council's mobile skateboard facility on the Sports Field	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	None
Recreation and Sports Field	Improve and extend facilities for children	Improve playground facilities for children aged 2 to 7	High	Medium – Spring 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Playground Group	Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained
		Improve playground facilities for children aged 8+	High	Medium – 2010	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Playground Group	Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained
	Improve sports facilities for children and adults	Investigate providing a tennis court on the Sports Field	Medium	Long – beyond 2010	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained

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Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications
		Improve the sports pavilion	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Sports Clubs	Will require support from local groups and businesses
		Conduct a feasibility study to consider replacing the sports pavilion	Low	Long – beyond 2010	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Sports Clubs	Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained
Village Hall	Improve the quality of facilities	Improve the appearance and ambiance of the Village Hall	Medium	Short – 2008	Village Hall Committee		Sufficient funds in hand to commence work.
		Consider new multi-function village hall	Low	Long – beyond 2010	Village Hall Committee	Village Community as a whole Fenny Compton Parish Council	Multiple grants, loans and fund raising from business.
	Provide a wider range of activities	Show films through the Rural Cinema initiative	High	Ongoing	Village Hall Committee	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Rural Cinema Project	None
		Reinstate the Pilates class	High	Medium – 2009	Village Hall Committee	Pilates teacher	None
		Extend the range of activities provided at the Village Hall	Medium	Short – 2008	Village Hall Committee	Activity organisers	None
Neighbourhood Watch	Raise awareness	Raise awareness through publicity and open meetings	High	Ongoing	NW Coordinators	Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team	Funds provided by Fenny Compton Parish Council

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Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications
	Expand coverage	Recruit additional coordinators to give 100% coverage of the village	High	Short – 2008	NW Coordinators	Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team	None
Village Communication	Village Directory	Investigate the possibility of creating a Village Directory	Medium	Medium - 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	All Residents	None
Local Facilities	Ensure future of Post Office services in Fenny Compton	Ensure village concerns are fed into the Post Office's Network Change consultation process	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Parish Council	The Post Office	None
	Address village concerns relating to level of service from Post Office	Raise concerns with sub-postmaster	High	Ongoing	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Sub-postmaster	None
		Raise concerns with Post Office	High	Ongoing	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Post Office	None
	Secure future of Fire Station	Represent local views in the Fire Service review	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Warwickshire Fire Service	None
	Allotment provision	Investigate options for providing allotments	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Local landowners	Possible costs of land and/or utilities
Local Government	Improve communication of Parish Council decisions to the village	Review how the Parish Council communicates with the parish	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council		None/minimal
	Improve engagement between the Parish	Provide more information about who the Parish Councillors are and what the Parish Council does	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Printing

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Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications
	Council and the village	Consider ways to improve engagement with the community	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Venue costs Publicity
Access to the countryside	Improve awareness of walks within the parish	Produce and distribute leaflets of local walks. Ensure updates are available on the village website	Medium	Short – summer 2008	Footpaths Group	Fenny Compton Parish Council Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Cost of printing etc Cost of running the website.
	Continue to maintain and improve the footpath network	Continue to maintain all footpaths	Medium	Ongoing	Footpaths Group	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Volunteers needed
The Village Environment	Better recycling information	Provide more information about recycling service	Medium	Complete	Stratford-on-Avon District Council		Will be funded by SDC
	Reduce dog fouling in the village	Review the provision of dog bins in the village	Medium	Short – 2008	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Cost of bins
	Continue to maintain flood prevention measures	Review the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures		High	Complete	Aqueous	Fenny Compton Parish Council
		Coordinate an investigation into the causes of the recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures	High	Short – 2008	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Aqueous Parish residents Warwickshire County Council Severn Trent Water British Waterways	

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Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications
		Endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures	High	Medium – 2009	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Warwickshire County Council Severn Trent Water British Waterways	
		Ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams	High	Ongoing	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Aqueous Warwickshire County Council Riparian owners	Volunteers needed
Housing and Local Development	Preserve the character of the village	Reflect the findings of the Parish Plan survey when responding to planning applications	Medium	Ongoing	Fenny Compton Parish Council		None
		Consider the findings of the Parish Plan survey when deciding planning applications	Medium	Ongoing	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council	None
	Meet local housing needs	Support development to meet local housing needs (see below)	High	Ongoing	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council	None
		Carry out a further Housing Needs Survey	High	Complete	Warwickshire Rural Community Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council	None
		Investigate options to meet the needs identified in the survey	High	Short – 2008	Warwickshire Rural Community Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council Stratford-on-Avon District Council Housing Associations	None

East Joint Committee – 10 March 2009

Report of the Southam and Feldon Community Forum

The Southam and Feldon Community Forum met on Thursday 19 February 2009 at The Priors Hall, Priors Marston and this is the report of their meeting.

Matters Discussed (for information only)

The following items were discussed:

- The Forum received an update on progress made on matters raised at the last meeting. This included leaf clearance from footways as well as a representative from Street Scene to be in attendance at the next forum meeting.
- Sgt Mandy Crust provided a presentation on community policing issues relating to the area. This included an update on previous matters raised at the previous meeting of the Forum.
- Young Peoples Issues/Concerns – Although there were no young people in attendance, Cllr Wise confirmed that he is keen to encourage young people to participate in the forums and will continue to work closely with the Youth Worker, Extended Services Cluster Co-ordinator and Year 10 Head at Southam College.
- Sustainable Community Strategy – comments were sought on the consultation draft that had been circulated and was also available on-line
- Locality Profile – statistics produced by the Warwickshire Observatory were presented to the meeting. These provided a snapshot of the demographic make-up of residents of the communities within the Southam/Feldon area.
- The Chairman was appointed to represent the Forum on the Stratford District Partnership.
- Have Your Say Session – damaged verges in Stockton due to continuing problems with parked cars around the village; availability of Aqua Sacks to replace sandbags together with continuing questions about the change in refuse dates, winter collections, charges for extra bins, and recyclable waste. The ever growing height of Ufton Landfill was also raised.

There were no matters referred to the Joint Committee for attention (for discussion)

For further information on anything contained within this report, please contact
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Southam/Feldon Forum 190209

East Joint Committee – 10 March 2009

Report of the Wellesbourne and Kineton Community Forum

The Wellesbourne and Kineton Community Forum met on Thursday 12 February 2009 at Radway Village Hall, Radway and this is the report of their meeting.

Matters Discussed (for information only)

The following items were discussed:

- The Forum received an update on progress made on matters raised at the last meeting. This included the provision of 2 laptops, which had been requested by young people plus updated information on flood funding in Newbold Road, Oxford Road and the River Dene.
- PCSO Henri Smith provided a presentation on community policing issues relating to the area. This included an update on previous matters raised at the previous meeting of the Forum. During the presentation PCSO Henri Smith made reference to having to continually borrow a portable speed camera from other SNT's for use in this locality area. The Forum put forward, and supported, a recommendation that funding be sought through any surplus East Joint Committee funds.
- Pharmacies – Caroline Galloway, NHS Warwickshire provided information on the services provided at both Wellesbourne pharmacy and Kineton dispensary.
- Sustainable Community Strategy – Trevor Russel, Project Officer for the Stratford District Partnership provided information on the SCS and comments were sought on the consultation draft that had been circulated and was also available on-line.
- Locality Profile – statistics produced by the Warwickshire Observatory were presented to the meeting. These provided a snapshot of the demographic make-up of residents of the communities within the Wellesbourne and Kineton area.
- Yousef Osman, Lighthorne Heath Neighbourhood Watch was appointed to represent the Forum on the Stratford District Partnership.
- Have Your Say Session – the County Council's policy on road-gritting was raised under this item together with activities for young people.

Matters Referred to the Joint Committee for attention (for discussion)

The Forum asked that the following items be raised at the meeting of the Joint Committee:

Issue	Recommendation
▪ Road Gritting Policy	For the Committee to request a review of the current policy and a report be brought to a future meeting.

For further information on anything contained within this report, please contact David Close, Chair or Amanda Wilson-Patterson (Tel: 01789 290787)

February 2009
Wellesbourne and Kineton Forum 120209

- 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 23 April 2009
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

**Stratford on Avon East Joint Committee –
10 March 2009**

Capital Programme for Transport 2009-10

**Report of the Strategic Director for
Environment and Economy**

Recommendation

That Members:-

1. Agree the £50,000 route treatment on the A422 (Alcester Road) – Arden Street to A46 be top sliced from the total budget of £440,000.
2. Agree to divide the remaining £390,000 between the three Stratford on Avon Joint Committees.
3. Support the 2009-10 Local Schemes (Minor Improvements) Programme for Stratford on Avon East given in Table 1.
4. Support the removal of the requests listed for Stratford on Avon East given in Table 2.
5. Support the 2009-10 Drainage Allocations for Stratford on Avon East given in Table 3.
6. Support the 2009-10 Delegated Budget CCTV/Survey/Mapping Investigations Allocation for Stratford on Avon East given in Table 4.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 A seminar for the three Stratford on Avon Joint Committee Members was held on 23 January 2009. At the seminar a draft 2009-10 programme for Delegated Budget Allocations were discussed. The purpose of this report is to enable Stratford on Avon East Joint Committee to agree the schemes members supported after discussion at the Transport Capital Seminar. Details of how it is proposed to allocate the delegated budget for all seven Area Committees will be reported to Cabinet on 23 April 2009 as part of the overall 2009/10 Capital Programme for Transport.

- 1.2 At the seminar members supported the proposal that £50,000 for the route treatment on the A422 (Alcester Road) – Arden Street to A46 would be top sliced from the total budget of £440,000.
- 1.3 It was then proposed to split the remaining funding of £390,000 equally between the three Joint Committees.
- 1.4 Members of the three joint committees then went into their respective groups to prioritise the allocation of the remaining £130,000 budget for their area.

2. Delegated Budgets for Stratford on Avon Area

- 2.1 At the Transport Seminar on 23 January 2009, members were presented with a list of requests that had been received for local minor improvement schemes. These requests were considered, and the schemes listed in Table 1 were subsequently supported by members for implementation from the delegated budgets.

Ref.	Schemes Selected for Implementation	Estimate
08/STR/08-09	Harbury - Local Safety Scheme	£23,000
10/STR/08-09	Avon Dassett/Burton Dassett - Local Safety Scheme	£6,000
14/STR/08-09	Newbold Road, Wellesbourne - Local Safety Scheme	£15,000
05/STR/09-10 13/STR-09/10	Scheme scoping and preliminary design: Warwick St/Market Hill, Southam - New Road, Shotteswell – Scheme to widen the Highway	£6,000
07/STR/09-10	B4087 Newbold Pacey	£6,000
	Total	£56,000

- 2.2 After consideration, members supported the proposal that the requests for improvement schemes listed in Table 2 should be removed from the list. A letter of explanation will be sent to everyone whose requests have been unsuccessful.

Ref.	Location & Description	Comments
12/STR/08-09	Church Hill, Avon Dassett	Very expensive, Not Justified as no accidents at this location
02/STR/06/07	A425, Daventry Road, Napton on the Hill - Footway	Too expensive to consider from this budget.

- 2.3 All requests for Minor Improvements, Street Lighting and Drainage that have not been selected for 2009-10, nor specifically removed from the list of requests, will remain on the list for consideration in future years.

3. Drainage

- 3.1 After consideration, Members supported the proposal to fund the three large drainage schemes listed in table 3 below together with the two CCTV surveys/mapping/investigations listed in the table 4 below.

Site No.	Location	Description	Estimated Cost.
A	Gaydon		£15k
B	Lighthorne		£10k
C	Avon Dasset		£25k
D	Wellesbourne (C72)		£15K

4. CCTV Surveys/Mapping/Investigations

- 4.1 A Preliminary investigation will be undertaken using CCTV to identify the scale of any drainage problems prior to a Capital funded improvement being implemented. These costs will feed into the resulting schemes.

Site No.	Location	Description	Estimated Cost.
3	Avon Dasset	CCTV, jet & map village.	£4k
4	Fenny Compton Wharf	CCTV	£2k

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 A summary of the proposed Delegated Budget allocations is given in Table 5.

Funding Available	
Maintenance and Safety Budget including LTP Minor Works Allocation to Delegated Budget	£130,000
Total Funding Available	£130,000
Proposed Allocations	
Minor Works/Local Schemes – Table 1	£56,000
Drainage (Large Schemes)	£65,000
CCTV Surveys/Mapping/Investigations	£6,000
Total	£127,000

- 5.2 The Highways Maintenance and Safety Budget was approved by the County Council on 6 February 2007. £2 million was allocated across the County; £400,000 to each of the County's five areas.

- 5.3 In addition to this, £40,000 per annum has historically been allocated from the LTP settlement for Minor Works improvements in each area of the County. It is understood that the proposed 2009/10 Capital Programme for Transport includes an allocation for this amount as in previous years.

PAUL GALLAND
Strategic Director for Environment and Economy
Shire Hall
Warwick

3 March 2009

- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION

NO (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet To Cabinet 28 May 2009.
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Stratford on Avon East Joint Committee – 10 March 2009

Highway Maintenance Plan 2009/10 and Five Year List of Structural Maintenance Schemes

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

1. That Joint the Committee is invited to make comments on the Highway Maintenance Plan 2009/10 and the Five Year List of Maintenance Schemes, so that Cabinet can be informed of Members views.
2. Approval is given to spending the Area Committees' Drainage Revenue Allocation on unblocking gullies and repairing damaged pipes.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Highway Maintenance Plan for 2009/10 is attached as **Appendix A**. The plan, which has been produced annually since 2002, includes details of the success of past operations and information about the works planned for the coming year. The plan deals primarily with the normal revenue and capital funding for the service.
- 1.2 Also included in this report are proposals for spending the Area Committees' Revenue Funding for drainage.

2. Highway Maintenance Aims

- 2.1 The main objectives of highway maintenance are:-
 - (i) To keep the network, carriageway and footways, free from dangerous defects.
 - (ii) To maintain and improve the condition (asset value) of the network.
 - (iii) To improve public satisfaction with the network.
- 2.2 The highway maintenance policies and work programmes are designed to achieve these objectives which cover the Council's Statutory Duties and support the Corporate Priorities including Pursuing a Sustainable Environment and Economy and Protecting the Community and making it a safer place to live.

3. Success of Policies and Programmes

- 3.1 **Safety** - The condition of the highway network has a part to play in reducing the number of casualties occurring on the highway. The condition of the network also influences the number of insurance claims made against the Council. The exact relationship between condition and casualties and insurance claims is not straight forward as there are other factors which affect these figures.
- 3.2 In the past year casualty figures have continued to fall. As reported previously insurance claims substantially increased in 2006/07. This was mainly due to a larger number of potholes forming due to the unusual periods of wet and freezing weather in early 2007. Actions have been taken to improve the worst of the roads and to speed up pothole repairs. As a result claims in 2007/08 decreased and although claims have risen during 2008/09 they are not expected to reach 2006/07 levels.
- 3.3 Another aspect of community safety is crime and fear of crime. Street lighting is known to play a major role in people's views on community safety. Improvements to lighting in recent years have helped maintain the high levels of public satisfaction with street lighting (see paragraph 3.8)
- 3.4 **Asset Value** - The structural condition of the network is measured by the condition surveys. Surfacing treatments help to ensure that roads are strengthened and sealed to improve condition and reduce the numbers of potholes developing in the future.
- 3.5 The latest surveys indicated that the condition of the carriageways in Warwickshire are better than the national average and at present appear to be deteriorating slowly. The condition of town centre footways is improving. The condition of the carriageways in each District Area for the last five years are shown in the table below.

Carriageways with Defects above the Best Value Performance Indicator Thresholds of the United Kingdom Pavement Management System (UKPMS) Surveys							
		North Warwicks	Nuneaton and Bedworth	Rugby	Stratford	Warwick	Total
2003/04	Length (km)	81	44	99	303	99	626
	Percentage	15.2	11.9	16.3	21.2	14.7	17.3
2004/05	Length (km)	82	45	84	261	93	565
	Percentage	15.2	12.0	13.4	18.3	13.4	15.4
2005/06	Length (km)	68	36	80	234	73	491
	Percentage	12.7	10.0	13.0	17.0	10.8	13.8
2006/07	Length (km)	54	27	86	294	82	510
	Percentage	9.6	7.2	13.4	17.7	11.8	13.6
2007/08	Length (km)	57.9	34.2	88.4	249.9	92.5	522.7
	Percentage	10.6	9.1	14.2	17.5	13.3	14.2

- 3.6 The surveys indicate that although there has been a slight improvement in the condition of the carriageways in the Stratford area since 2003 the overall road condition has deteriorated since 2005. Some of the issues which affect the carriageway condition locally are
- (i) the many utility works, particularly in the towns, where old reinstatements are failing and
 - (ii) narrow rural roads which have damaged edges due to present volumes of traffic and increasing size of vehicles.
- 3.7 **Public Satisfaction** - The full Public satisfaction surveys are carried out every other year, There has been no update since the 2007 survey results were reported last year.
- 3.8 Since 2001, following decisions made after the Best Value review of the service, greater attention has been paid to the lower rated areas of maintenance, such as pavements/footways, rural road surfaces, roadworks planning and drainage. The following table gives information about the changes in satisfaction between 2000 and 2007.

Net Satisfaction from Household Surveys								
	WARWICKSHIRE				STRATFORD DISTRICT			
Activity	2000	2005	2007	Change 2000-2007	2000	2005	2007	Change 2000-2007
Pavements/Footways	-15	5	2	+17	-18	0	2	+20
Rural Road Surfaces	-14	2	6	+20	-28	-12	-14	+14
Roadworks Planning	-10	10	3	+13	-4	5	12	+16
Drainage	3	13	4	+1	-5	5	-19	-14
Town Road Surfaces	16	22	18	+2	36	36	30	-6
Winter Maintenance	24	24	35	+11	29	33	35	+6
Rural Road Verges	25	38	44	+19	21	26	38	+17
Road Signs	46	50	50	+4	47	46	50	+3
Road Markings	47	42	38	-9	55	39	36	-19
Street Lighting	55	54	58	+3	57	55	48	-9

- 3.9 The Warwickshire satisfaction levels indicate improvements in satisfaction levels across all the lower rated services since 2000 with an understandable recent drop in satisfaction with drainage activity.

3.10 Satisfaction levels for the Stratford on Avon area broadly mirror the Warwickshire results but with lower levels of satisfaction with rural road surfaces, drainage , rural road verges, road markings and street lighting.

4. 2009/10 Work Programmes

4.1 The maintenance allocations are distributed across the activities to achieve the maintenance policies and objectives. Structural maintenance allocations to each area are broadly based on lengths of roads and footways but are also influenced by overall road condition.

4.2 It is intended to use the Revenue and Capital funding as follows:-

- (i) To continue last years increases in patching and major patching to minimise potholes and uneven pavements.
- (ii) To continue levels of carriageway surface dressing and footway slurry sealing which provide cost effective methods of prolonging the life of roads and pavements and which reduce the likelihood of potholes and uneven pavements.
- (iii) To continue the footway resurfacing programme to minimise uneven pavements.
- (iv) To maintain the amount of carriageway micro asphalt to extend the life of roads which are not suitable for surface dressing.
- (v) To set the street lighting budget at a level which will allow for all necessary column repairs.
- (vi) Drainage repair and improvement work to increase as a result of an increase in.
- (vii) Area Committees' drainage budget. (See Section 5).
- (viii) To review the level of other maintenance work and particularly winter maintenance to ensure the level of activity is appropriate.

4.3 The table below provides information about the lengths of roads and footways which it is hoped can be treated in each area of the County during the year.

Location	Surface dressing (length and percentage of the total network to be treated)				Structural maintenance (length and percentage of the total network to be treated)			
	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
	km	km	km	km	km	km	km	km
North Warwickshire	35.3 (6.3%)	32.4 (5.8%)	29.9 (5.3%)	30.0 (5.1%)	3.7 (0.7%)	2.1 (0.4%)	1.09 (0.19%)	1.20 (0.22%)
Nuneaton and Bedworth	15.4 (4.1%)	19.9 (5.2%)	15.3 (4.0%)	19.8 (5.2%)	1.9 (0.5%)	3.5 (0.9%)	0.58 (0.15%)	0.90 (0.24%)
Rugby	32.3 (5.0%)	32.0 (5.0%)	35.7 (5.6%)	32.0 (5.0%)	4.8 (0.7%)	4.7 (0.7%)	1.20 (0.18%)	3.11 (0.49%)
Warwick	36.2 (5.1%)	34.7 (4.9%)	33.8 (4.8%)	35.2 (5.0%)	7.0 (1.0%)	7.5 (1.1%)	1.45 (0.20%)	1.53 (0.22%)
Stratford	75.0 (5.0%)	71.0 (4.7%)	77.8 (5.2%)	79.4 (5.3%)	22.4 (1.5%)	17.3 (1.2%)	16.43 (1.09%)	16.55 (1.10%)

N.B. 09/10 figures do not include works funded by Area/Joint Committees.

5. Area Committee Funding

5.1 Members have made two extra allocations for maintenance for 2008/09.

- (i) A County wide Drainage Revenue Allocation of £500k to be spent on the priorities of the Area Committees.
- (ii) A £400k Capital Allocation to each Area Committee for Maintenance and Safety Improvement works.

5.2 The drainage allocation was made as a result of the backlog of blocked gullies and drainage repairs and so it is suggested that this money should be spent on unblocking gullies and repairing damaged pipes.

5.3 Members discussed the Capital Allocation at a seminar the results of which are being reported in a separate report.

6. Highway Maintenance Five Year Plan

6.1 A list of sites which require a maintenance treatment, but which could not be included in this year's programme, has been drawn up. This is recommended practice as part of an asset management approach and provides Members, and the public, with information about future maintenance priorities. The roads in the Stratford Area contained in the County list are included as part of the Highway Maintenance Plan.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Within Warwickshire public satisfaction levels and the road condition indicators show an overall improvement since 2000, but there is still much outstanding work as, county wide, over 14% of the network has defects and satisfaction levels, compared to other Council Services, are still relatively low.
- 7.2 Approval is requested for spending the Area Committees' Drainage Revenue Allocation on unblocking gullies and repairing damaged pipes.
- 7.3 Members may wish to comment on priorities for future work or on other issues which feature in the plan.

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Network management Five Year Structural Proposals

Settlement	Rd No	SITE			Treatment
		Road	From	To	
STRATFORD CARRIAGEWAYS					
Alcester	D5355	Coughton Fields	A435	Ford	Resurface
Alcester	A422	Arrow Lane	County Boundary by A441	towards Alcester for 1950m	Overlay
Armscote	D6559	Church Road	all		Overlay
Atherstone	D6511	Atherstone road	manor house	E6993	Overlay
Barton	C107	Welford Road	C47	Bunkers Hill Farm	Haunch
Barton	D5751	Barton Fields	C47	End of Road	Resurface
Brailes	D6696	Stocktrees Road	turn Circ in front of church		40mm OL
Buckley Greer	D5117	Buckley Green	Triangle/bemd	End Of Road	55mmOL
Burmington	C56	Cherington Road	D6647 Junction	Hazelwood Manor farm	Overlay
Chadsnut	D6407	Watery Lane	end of road		55mmOL
Chesterton	C43	Leamington Road	B4455(Old C31)	C44	Resurface
Claverdon	C40	Saddlebow Lane	A4189	C39	55mm OL
Combrook	D6364a	Combrook Road	B4086	Church Hill	Haunch
Earleswood	C89	Cutthroat Lane	C90	C137	
Edge Hill	C89	Suggarswell Lane	A422	Cnty Bdy	55mm OL
Earlswood	C90a	Old Umberslade	Old Grove Farm	End Of Road	Resurface
Ettington	A429		layby	roundabout	100mmol
Gaydon	D6409	Church Lane	all		40mm O/L
Henley in Arden	A3400	Stratford Road	Station Road	North Speed Limit	Micro
Harbury	C143	Plough Lane	Butts Lane	Towards Bish Itch	55mmOL
Ilmington	D6535	Downs Hill Road	SC 04/05 scheme	to county boundary	Overlay
Ilmington	C49	Mickleton Rd	playing fields		55o/l
Kemps Green	D5021	Mows Hill Road	A4189	Nuthurst Road	55mmOL
Kineton	C53a	Oxhill Road	C54	2004 Scheme	Resurface
Kineton	D6451	Red Road	C54 Tysoe Road	EntTo Red House Farm	55mm O/L
Long Compton	D6690	Butlers Road	No13	Rollright Rd	55mmOL
Lower Shuckborough	C74		A425	Canal	Haunch
Lower Waveney	D5216	Wawensmere R	C99	shelfield	55mmOL

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STRATFORD CARRIAGEWAYS					
Mappleborough	A4189	Warwick Highway	County Boundary	Nursery	100 plane
Middle Tysoe	D6468	Sandpits Road	Oxhill Road	Main Street	Resurface
Newbold on St	D6555	Moss Lane	Rimf A3400	To end of Rimmel	
Norton Lindsey	C93	Snitterfield Lane	Spd Lim Signs Norton Lindsey	D5327 Snitterfield	Haunch/ol
Preston Greer	D5244	Hole Farm Lane	A4189	End	Resurface
Pillerton priors	D6503	Sandpits Road	A422	End	55mm OL
Preston on St	D6515		Preston Bushes	Field Barm	ol/sd
Priors Marston	C36	Southam Road	Village	previous Haunch	55mm OL
salford Priors	C103	Broom Lane	C214	Bridge	55mmOL
Shipston	D6608	Calloways Rd	all		Overlay
Shipston	A429		selected areas		Inlay
Shipston	D6623	Tilemans road	all		Overlay
Spernal	D5217	St Bonards Church	C39 Jnc	End Of Road	55mmOL
Stourton	C56	Whichford Road	D6668	D6683	40mmol
Stratford	D6174	Link Road	Mason Rd	End	Inlay
Stratford	D6202	Longfords Lane	A3400	C98	55mmOL
Stratford	D6175	Lodge Road	Masons Rd	Alcester Rd	plane/res
Stratford	D6269	Dale Ave	Avon Crescent	A422	40mmOL
Stratford	B4632	B4532 Camden	Cold comfort Farm	Sheep Leys Farm	100O/L +kerb
Stratford-on-A	D6214	Quiney's Road	D6218 Shoterly Road	D6215 Hathaway Lane	Retread
Stratford-Upor	C98	Loxley Road	Arden Heath Farm	SC Past Croft Sch	Resurface
Stretton u Fos	A429	Fosse Way	Rowborough Farm area		Recon
Studley	A448	The Slough	Middleton Lane	Cnty Bdy	Inlay
Tanworth-In-A	C20	Poolhead Lane	M42 Bridge	B4101 Broad Lane Junction	Resurface
Treddington	D6575	Mill Lane	Church Lane	E6995	100mm Resurf
Treddington	D6556	Brook Lane	A3400	End of Road	40mm OL
Tidmington	D6583	Ditchford Road			Overlay
Upper wawens	C99	Wawensmere R	Jnc Upper wawensmere	SC 200m east mort bag xrds	55mmOL
Walcote	D5435	Walcote Road	C41	To Village	55mm OL
Walcote	D5435	Walcote Road	Village	to SC	Micro
Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road	Shell Garage	B4086 Kineton Road	Inlay
Warings Green	D5010	Warings Green	Cut Throat Lane	cnty Bdy	55mmOL
Wellesbourne	B4086	fritz Hill	Bow shot island	Fritz hill cottages	ol
Wood Bevingt	D5492	Hunger Hill	B4080 Jnc	End Of Road	55mmOL
Wood End	C137	Tithe Barn Lane	Broad Lane	Rail Bridge	55mmOL

Settlement	Rd No	SITE			Treatment
		Road	From	To	

STRATFORD FOOTWAYS -PROVISIONAL

Alcester		Kinwarton Rd	Gunnings Bridge	Ten Acres	Resurface/Reconstruct
Avon Dassett		Lower End	Hillside Farm	Honeywood	Resurface/Reconstruct
Claverdon		Station Road A4	both sides of C40 Saddlebow Ln Jnc		Resurface/Reconstruct
Ettington		Avon Close	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Gaydon		Kineton Rd	Church Close	St Marks Close	Resurface/Reconstruct
Great Wolford		Village Road	C54	Notice Board	Resurface/Reconstruct
Halford		Main Rd	Queen St	Island	Resurface/Reconstruct
Hatton Rock		A439	D6080	Springfield Cottages	Resurface/Reconstruct
Henley		High Street	Various sections in Phases		Resurface/Reconstruct
Henley		Cherry Orchard	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Ilmington		Mickleton Road	jct D6538 Back Street	sports club	Resurface/Reconstruct
Long Marston		Mickleton Road	jct C47 Dorsington Road	C47 Station Road	Resurface/Reconstruct
Long Compton		Old Hill C116	jct A3400	D6694 The Hollows	Resurface/Reconstruct
Kineton		King Johns Roa	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Kineton		Brookhampton l	entire RHS		Resurface/Reconstruct
Long Itchington		Model Village	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Middle Tysoe		Main St	O/S Post Office	Brick footway	Resurface/Reconstruct
Napton		High St	Chapel Yard	Dog Ln	Resurface/Reconstruct
Nothend		The Prebend	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Shipston		Sheep Street	Darlingscote	High Street	Resurface/Reconstruct
Shipston		Mayo Dr	All		Resurface/Reconstruct
Southam		Elm Close	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Southam		Market Hill	Coventry Hill	High Street	Resurface/Reconstruct
Southam		Parkfields	Little Park	Garages	Resurface/Reconstruct
Southam		Little Park	Park Ln	Garages	Resurface/Reconstruct
Southam		Horsewell	Parkfields	Garages	Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Bridge Street	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Chapel Lane	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Halford Road	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Banbury Road	Shipston Road Island	Bridgetown Road	Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Church St	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		High St	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Bishopton Ln	Heron Lane	Partridge Road	Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Bordon Hill	Top of hill away from Town	towards Dodwell	Resurface/Reconstruct

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Stratford		Gt William St	Guild Street	Mulberry Street	Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Hunts Road	entire		Resurface/Reconstruct
Stratford		Luddington Roa	Avon Bank Drive section		Resurface/Reconstruct
Tiddington		Wellesbourne R	Alveston Lane	Church Lane	Resurface/Reconstruct
Tanworth		The Green	entire	+ Adj FW's	Resurface/Reconstruct
Tanworth		Shutt Ln	Valley Road	WCC Boundary	Resurface/Reconstruct
Tredington		Ilmington Road	D6564	Lower Farm	Resurface/Reconstruct
Warmington		Chapel Street	School Lane	Church Hill	Resurface/Reconstruct
Warmington		School Ln	Banbury Rd	Village Rd	Resurface/Reconstruct
Wellesbourne		FP	SD 122/122A Lowes Ln	Garden Ter	Resurface/Reconstruct
Whichford		Ascott Road	De Mohun	Farm	Resurface/Reconstruct
Wilmcote		Station Road	Mary Ardens	Bidge	Resurface/Reconstruct
Ullenhall		Ullenhall St C2	St Marks Close	Forde Hall Lane	Resurface/Reconstruct

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2009/10 STRATFORD AREA MAINTENANCE SCHEMES					
Parish/	Settlement	Rd No	SITE		
			Road	From	To
STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING 09/10					
	Alderminster	C72	New Road	A422	Knavehill Farm
	Great Alne	C41	Wood lane	Pelham Lane Junction	SC past Layby 300m
	Hampton Lucy	D6080	Stratford Road	D6081 Hatton Bank Lane	start houses Hampton Lucy
	Harbury	C43	Plough Lane	C43 Junction	SC change
	Kineton	D6437	Pittern hill Farm	Castle Road	End of Road
	kineton	D4086	Warwick Road	Castle Rd	Brookhampton Lane
	Knightcote	C51	Knightcote Road	Knightcote Farm	Glebe Farm
	Long Marston	B4632	Campden Road	Y Not Farm	Sheep Leys
	Lower Tysoe	C54	Tysoe Road	A422 Junction	D6458 Lane End
	Luddington	D5443	Luddington Rd Option1	B439 Junction	90deg bend near Bomfords
	Southam	D2380	Abbey lane	C211 Warwick Rd	D2643 Old Warwick Rd
	Southam	D2370 & D2367	Park Lane & St James Rd	C210 Market St	St James Road
	Studley	D5145	Hardwick Lane	SC near Castle	SC near pheasantry
	Studley	D5204	Stapleton Rd & Banbury Cl	2 areas of overlay on Stapleton Rd	
	Studley	D5177	The Newlands	Crooks Lane	end of road
	Wheatley	B4088	Evensham Road	Turnpike Cottage	Wheatley Bank
	Wixford	C67	Evensham Road	Georges Elm Rd	Junction C215 Wixford
STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY MICROASPHALT SURFACING 09/10					
	Wellesbourne	A429/D6079	Wellesbourne Bypass	Warwick Rd/Wellesbourne Rd Island	
	Wellesbourne	A429/B4086	Wellesbourne Bypass	Wellesbourne Bypass/Stratford Rd Island	
	Wellesbourne	A429/C72	Wellesbourne Bypass	Wellesbourne Bypass/Loxley Rd Island	
	Ettington	A422/A429	Banbury Road	Banbury Rd/Ettington Rd Island	
	Stratford	D6240	Broad Street	Chesnut Walk	Broad Walk crossroads
	Stratford	D6243	New Broad Street	Broad Walk Crossroads	End of road
	Loxley	C72	Goldicote Rd	C98	sped limit signs
	Studley	C38	Littlewood Green	A448	Toms Town
	Alcester	C205	Henley Street	Swan St	Kinwarton Rd

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STRATFORD AREA CARRIAGEWAY SURFACE DRESSING 09/10			DRAFT PROPOSALS -		
	3 Gates	B4455	Fosseway		
	Alcester	D5416	Throckmorton	Kinwarton Road	Winchcombe Rd
	Alcester	D5419	Captain Hill	Captains Hill to	Ten Acres
	Alcester	D5417	Haselor Close	Throckmorton	End
	Alcester	D5404	Field Park Drive	Ten Acres	Alne Bank Road
	Alcester	D5373	Ten Acres Road	Kinwarton Road	Throckmorton
	Alcester	D54000	Alne Bank Road	Field Park Drive	End
	Alcester	D54020	Fairwater Crescent	Field Park Drive	End
	Alcester	D54080	Alcocks Road	Alne Bank Rd	Fairwater Cres
	Alcester	D54100	Weatheroak Road	Alcocks Rd	End
	Alcester	D54090	Riverside	Alcocks Road	End
	Alcester	D54010	Collins Way	Fields Park Drive	Alcock Road
	Alcester	D5422	Riddle Close	Winchcombe Road	Throckmorton Rd
	Alcester	D5421	Barlich Way	Winchcombe Road	End
	Alcester	D5423	Winchcombe Road	Gerards	Throckmorton
	Alcester	D5418	Gerrards Road	Captains Hill Service Road	Throckmorton Road
	Alcester	D5405	St Mary's	Throckmorton Rd	Throckmorton Road
	Alcester	D54110	Wharrage Road	Fairwater Cres	End
	Alveston	B4086	Wellesbourne Road	SC nr Alveston Lane	Sc near Kissing Tree Lane
	Armscote	D6562	Darlingscote Road	D6561	C49
	Barton	C104	Welford Road	B4085 Honeybourne Rd	C47 junction
	Bishops Itchington	B4451	Station Rd	Mini Island	S/C Nr Mount Pleasant
	Bishops Itchington	D6382	Old Rd	Ladbroke Rd	D6381 Poplar Rd
	Bishops Itchington	D6381	Poplar Rd	D6382 Old Rd	D6374 Chapel St
	Bishops Itchington	D6383	Orchard Close	D6381 Poplar Rd	End of Road
	Bishops Itchington	D6374	Chapel St	D6381 Poplar Rd	B4451 Station Rd
	Bishops Itchington	D6380	Central drive	D6379 Ladbroke Rd	D6382 Old Road
	Bishops Itchington	D6375	Lakin Drive	D6374 Chapel St	B4451 Station Rd
	Bishops Itchington	D6378	Starbold Rd	D6377 Dadglow	D6375 Lakin Drive
	Bishops Itchington	D6381	Poplar Rd 2nd Section	D6372 Fisher Rd	D6374 Chapel St
	Bishops Itchington	D6372	Fisher Rd	B4451 Station Rd	D6374 Chapel St
	Bishops Itchington	D6373	Mansions Close	D6372 Fisher Rd	End of Road
	Bishops Itchington	D6371	High St	D6372 Fisher Rd	D6372 Fisher Rd East
	Bishops Itchington	D6368	Manor Rd	B4451 Station Rd	C143 Plough Lane

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	Bishops Itchington	D6369	St Michaels Close	C143 Plough Lane	To End Of Road
	Burmington	C56	Main Street	A3400 Shipston	D6644 Willington Road
	Burmington	A3400	Shipston Road	Burmington Turn(Mitford Bridge)	300m north of Tiddington Lane
	Cherington	D6668	Church Road	C56 Main Street	C54 Main Road
	Cherington	D6647	Cherington	C56 Cherington Road	D6644 Willington Road
	Claverdon	D5257	Kington Lane	A4189 Henly Road	D5256 Langley Road
	Combrooke	B4455	Fosseway		
	Ettington	D6491	Rogers Lane	Banbury Road A422	Halford Road
	Fenny Compton	D6391	Dog Lane	D6390 Church St	C35 Avon Dasset Rd
	Fulready	C31	Halford Road	Fosse Way	Banbury Road
	Fulready	D6470	Fulready Lane	Banbury Road C31	Whatcote Road
	Fulready	C109	Whatcote Road	Halford Road C31	Culvert
	Gaydon	B4100	Banbury Road Layby	Gaydon	Temple Herdewyke
	Halford	A429	Fosseway	Halford Island	Tredington Island
	Hampton Lucy	D6080	Stratford Road	Packsaddle Hiill A439	Hatton Bank Lane
	Harbury	D6056	Ivy Lane	C43 South Parade	D6044 High St
	Harbury	C43	Vicarage Lane	D6080 Dovehouse Lane	D6053 Butt Lane
	Hell Hole	B4455	Fosseway		
	Henley in Arden	C208	Mayswood Road	A4189	50m into 40 zone
	Henley in Arden	D5226	Station Road	A3400 High StT	Brookend Lane
	Henley in Arden	D5227	Mayfield Drive	Station Road	End
	Henley in Arden	D5228	Bear Lane	Station Road	End
	Henley in Arden	D5235	St John Close	Brookend Drive	End
	Henley in Arden	D5223	Brookend Drive	Station Road	A4189 New Road
	Henley in Arden	D5236	BrookEnd Close	Brookend Road	End
	Henley in Arden	D8034	Whitley Hill	A4189 Warwick Road	End
	Ilmington	C71	Darlingscote Road	C49 Armscote Road	A429
	Ilmington	D6554	Featherbed Lane	C48 Front Street	C71 Darlingscote Road
	Kineton	B4086	Banbury Road	Kineton high School	Kineton MOD 2nd entrance
	Kineton	D6406	Radway Road	Banbury Road	SD joint
	Kineton	D6441	Dene Close	Park Piece	End
	Kineton	D6438	Castle Road	Warwick Road	End
	Kineton	D6439	Castle Crescent	Castle Road	End
	Ladbroke	C140	Harbury Rd	B4451 Deppers Bridge	C140 Ladbroke High St

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	Lighthorne Heath	D6727	Southam Crescent	Banbury Road	Leam Road
	Little Compton	C115	Brewery Road	A44	Last years SD 100m east of Slade Farm
	Little Kineton	D6450	Kineton House Road	Norton Grange	Tysoe Road
	Loxley	C98	Stratford Road	Grove Hill Farm Bungalow	Loxley Road S/C
	Loxley	D6312	Manor Road	Goldicote Road	End
	Mappleborough Green	A4189	Henley Road	A435 Birmingham Road	200m west Outhill Lane
	Mappleborough Green	D5144	Haye Lane	A4189	A435
	Mappleborough Green	D5142	Orchard Place	A435	End
	Moreton Morrell	C45	Duffus Hill	The Grange D6348	Moreton Hall
	Moreton Morrell	D6348	The Grange	Moreton Morrell C45	End
	Moreton Morrell	D6350	Middle Town	Duffus Hill	End
	Moreton Morrell	D6349	Oaktree Close	Duffus Hill	End (2 sites)
	Newbold on Stour	D6599	Armscote Road	A3400	C49
	Newbold on Stour	D6557	Church Lane	A3400	End of road
	Newbold on Stour	D6556	Brook Lane	A3400	End of road
	Newbold on Stour	E6995	Mill Lane	A3400	End of road
	Newbold on Stour	D5657	Church Road	D6599 Armscote Road	End of road
	Newbold Pacey	D6073	Newbold Pacey Road	Newbold Road	End
	Northend	C52	Bottom Street	Leys Close	Gaydon Road
	Northend	D6404	Malt House Close	Including Layby D6399	
	Norton Lindsey	C93	Snitterfield Lane	Culvert	Norton Lindsey village name plate
	Oxhill	D5831	Gilkes Lane	Main Street C108	End
	Pillerton Hersey	D6477	Watery Lane	Kineton Road	End
	Pillerton Hersey	D6476	Oxhill Bridle Road	Kineton Road	End
	Pillerton Hersey	D6478	Ford Lane	Oxhill Bridle Road	C51
	Pillerton Priors	A422	Banbury Road Layby	2 laybys nr Pillerton Priors	
	Preston on Stour	A3400	Shipston Road	17 Meadows/Trinity Way Island	300m south of Orchard Hill Farm
	Preston on Stour	D6515	Admington Road	D6513	200m south of Preston Pastures
	Quinton	C117	Hidcote Road	C47 Admington Road	New surfacing
	Ratley	A422	Banbury Rd	Sun Rising Hill - C69 junction	County Boundary
	Ratley	D6431	Old Rd	C69 Edge Hill Lane	D6433 Quarry Lane
	Ratley	D6433	Quarry Rd	D6431 Old Rd	D6434 Edge Hill Lane
	Ratley	D6434	Edge Hill Lane	C69 Edge Hill Lane	A422 Banbury Rd
	Ratley	D6432	New Rd	D6431 Old Rd	To end of road

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	Ratley	D6436	Grange Close	D6431 Old Rd	To end of road
	Ratley	D6435	High St -Old Road	D2721 Town Hill	D6433 Quarry Road
	Ratley	D2721	Town Hill - Old Road	D6433 Quarry Rd	D6435 High St
	Sambourne	D5210	Middletown	Middletown C38	End
	Shipston	C71	Darlingscote Road	A429	B4035
	Snitterfield	D5327	Park Lane	Church Road	SC by 30mph sign
	Southam	D2364	St James Crescent	D2367 St James Rd	D2363 Mill Crescent
	Southam	D2362	Mill Road	D2363 Mill Crescent	C36 Welsh Rd
	Southam	D2363	Mill Crescent	S/C Mill Cres Cul de sac	D2364 St James Crescent
	Southam	D2373	Bull Street/Craven Lane	C211 Daventry St	D2375 Pendicke St
	Spernal	D5212	Spernal Lane	Dead End by Vicarage	Spernal Lane End Farm Entrance
	Stratford	A4390	Severn Meadows Road	Evesham Road A439	Old Town Mews
	Stratford	D6173	Timothys Bridge Lane	Bishopton Lane	SC by industrial site
	Stratford	D6266	Swans Nest Lane	A439 Bridgefoot	End
	Stratford	C76	Wood Street	High St	Meer St
	Stratford	D6103	Park Road	A3400 Birmingham Road	End
	Stratford	D6143	St Gregorys Road	Maidenhead Rd	Welcome Road
	Stratford	D6140	Welcombe Road	A439 Warwick Road	Benson Road
	Stratford	D6142	Cedar Close	Welcome Road	End
	Stratford	D6138	Benson Rd	Welcome Road	Maidenhead Rd
	Stratford	D6139	Avenue Road	End	End
	Stratford	D6141	Rowley Crescent	Maidenhead Rd	Welcome Rd
	Studley	D5156	Green Lane	A448 The Slough	to boudary 30mph signs
	Tanworth in Arden	C90	Umberslade Road	C137 Tythe Barn Lane	End
	Tanworth in Arden	D5005	Malt House lane	Poolhead Lane	Causeway
	Tanworth in Arden	D5009	Salter Street	C89 Cut throat Lane	Boundary
	Tiddington	D6195	Knights Lane	B4096 Main St	C98 Loxley Road
	Tysoe	C54	Tysoe Road	s/c by bend D6456	Village nameplate
	Ullenhall	C208	Ullenhall Rd	A4189	30mph signs
	Walcote Village	D5435	Walcote Road	C41 Wood Lane	S/C village boundary
	Wellesbourne	A429	Warwick Road	Charlecote Road B4088	HRI 200m North
	Wellesbourne	A429	Ettington Road Layby	Wellesbourne	Ettington
	Wellesbourne	D6337	Grange Gardens	Chestnut Square	End
	Wellesbourne	D6323	Granville Road	Stratford Road	End

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	Wellesbourne	D6324	Elliott Drive	Stratford Road	End
	Wellesbourne	D9316	Loxley Close	Elliott Drive	Loxley Road surface change
	Wellesbourne	D6327	Walton Park Road	Kineton Road	Walton Hall Entrance
	Whatcote	D6648	Rectory Lane	Whatcote Road C53	End
	Whatcote	D6649	Church Lane	Whatcote Road C53	End
	Whatcote	C53	Whatcote Road	Church Lane	The Orchard
	Wootton Wawen	D5586	The Glebe	A3400	Glebe End
	Wootton Wawen	D52210	Grey Mill Lane	Grey Mill Lane	Dead End Road
	Wynot	B4632			
STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY RECONSTRUCTION 09/10					
	Alcester	C203	Stratford Road	Bridge	half way to Nursing Home
	Stratford	D6244	Old Town - Phase 1	to Southern Lane	Church
	Stratford	D6244	Old Town - Phase 2	Southern Lane	to Church Street
	Stratford	D6244	Old Town - Phase 3	Church Street	to College Street
	Stratford	D6210	Cottage Lane	Farm entrance to Private Footpath	
	Tiddington	B4086	Main Road	Opp Home Guards	to Alvestone Lane
STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY SLURRY SEAL 09/10					
	Alcester	D5359	Meadow Rd	All	
	Alcester	D5368	St Faiths Rd	All	
	Alcester	D5401	Collins Way	All	
	Alcester	D5409	Riverside	All	
	Alcester	D5410	Weatheroak Rd	All	
	Alcester	D5408	Alcocks Rd	All	
	Alcester	D5402	Fairwater Close	All	
	Alcester	D5400	Alne Bank Rd	All	
	Alcester	D5418	Gerrards Rd	All	
	Alcester	D5417	Haselor Close	All	

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STRATFORD AREA FOOTWAY SLURRY SEAL 09/10					
	Alcester	D5404	Field Park Drive	All	
	Bishops Itchington	D6379	Ladbroke Road	Fisher Road	Old Road
	Bishops Itchington	D6382	Old Road	Ladbroke Road	Poplar Road
	Bishops Itchington	D6380	Central Drive	All	
	Bishops Itchington	D6384	Hambridge Road	All	
	Bishops Itchington	D6383	Orchard Close	All	
	Bishops Itchington	D6381	Poplar Road	Old Rd	Chapel St
	Bishops Itchington	D6334	Chapel Street	All	
	Bishops Itchington	D6372	Fisher Road	All	
	Bishops Itchington	D6373	Mansions Close	All	
	Ettington	D6490	Avon Close	Banbury Road	Avon Fields
	Ettington	D6501	Old Warwick Rd/Halford Rd	Banbury Road	End
	Ettington	D6485	Kents Lane	Banbury Road	Nelson Close
	Ettington	D2744	Nelson Close	Kents Lane	End
	Ettington	D6500	Spring Lane	Rookery Lane	End
	Gaydon	C31	Kineton Road	Church Road	St Giles Road
	Gaydon	D6410	St Mar's Close	Kineton Road	End
	Halford	A429	Fosse Way	o/s Garage	
	Halford	A429	Fosse Way	Queen Street	Queen Street
	Halford	F2048	Adj Halford Inn/Village Hall	Fosse Way	Mill Street
	Hampton Lucy	C94	Snitterfield Street	Bridge Street	The Langlands
	Henley in Arden	D5230	Johnson Place	All	
	Henley in Arden	D5237	Rose Ave	All	
	Henley in Arden	D5118	Beaudesert Ln	All	
	Henley in Arden	A4189	Warwick Rd	A3400	Arden Rd
	Lighthorne	D6354	Church Lane	The Green	End
	Lighthorne	D6359	Old School Lane	The Green	End
	Lighthorne	C96	Bishop's Hill	Verney Close	Old School Lane
	Lighthorne	D6357	Mountford Rise	Bishop's Hill	End
	Long Itchington	D2343	Wulfstan Drive	All Cul-De-Sac	
	Long Itchington	C33	Stockton Road	A423	School
	Oxhill	C53	Whatcote Road RhS	Green Lane	Main Street

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	Oxhill	C108	Main Street	Whatcote Road	Green Lane
	Oxhill	D6470	Beech Road	Main Street	Back Lane
	Southam	D2394	Bridge End	All cul-de-sac	
	Stratford	D6204	West Green Drive	All	
	Stratford	D6205	Hathaway Green Lane	All	
	Stratford	D6206	East Green Drive	All	
	Stratford	D6207	Redlands Crescent	All	
	Stratford	D6208	South Green Drive	All	
	Stratford	D6215	Hathaway Lane	Evesham Road	Quineys Road
	Stratford	D8064	Seymour Road	All	
	Stratford	D6222	Winston Close	All	
	Stratford	D6250	Evans Close	All	
	Stratford	D6255	Mountbatten Close	All	
	Stratford	D6179	Montgomery Close	All	
	Stratford	D6214	Quineys Road	All	
	Stratford	D6304	Gainsborough Road		
	Stratford	D6305	Hogarth Road	All	
	Stratford	D6306	Pine Close	All	
	Stratford	D6307	Boucher Close	All	
	Studley	B4093	Redditch Rd	High St	Griffin PH
	Studley	D5176	Crooks Ln	High St	Middletown Ln
	Studley	B4092	Station Rd	Crooks Ln	The Slough
	Studley	B4092	High St	A435	Crooks Ln
	Studley	D5187	Park Ave	All	
	Studley	D5147	Castle Rd	A435	Wickham Rd
	Tanworth	D5030	Arden Leys	All	
	Ullenhall	C208	Henley Rd	Forde Hall Ln	Barrells Hall
	Welles/Walton	D6326	Walton Road		
	Wellesbourne	D6337	Grange Gardens	Ettington Road	End
	Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road Lhs	Cherry Orchard	Newbold Road
	Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road	Inner gyratory	
	Wellesbourne	B4086	Kineton Road Rhs	School Lane	Willow Drive
	Wellesbourne	D6344	Holly Lodge	Lowes Lane	End

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	Wellesbourne	D2455	Gloster Gardens	Vehicular crossings	
	Wellesbourne	B4086	Warwick Road	Church Street	Bridge Street
	Wellesbourne	C72	Bridge Street Rhs	Warwick Road	Stratford Road
	Wellesbourne	C72	Ettington Road Rhs	Chapel Street	Walton Road
	Wellesbourne	D9319	Loxley Road Rhs	Harris Close	Loxley Close

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Highway Maintenance Plan 2009/10 and Five Year List of Structural Maintenance Schemes

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PLAN

2009/10

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In 2002 the Audit Commission said that the highway maintenance service in Warwickshire was a good (two star) service with promising prospects for improvement. This annual plan sets out the actions continuing to be taken to improve the service.
- 1.2 Maintenance work is carried out in accordance with the Warwickshire County Council Highways Maintenance Policy , the Transport Asset Management Plan and, in addition, any Member decisions on budgets
- 1.3 Information is provided about the way in which the highways budgets will be spent in 2009/10. Details of the structural condition of roads in the county are given and an assessment is made of progress towards targets. Other information such as public satisfaction with the service is also provided.

2. Maintenance Contract

- 2.1 2009/10 is the sixth year of the seven year maintenance contract awarded to Carillion which covers all the highway maintenance work.
- 2.2 The contract is fulfilling one of the actions identified in the best value reviews. Work is continuing with the contractor to identify and implement improvements which can be made to ensure the best value for the maintenance spend.
- 2.3 The contract has been subject to regular internal and external monitoring and the recommended improvements have been investigated and implemented where appropriate. Progress is regularly reviewed by the Environment overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4 Work has commenced on the next contract which is due to commence in May 2011. It is anticipated that an advertisement inviting expressions of interest will be placed in the Official Journal of the European Journal in October 2009.

3. Targets

- 3.1 Members agreed three main targets following the best value review of the service.

(i) **Target 1 - Condition of the road network**

To reduce the backlog of repairs by 2010 by undertaking structural maintenance strengthening work on an average of at least 50km of B,C or D roads each year.

(ii) **Target 2 - Public satisfaction**

To increase levels of public satisfaction by at least 10% by 2010 as measured by net satisfaction and overall satisfaction score (these forms of measuring satisfaction were adopted in the best value review).

(iii) **Target 3 – Safety**

To reduce wet road skidding accidents in line with Government targets. Casualty Reduction Targets were stretched to 2009 by WCC and are stretched even further by the latest LTP.

4. Funding

- 4.1 The Revenue, Capital and Detruncked Road allocations since 2006/07, excluding funding for staff, are shown in the table below. The allocations for detruncked roads have increased due primarily to the detruncking of the A45, A446 and the A 435.

Funding allocations (excluding staff costs)				
Year	Revenue	Capital	Detruncked roads	Total
2006/07	£10,398,000	£7,085,000	£370,000	£17,854,000
2007/08	£10,976,872	£7,210,000	£504,500	£18,619,500
2008/09	£11,454,000	£7,564,000	£1,013,500	£20,031,500
2009/10	£12,554,500	£8,120,000	£1,090,000	£21,764,000

- 4.2 To achieve the targets the overall funding is distributed to the various elements of the service. The budget distributions since 2006/07 are shown in the table below. These exclude the extra Area Committee allocations

Highway Maintenance Budget Distributions				
	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
Insurance	£779,000	£827,000	£820,000	£683,000
Winter maintenance	£1,567,000	£1,626,000	£1,420,000	£1,400,000
Street Lighting repairs	£2,210,000	£2,270,000	£2,310,000	£2,470,000
Street Lighting Energy	£1,385,000	£1,760,000	£1,857,000	£2,946,000
Verges and Trees	Inc in 'other'	Inc in 'other'	£880,000	£904,000
Patching	£780,000	£1,209,000	£1,260,000	£1,336,000
Surface Dressing	£2,080,000	£2,035,000	£2,220,000	£2,390,000
Carriageway surfacing	£3,440,000 est	£3,465,000 est	£3,600,000	£3,680,000
Footway surfacing	£1,185,000 est	£1,190,000 est	£1,235,000	£1,214,000
Drainage	Inc in 'other'	Inc in 'other'	£1,720,000	£1,757,000
Line renewals	£795,000	£802,000	£733,000	£790,000
Other maintenance	£3,633,000	£3,435,000	£2,277,000	£2,194,000
TOTAL	£17,854,000	£18,619,000	£20,332,000	£21,764,000

Note – it has not been possible to accurately split some of the 06/07 and 07/08 allocations

4.3 The following can be noted from the table:-

- Required insurance payments have reduced in 09/10 partly due to reductions in claims.
- Winter maintenance budgets have decreased due to efficiency savings in the activity.
- Street lighting energy costs have increased substantially.
- Budget increases for carriageway and footway surfacing have not kept up with inflation, although this is partly offset by Area Committee allocations.
- Although not made explicit in the table the drainage allocation increased from 2008/09 as a result of an additional £500k revenue budget.

5. Public Satisfaction

5.1 An important factor to be taken into account in deciding how maintenance funding should be allocated is the levels of public satisfaction with the service. Highway maintenance satisfaction surveys have been carried out in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2007. The results for these surveys and the 2010 targets are shown in the table below.

	Net Satisfaction Score (percentage satisfied minus percentage dissatisfied)						Overall Satisfaction Score (ranging from 0-100)					
	2000	2002	2004	2005	2007	Target for 2010	2000	2002	2004	2005	2007	Target for 2010 (% increase from 2002)
Pavements/Footways	-15%	-17%	-22%	+5%	+2%	24%	56	41	40	49	49	57(+40%)
Rural Road Surfaces	-14%	-31%	-27%	+2%	+6%	10%	53	36	38	49	49	54(+50%)
Roadworks Planning	-10%	-24%	-20%	+10%	+3%	20%	46	39	40	51	49	58(+50%)
Drainage	+3%	-13%	-4%	+13%	+4%	20%	64	42	46	52	49	59(+40%)
Town Road Surfaces	+16%	-3%	+1%	+23%	+18%	45%	49	45	48	55	53	63(+40%)
Winter Maintenance	+24%	+29%	-3%	+24%	+35%	42%	42	57	47	55	59	63(+10%)
Rural Road Verges	+25%	+21%	+32%	+38%	+44%	33%	57	59	58	60	63	65(+10%)
Road Signs	+46%	+40%	+38%	+50%	+50%	54%	64	57	60	66	64	63(+10%)
Road Markings	+47%	+33%	+29%	+41%	+38%	46%	70	58	57	61	60	64(+10%)
Street Lighting	+55%	+54%	+46%	+53%	+58%	69%	43	66	64	65	68	73(+10%)

5.2 The main points to note from these surveys are:-

- Compared to the 2002 survey satisfaction with all activities has improved. Compared to the 2000 survey satisfaction with all services has improved or remained the same except for road markings.
- Pavements/Footways, Rural Road Surfaces and Rural Road Verges have all had more funding and these show the highest increase in satisfaction.
- Satisfaction with Roadworks Planning and Winter Maintenance has increased. More attention has been paid in recent years to minimising disruption to the public.
- Satisfaction with Drainage fell in 2007 compared with 2005. It is presumed that this is due to the flooding in 2007.

5.3 It now seems unlikely that many of the 2010 satisfaction targets will be met. These were set by Members in 2002 as a consequence of the Best Value Review.

6. Surface Dressing and Structural Maintenance Treatments

6.1 The surface dressing and structural maintenance allocations are used to fund the following treatments

	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/10
Principal Roads – Structural Maintenance	6km	5km	2.5km	3.4km	1.4km*	2.9km●	0.9km"
Principal Roads – Surface Dressing	22km	31km	13km	21.1km	22.2km	17.8km#	26.6km#
Non Principal Roads – Structural Maintenance	52km	80km	34.8km	29.0km	41.2km*	19.2km	26.2km
Non Principal Roads – Surface Dressing	135km	195km	185km	172.8km	167.7km	174.6km	170.2km
Carriageway Microasphalt				7.2km	15km	16.0km	10.0km
Footways**	80km	91km	112km	220km*	143.7km*	146.2km	135.2km

**Note 1: Footways include Slurryseal treatment

*Note 2: Includes Area Committee schemes

#Note 3: Includes 2.5km on A446 funded through Detrunking income

●Note 4: Includes 0.9km on A446 funded through Detrunking income

7. Structural Condition of the Network

7.1 This section gives carriageway condition information from road condition surveys. It is important to emphasise the fact that none of the surveys are able to measure road condition, and year on year changes in road condition, to a high degree of accuracy. This is because some of the surveys use sampling and only measure part of the network each year and others give different results when carried out at different times. The best the surveys can do is to pick up trends in condition over a period of years. The tables show the latest results available.

7.2 Significant development of machine based surveys has taken place in recent years to the extent that national Performance Indicators for the A, B and C roads are now derived from these survey results.

7.3 The survey results for the **Principal (A) roads** are given in the following tables. These make up about 11% of the surfaced road network in the County.

7.3.1 The National Road Maintenance Condition Survey (NRMCS) shows an improving condition from 2000 but a deterioration from 2005 to 2006. The other principal road indicators show a possible deterioration in the past few years.

7.3.2 National concern about the ability of the BVPI (SCANNER) survey to accurately identify roads in need of repair resulted in a change in the calculation method for 2007/08.

7.3.3 The present interpretation of the results is that the condition of the A roads in Warwickshire is above the National average and probably deteriorating slowly. This felt to be acceptable at present given the public's level of satisfaction.

NATIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE CONDITION SURVEY DEFECT INDICES				
	Warwickshire			National Average
	Urban	Rural	Average	
1993	30	70	50	106.2
1994	42	53	47	101.0
1995	53	37	45	100.1
1996	60	43	51	105.2
1997	55	39	47	106.4
1998	48	62	55	106.8
1999	43	61	52	109
2000	107	51	79	103.7
2001	46	68	57	101.2
2002	71	62	66	93.3
2003	52	65	58	91.8
2004	62	50	56	83.5
2005	51	35	43	74.3
2006	65	52	58.5	70.3

Note The lower the value the fewer the surface defects

* This survey was terminated by the Government in 2007

UKPMS BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: 2001 to 2006			2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Percentage length of A Roads with defects above the threshold	UKPMS – CVI (BV96)	Fixed Merge method	3.1%	3.7%	-			-	-
		Variable Merge method		9.2%	6.9%	8.0%	9.9%	10.2%	
	SCANNER (BV96)					27.79%			-
	SCANNER (BV223)						5%	6%	
	SCANNER (BV223)								4%

The figures in bold are the annually reported Best Value Indicator for BV96 and BV223.

7.4 The survey results for the **Non Principal roads** are given in the following tables. The B and C roads make up about 35% and the D roads 54% of the surfaced road network in the County.

7.4.1 Except for the 2006 NRMCS results for B and C roads all surveys show improvements in the condition of the Non Principal Roads since 2003. The condition of the roads is also above the National average.

NATIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE CONDITION SURVEY DEFECT INDICES								
	CLASSIFIED ROADS (B & C)				UNCLASSIFIED ROADS (D)			
	Warwickshire			National	Warwickshire			National
	Urban	Rural	Average	Average	Urban	Rural	Average	Average
1993	73	41	57	107.6	67	45	56	98.9
1994	65	67	66	107.5	60	65	62.5	100.7
1995	58	94	76	110.7	53	85	69	102.7
1996	51	68	59.5	102.6	71	129	100	108.7
1997	52	87	69.5	109.6	59	113	86	111.8
1998	45	117	81	111.5	104	235	169.5	109.3
1999	104	117	110.5	116.8	109	171	140	112.5
2000	70	107	88.5	111.3	121	156	138.5	119.1
2001	84	99	91.5	108.5	91	98	94.5	118.4
2002	88	73	80.5	109.2	86	98	92	122.2
2003	92	80	86	105.2	92	212	152	124.5
2004	69	81	75	105.1	101	153	127	118.9
2005	56	66	61	92.9	84	127	105.5	108.8
2006	72	85	78.5	89.6	74	122	98	106.1
2007[#]					61	114	87.5	107.8

Note The lower the value the fewer the surface defects

This survey was reduced in 2007 and axed by central gov't last year.

UKPMS BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: 2001 to 2008		2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Non Principal Roads (B and C roads)								
BVPI 97a – Percentage of Non Principal Classified (B and C) Roads with defects above the threshold. (Approximate total length of B and C roads in Warwickshire = 1293km)	UKPMS - CVI Fixed Merge Method	11.4%*	8.91%	-	-			-
	UKPMS - CVI Variable Merge Method	-	17.9%	18.19%	17.72%	15.32%	13.2%	
BVPI number changed to BV224a (coverage as BV97a)	Method of data collection and processing changed to SCANNER.	-	-	-	-	9%	7%	3%
Unclassified Roads (D Roads)								

BVPI 97b – Percentage of Non Principal Unclassified (D) Roads with defects above the threshold (Approximate total length of D roads in Warwickshire = 1967km)	UKPMS - CVI Fixed Merge Method	7.4%*	4.46%	-	-	-	-	-
	UKPMS - CVI Variable Merge Method	-	17.1%	18.54%	14.94%	14.6%	14%	14%
Footways								
BVPI 187 (Percentage of footways surveyed exceeding the threshold)**	UKPMS DVI survey	-	81.9%	75.98%	34.8%	34.4%	31.75%	27%

Figures in bold are the best value performance indicators

* The audit commission had reservations about these 2001/2002 figures.

** The footway indicator is based on town centre roads only

7.5 The survey results for town centre footways, given in the table above, appear to indicate a substantial improvement in their condition. In fact there has been a change in the way in which the indicator has been calculated. It is likely that the reported 2002/03 and 2003/04 figures for Warwickshire were twice what they should have been. The resulting figures still show a steady improvement.

8 Structural Maintenance Targets

8.1 The better the structural condition of the road network, the less routine maintenance work, such as patching, will be required. As a result, over the past few years, extra funds have been allocated to resurfacing work to improve overall road conditions.

8.2 It has been estimated that road conditions will improve if about 5km of principal Roads and 50km of other roads are resurfaced each year. Past funding has almost allowed this target to be achieved for the non principal roads but not for the principal roads.

9. Surface Dressing

9.1 Roads are surface dressed:-

- (a) to halt surface deterioration;
- (b) to improve skid resistance: and

(c) to seal them to prevent water penetrating and softening the foundation.

9.2 The highway maintenance policy document suggests that roads should be treated at the following frequencies.

A Roads	8 years
Broads	10 years
C Roads	12 years
D Roads	15 years

9.3 These frequencies would be achieved if about 47km of A roads and about 244 km of other roads were treated each year, making an allowance for roads which are surfaced, this means that approximately 40km of A roads and 190km of other roads should be surface dressed each year to achieve the policy.

9.4 This year it is proposed to surface dress 27km of A road and 170km of other roads.

10 Street Lighting

10.1 General

Street lighting involves the maintenance of some 48,158 lights and some 7,537 illuminated signs which include bollards, vehicle activated signals, and belisha beacons.

There are three main types of lights in the county. About 40% of lights are Low Pressure Sodium which give a monochromatic orange light and have a low energy use compared to other lamp types. Some 55% are High Pressure Sodium which give a golden white light but which use almost twice as much electricity as low pressure sodium lights. About 3%(1,560) of the lights are Mercury lanterns which give a white light with a blue tint. They require the highest amount of energy for the light given out and contain potentially harmful chemicals. It is anticipated that we will no longer be able to buy Mercury lamps within the next year or two and we are therefore actively trying to replace as many as possible when funds are available.

The remaining lights are Metal Halide lights used in some town centres which give the whitest light but are high users of energy and do not give out as much light as equivalently rated High Pressure Sodium lamps which can render areas as being dim if retrofitted into High Pressure Sodium lanterns. We have recently successfully trialled a new light source called CosmoPolis which emits a very high quality White Light and uses significantly less energy than comparable High Pressure Sodium light sources. We are now specifying CosmoPolis on new developments.

The vast majority of the lighting stock are standard functional lights but there are a number of historic lights in towns including Stratford (where there are lights from around the world), though many have been removed as part of the World Class Stratford Project), Coleshill and Warwick.

10.2 Performance

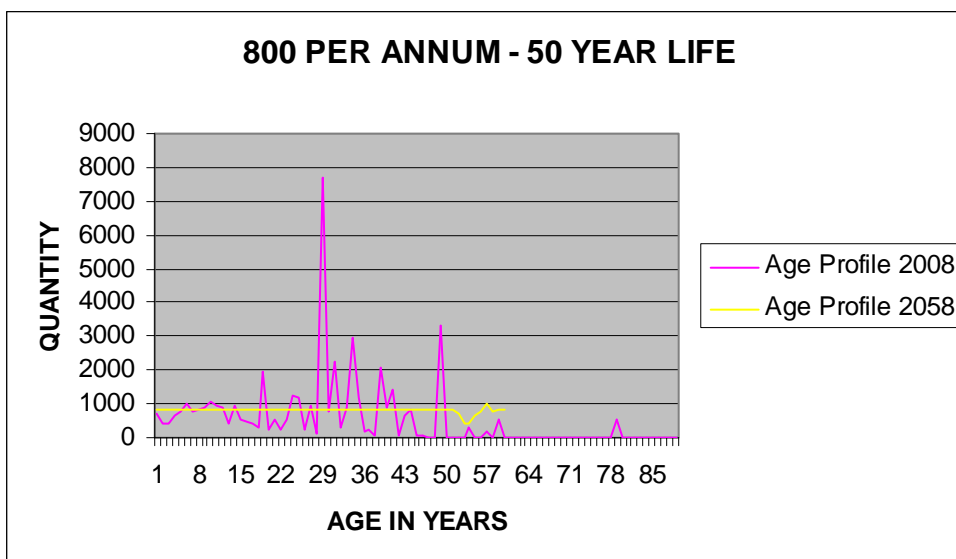
In the past three years the contractor has achieved lighting levels substantially better than the contract minimum. The Contract asks for a performance of 98.5% lights working and the level achieved is consistently around the 99.5% lights working level.

As a result of improved efficiency from the Contractor's gangs and improved specification of the lighting equipment substantial cost reductions have been achieved in Street Lighting.

Investments made in the 1980's mean that the overall condition of the street lighting stock in Warwickshire is better than in many counties but is getting to a stage where the age profile is increasing sharply and an Annual Planned Replacement Programme is becoming necessary to keep the stock safe. Approximately 19,500 lighting columns (excluding wall brackets and units mounted on wooden poles) are over 30 years old which equates to around 41% of the lighting column stock – the Design Life for a street lighting column is typically 25 Years and we have had seven lighting columns spontaneously collapse due to corrosion within Warwickshire in the last five years, fortunately without any injury or property damage.

The Budget for Street Lighting is presently only adequate for replacing any columns that fail the structural test or are found to be corroded, or damaged by untraced third parties; keeping the street lights working; and structurally testing around 2,000 columns per annum – once structurally tested the column is then generally certified as being safe for either 3 or 5 years or is reported as needing to be replaced but there is not sufficient funds to test all columns. The Budget is generally not adequate for any lighting upgrade or large private cable replacement.

In an ideal world we should be replacing 1/25th (25 year design life) of our lighting stock every year as part of a Planned column replacement programme which would amount to an **additional** budget requirement of around **£3,250,000 per annum**. However, internally and externally galvanised steel columns have been specified since around 1993 and Aluminium columns are now being specified for all new developments. It is felt that both Galvanised Steel and Aluminium columns may have a safe working life well in excess of 50 years due to the use of these materials that do not corrode so easily as the materials and protective systems used in columns installed prior to 1993. Bearing in mind the specification of better column materials and column protective systems we could over a period of the next 50 years reduce the age profile of our lighting stock to a safe level (as indicated in the graph below) but this would need a ring fenced annual budget to cover the Planned Replacement cost of replacing at least 800 lighting columns each and every year – presently around **£1,400,000 per annum** would be required on top of our existing budget.



10.4 Energy

A large part of the street lighting budget is spent on energy – approximately £2,580,000 for 2008/09. There is presently a contract in place with Scottish & Southern Electric for the purchase of Brown Energy where the purchase of building and street lighting energy is combined to achieve cost savings by having a relatively balanced energy requirement through the day and night. This contract is due to be relet in October 2009.

The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report in January 07 suggesting that, to save electricity, street lights could be switched off in the early hours of the morning. The suggestion was not supported but at the September 07 meeting Members agreed to a small trial of street light dimming in the Warwick area. Small dimming trials are presently underway and is going to be evaluated once the winter cycle has been completed which has the highest street lighting use.

10.5 Lighting Improvements

Street Lighting is installed to improve safety and to reduce crime and fear of crime. If lighting improvements are required they need to be funded from Area Committee or other sources.

In general improved lighting increases energy consumption although when Mercury lanterns are replaced the lighting levels can be improved with a very slight saving in energy. The present approach is to take every opportunity to replace the existing mercury lanterns in the county as it is anticipated that they shall be obsolete in the next year or two.

11. **Routine Maintenance Activities** **Area Response Teams**

11.1 Routine maintenance of the highway network is divided into five areas coincident with the district council boundaries. In 2007/8 there was an increase from 14 to 15

Area Response Teams(ART's) to reflect the detrunking of the A446 and A35. In 2008/9 the number of gangs was reduced to 13 to reflect cost savings and efficiency gains. There are three drainage teams, compared with two gangs in 2005/06, to help address the backlog of drainage works. Four ART teams deal with category 1 and 2 safety defects identified by the inspection teams within the urban areas and one signage team. There are five ART's dealing with emergency and planned maintenance activities.

There are typically between 3-8 road patching gangs, depending on the time of year and related work activities such as surface dressing, that will undertake larger patch repairs to carriageways.

Changes in planning, management and methods over the past 2 years have facilitated a substantial increase from some 18000sqm in 2006/7 to some 34,000sqm of patching work in 2007/8 which has help reduce insurance claims by 25%. Some 40,000sqm of patching has been delivered during 2008/09 and a similar quantity is proposed for 2009/10.

12 Customer Service Centre and Web Site

In May 2006 the highway maintenance customer services centre was merged with the corporate call centre. Each year the call centre handles approximately 33,000 calls. The 2007 June-July floods and follow up drainage queries resulted in some 3000 extra drainage calls. The increased patching resources and changes to management of pothole defects over the past two years has reduced the annual number of calls from a high of over 5700 to less than 2000.

The County Highways website is increasingly seen as a key information source for key stakeholders to find general answers to frequency asked questions and general application forms for highway related matters.

13. Winter Service

13.1 In line with the recommendations of the Best Value Review evaluation of the Winter Service continued during the summer of 2008, involving the Highway Maintenance Contractor. Previous reviews have resulted in :-

- (i) Further optimisation, revision and changes to the routes to include minor variations in the network and changes in priorities.
- (ii) Introduction of optimised 'Emergency Routes' to enable rapid response to variations in weather conditions.
- (iii) Optimisation of the 'mini' gritting routes, to include a third route covering roads with physical width or weight restrictions in order to improve performance and reduce the amount of 'dead' travel time.
- (iv) Continuation of the programmed fleet replacement strategy, to include interchangeable bodies for shared use with surface dressing operations.
- (v) Introduction of 7 loading shovels purchase to replaced contract hired equipment.
- (vi) The introduction of Snow , and Severe Weather Plan with the (establishment of the conditions and criteria for the operation of a Snow Desk, to help in the planned response to snow conditions.
- (vii) Publication to a wider audience of information on the provision of the service through the Warwickshire website.

- 13.2 During the 2007/08 winter season 54 full grits were completed (against the average expected in a year of 47). 10 of these involved gritting at the higher spread rates. There were no treatments following snowfall during the winter season . So far this season there have been 68 grits including 25 at higher spread rates. There have been 21/2 days of snow ploughing and additional treatments following snowfall.
- 13.3 The opportunity arose to buy an additional five modern vehicles at reasonable cost which has resulted in a reduction in the average age of the vehicles within the strategic fleet. The benefits have been improved reliability, and reduced maintenance costs of the fleet.
- 13.4 The Winter Service Review undertaken during the summer of 2008 looked at all aspects of the service provided during 2007/08 and the preparations required for 2008/09. The service will be reviewed again at the end of this winter to see what lessons can be learned from the severe weather experienced so far.

14. Patching

- 14.1 Patching work is carried out to arrest localised deterioration of roads and pavements and keep the roads and pavements in a safe condition. Potholes and other defects are dealt with when they are found during the regular inspections or when they are reported by the public. Patching work is also undertaken prior to carriageway surface dressing or pavement slurry sealing. Revenue resources for patching is historically limited such that there is a fluctuation in potholes on the Network, which is greatly influenced by seasonal weather . Priorities will be strictly focussed on ensuring that the network is safe.
- 14.2 In 2007/08 the amount of patching undertaken was nearly double the amount carried out in 2006/07. For 2008/09 this rose to approximately 40,000sqm and it is intended to continue this level in 2009/10.
- 14.3 Programming and planning of patching gangs is now based centrally in order to ensure more effective use of resources. Work is being identified well in advance so that the contractor has the optimum opportunity to plan and organise the work effectively.

15. Road Markings and Studs

- 15.1 2008/09 has been a successful year in delivering the programme to budget and time through co-operative working between Warwickshire County Highways, Carillion and their specialist subcontractors.
- 15.2 As part of trialing new materials and processes a number of different types of road studs are being used. Also, during 2009/10 a new road marking material called MMA (Methyl Methacrylate Acryline) will be trialled which is purported to be more durable and being a cold applied material is safer to use. It consists of two components which, when mixed, create an exothermic chemical reaction leading to rapid hardening, it has the added advantage that roads can quickly be returned to service.

16. Verge and Tree Maintenance

- 16.1 In 2008/09 the county policy of cutting grass three times a year has been achieved. Area Surveyors continue to address the problem of overgrown hedges/trees obstructing road signs by the introduction of serviceability inspections. Being a wet year there was a greater extent of seasonal growth.
- 16.2 The targeted treatment of ragwort started 2006 , continues to be a success resulting in a substantial reduction in the number of public calls. Japanese knotweed will continue to be dealt with as part of a County wide spraying programme.
- 16.3 The programme of tree inspection in the rural areas and the urban area of Stratford continued in conjunction with the Property Services Department (The Forestry Section has now become part of the Countryside Recreation Division of this directorate) . This is enabling officers to determine the extent of risk from dangerous highway trees and the amount of funding required to bring this risk to an acceptable level. A Tree Strategy for all trees within the County was approved in January 2007. It includes policies specific to highway trees and aligns the recently published national code of practice with County Highways' own revised Highway Maintenance Policy which will be submitted for approval during 2009.

During 2008 some 220 trees have fallen and blocked the highway.

17. Gully emptying and Drainage

- 17.1 Over the past 2 years gullies are generally being emptied at a frequency of 1-2 years. The Global Position Tracking System (GPS) installed on the gully machines is helping in the development of a fuller inventory of the gullies and drains on the highway network. One key feature is the identification of blocked or damaged systems and gully's not emptied due to parked vehicles. A proactive approach to returning to remedy these problems is being developed.
- 17.2 Three Area Response Teams (ART's) will be dedicated to drainage work under the control of the Area Surveyors. The additional Member funding for 2008 supported an additional gang in the Warwick area.

Further drainage resources have been made available by Area Committee's that have allocated funds for specific priority drainage projects in 2009/10.

- 17.3 In 2009/10 it is proposed to visit some 81,000 out of 96,000 gullies on the highway network.

Continued use of GPS tracking systems facilitates variable frequency cleaning based on "need". The saving of resources allows resources to be targeted at identified problem sites. The savings in variable frequency cleaning and additional financial resources have allowed over 3000 problem gullies to be cleared over the past two years,

17.4 Climate change is putting increased demand on our resources, making reduction of the backlog of drainage repairs a greater challenge.

18. Signs

18.1 The three main issues with sign maintenance are:-

- (i) The fact that there is a backlog of signs which need to be replaced: and
- (ii) The need to check that the signs which have been installed in the past (particularly within urban areas) are still required.
- (iii) During 2008/09 there has been a significant rise in the theft of metal signs and gully lids, reflecting the peaks in scrap metal prices

18.2 An issue which will need to be dealt with in the next few years is the need to develop an inventory of signs (non illuminated). This is required to ensure better planning of maintenance expenditure.

18.3 The exercise of decluttering unnecessary sign in town and on routes is continuing as resources allow.

19. Other Issues

Co-ordination of roadworks

19.1 The changes to the New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991 (NRSWA) were implemented from April 2008, the main aim of these changes is to improve co-ordination and management of works and other activities on the highway and give more effective powers and sanctions over utilities' street works. Essentially from April 1st 2008 all works carried out in Warwickshire are held in a central register, this enables pro active and effective coordination to reduce wherever possible the level of disruption caused. This we are displaying via a public website for the benefit for the travelling public but also all works promoters who can see where works are being undertaken now and in the near future.

In addition to this short term coordination we developed in partnership with other local authorities a method of forward planning which enables long term programmes from all works promoters to be shared on a central web site . This will help all works promoters to identify opportunities for joint working and timings of resurfacing. It is much easier to adjust the timings of works in medium and long term programmes than just before contracts have been entered into.

A key driver within all this is the demonstration of parity of treatment with the utilities and the measurement of this authority's performance in comparison to utilities. The Department of Transport is developing a suit of Quality Performance Measures against which we will monitor the performance of all works promoters. Rather than being used as a means of identifying poor performance, it is considered essential that they encourage a culture of continued improvement by all works promoters within the highway.

20. Safety

- 20.1 Much of the maintenance activity is designed to ensure the highway network can be used safely. Patching, winter maintenance, street lighting, drainage, grass cutting etc, all have a role to play in keeping the network safe and the structural maintenance and surface dressing work is designed to keep the network from deteriorating and becoming unsafe. County Highways is increasingly involved with other groups within EED to combine maintenance, new works and regeneration projects to improve the safety of local areas and routes.
- 20.2 County Highways is increasingly working in unison with the Road Safety Unit to prioritise additional maintenance spending to see how this may reduce accidents. In 2006/07 the top 10 accident routes in the County were reviewed and appropriate actions undertaken. A similar process is in place in 2008/9 and key routes such as the Fosse Way which passes through 3 District Boundaries have been targeted.

21. Town Centres

- 21.1 The priority for highway maintenance spending has traditionally been for maintaining safety and for maintaining the structural condition of the road. Maintaining the appearance of the network has generally been considered to be a lesser priority with limited funds.
- 21.2 This is now changing with the recognition that the appearance of an area or highway route, as measured for instance by the Streetscape Appearance Index, has an important role to play in the economy and regeneration of an area. Since 2002 the average index value for Warwickshire Town Centres has increased by some 28%.
- 21.3 Highway maintenance policies are being developed to take account of the need to ensure that town centres are well maintained as a matter of course. A Town Centre Maintenance Policy has been approved by Members. In addition the responsibility for promoting and monitoring the streetscape index in town centres will be taken on by the highway maintenance area surveyors. The use of Streetscape Appearance Index was developed as part of WCC's regeneration activities in 2001 and has been cascaded to several Warwickshire town centres. Funds allocated by Area Committees by Members for Streetpride Activities has helped deliver targeted improvements. It is hoped that Area Committees will continue to support works to maintain high quality public areas.
- 21.4 Over the past 12 months continued improvements to the level of maintenance to items of public realm in town centres were carried out through the multi disciplinary activities of EED and district authorities. The improvements have again been recognised by Britain in Bloom reports and is reflected in 12 Warwickshire Town's gaining awards in 2008. Extensive Streetscape painting was carried out in Kenilworth and Whitnash in 2006. In 2007 streetscape painting was carried out in Henley and in Wellesbourne in the Spring of 2008.

Following the detrunking of the A435 works were targeted in Studley with multi-agency and community activities to improve the local environment.

In 2009 it is hoped that Bedworth Town Centre will benefit from decluttering and renewal of road signs and painting of street furniture within the ring road and on key approach routes.

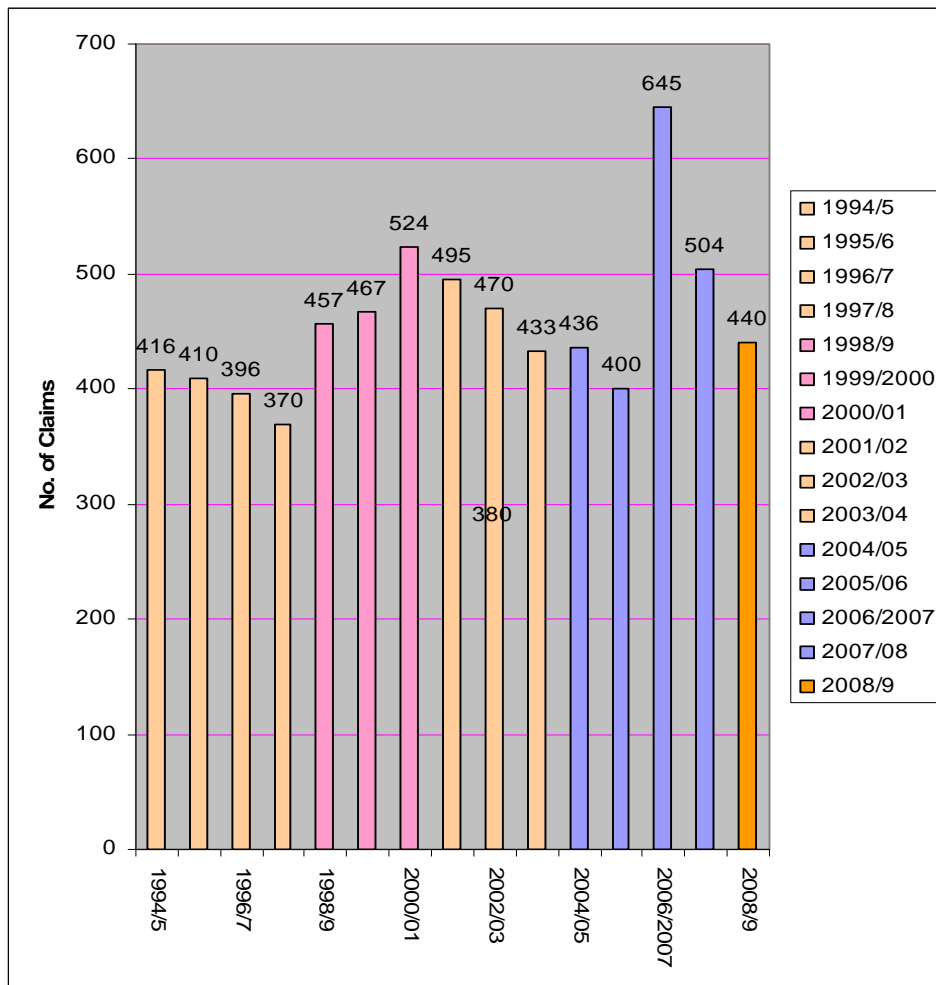
- 21.5 County Highways works closely with District, Borough, Town and Parish Councils and other local organisations. Notable groups include the North Warwickshire Public Realm Partnership which fostered very strong partnership working practices. County Highways facilitates some three meetings a year to ensure focussed co-ordination between authorities.

22 Insurance

- 21.1 Insurance claim data is now reviewed quarterly and an annual meeting held to drive forward improvements. Data taken from the quarterly reviews has led to targeting of resources to sections of highway that receive a disproportionately high number of claims. The inhouse development and implementation of IT systems has greatly streamlined the process involved from the identification to the repair of potential hazards and helped reduce the risk of claims.
- 22.2 In 2006/07 internal seminars were arranged to cascade best practice in dealing with insurance claims so that the rate of repudiating claims is increased. There is a growing culture of “no win – no fee” legal services making claims against highway authorities.

2006/7 saw a rapid rise in claims due to former reductions in patching, and increasing frequency of freeze-thaw conditions over the mild winter. To address this situation the patch resources were increased to deliver an increase from 18000sqm to some 34000sqm in 2006/7. Changes in materials, processes and cluster working has resulted in a 25% reduction in claims presented to County Highways. In 2008/09 some 40,000sqm of potholing work will be delivered. The 2008/09 target of 400 claims will be exceeded by some 10% as a result of the severity of the 2008/09 winter.

- 22.3 The overall trend of insurance claims over a 14 year period, shown in the table below, is encouraging when considered against the 25% increase in traffic over that period. The actions taken by County Highways to reduce claims has resulted in an indicated £137,000 reduction in insurance payments (see para.4.2) from County Highways in 2009/10.



23. Quality Assurance

- 23.1 In April 2005 , following an independent audit, County Highways retained its BSI accreditation.
- 23.2 In March 2006 County Highways Depots received ISO14001 accreditation for environmental management.
- 23.3 BSI audited County Highways in April 2008 and approved our continued accreditation.

Sustainability

24. Sustainability & Asset Management

24.1 In promoting the Department’s purpose and the government’s strategy for sustainable development, County Highways aims to monitor, maintain and develop the highway asset in as an environmentally friendly manner as possible. The following points give an idea of the work being undertaken towards these aims:-

- Reuse/recycling of secondary aggregates e.g. road planings and surface dressing chippings has been taking place for several years. Leicester Lane Depot has had since autumn 2005, all the appropriate “exemptions” from the

Waste Management Regulations, to allow the storage and processing of construction waste. In excess of 8,000 tonnes of recycled materials have been used in construction projects since the project started.

- Trials of sustainable techniques for routine maintenance continue, with some success being achieved with “Nuphalt”, a reheating, recycling patching system. Further trials of an asphalt recycler are planned for the near future.
- Continuous inspection of the County’s roads in accordance with national standards. Development of the UKPMS system continues.
- Collection of highway asset data including street lights, illuminated signs and gullies etc, continues.
- We have made a start at collecting highway drainage inventory and mapping of systems, in particular during 2007/08 and 2008/09. This process is focussed on identified flood risk area’s at this stage.

Communications

- 25.1 In order to improve communications within the County, department and within County Highways and Carillion, we will continue to develop our quarterly newsletter and web pages. We will also continue to contribute to the department’s e-government requirements.

26. 2009/10 Works Programme

- 26.1 Lists of schemes have been produced showing the planned maintenance work proposed during the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010. The structural schemes have been selected using a maintenance priority assessment system. Priority is given to sites where the defects in the road might become dangerous or where substantial patching work would be required, if a structural scheme was not undertaken.

- 26.2 The schedule may be subject to change as a result of factors such as:-

- (i) Utility work clashing with the proposed roadworks.
- (ii) More detailed scheme costs being determined.
- (iii) Consultation.

27. Five Year Lists of Maintenance Schemes

- 27.1 A 5 Year List of roads which require a structural maintenance treatment was approved by members in 2004. The roads included are those which have sufficient defects to justify a structural maintenance treatment. Other roads will be added if they deteriorate from their present condition. This list has been revised for 2009.
- 27.2 The list includes a number of A roads and some footways. There are limited numbers of carriageway sites included in urban areas. This is because most of the roads in urban areas are treated by surface dressing or by resurfacing and do not normally require a strengthening treatment