

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 25 September 2007

Report Title Area Committee Maintenance and Safety Funding

Summary This report provides details of the priorities for the Area Committee's Maintenance and Safety funding.

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

Background Papers None.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Members' Seminars 8 May 2007 and 13 September 2007.
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal I Marriott
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils

- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

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

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

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

Warwick Area Committee - 25 September 2007

Area Committee Maintenance and Safety Funding

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That the priorities for the Area Committee's Maintenance and Safety funding are approved.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of the County Council on 6 February 2007 a Maintenance and Safety Capital Allocation was approved. £400,000 was made available for each area with Area Committees determining priorities for spending the money.
- 1.2 Two seminars have been held with Members to discuss the priorities for the funding in the Warwick Area. This report details the priorities agreed at these seminars with some background information about the reasons for these priorities.

2. Funding Priorities

- 2.1 Routes with the highest levels of injury collisions per kilometre were investigated (omitting routes which would be funded from normal allocations). Safety improvement work, amounting to a total of £179,719, was identified on the following routes:-
 - (i) B4103 Clinton Lane, Castle Road, Borrowell Lane, Smalley Place, The Square and Warwick Road, Kenilworth (£132,738).
 - (ii) B4104 Abbey End and Abbey Hill, Kenilworth (including Forest Road) (£19,304).
 - (iii) B4453 From Lillington Avenue, Leamington to Coventry Road, Cubbington (£27,675).
- 2.2 An allocation of £10,000 is required to allow the full implementation of a pedestrian refuge at Cubbington Road, Lillington (total cost £22,000 with the remainder already approved from the minor works budget).

2.3 Members felt that there were a number of maintenance priorities which were of concern. These backlogs had been reported to Area Committee in the Annual Maintenance Plan. As different areas had different issues Members agreed to put funding into the following work:-

- (i) £50,000 for upgrading Mercury lanterns dealing particularly with lanterns in Woodloes, Sydenham and Kenilworth.
- (ii) £60,000 to tackle the backlog of Slurry Seal work on footways including work in Whitnash, Lillington, Kenilworth and Woodloes.
- (iii) £100,000 for carriageway surfacing work to include necessary work on Radford Road Leamington.

2.4 Site priorities for the maintenance work are to be decided by Officers based on need but also ensuring that the work is additional to that planned from the normal maintenance allocations.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The total value of the priorities agreed above amounts to £399,719. It is suggested that the route allocation is rounded to £180,000 to use the whole of the £400,000 allocation. It is also suggested that Members agree to officers balancing small under or overspends on each of the routes as long as the total does not exceed £180,000. Any underspend in the total will be reported back to Members.

3.2 It is recommended that Members agree to the priorities for the Area Committee's Maintenance and Safety funding as set out in this report.

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