

**TITLE OF REPORT: HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, PARTNERSHIPS &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee on the possible revised Area Committee funding arrangements in relation to various Highways works schemes within the Royston & District area.
- 1.2 To seek Members' decision on the reallocation and further commitment of Committee Funds to each of the listed Highways projects.

**2. FORWARD PLAN**

- 2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

**3. PROJECT/ACTIVITY/SCHEME DETAILS**

- 3.1 Members will be aware of the Area Committee funds allocated to Highways projects, as set out on the budget spreadsheet.
- 3.2 Some actions by the Committee, record-keeping issues and decisions elsewhere have made it necessary to bring a report back to this Committee.
- 3.3 At their meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 Members agreed to de-commit funding previously allocated to a proposed scheme at Briary Lane. However, this work has now been completed at a cost to this Committee of £2,500. Members may wish to consider reallocating £2,500 from Committee funds to pay for this work.
- 3.4 At their Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 Members agreed to allocate £4,500 to works associated with the Garden Walk junction with the A10, but administratively only £2,500 was ever recorded. Members may wish to consider allocating the remaining £2,000 from Committee funds to pay for these works, which are now complete.
- 3.5 Also at the Meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>, Members allocated £1,875 to works in York Way, which also was not recorded at the time. Members may wish to consider confirming the previous allocation of Committee Funds of £1,875 to works in York Way.
- 3.6 Committee Funds were allocated however to one project which is currently not proceeding – £5,000 contribution regarding traffic calming works on the B1368 and B1039. These funds, with Members approval, can be reallocated to offset the majority of the allocations as listed above.
- 3.7 In addition, Committee Funds were also over-allocated to Highway maintenance works in Royston Town Centre, and therefore, a further £1,000 is also now available to offset the remaining proportion of the allocations above.

- 3.8 Finally, Members will recall their decision to allocate funds to “A10 South of Royston speed limit revision”, to which £1,500 was allocated. Works having been completed, the Council has now been invoiced for £4,600.
- 3.8.1 Given that concerns have been expressed about delivery of a project different from that which was initially requested, Members may wish to consider what action they may wish to take, given that a further allocation of £3,100 would be required to satisfy the invoice for the total works undertaken.
- 3.9 In summary (and not including “A10 south of Royston” issues)

<b>Project</b>	<b>Offset</b>	<b>Suggested allocation</b>
Briary Lane		£2500
Garden Walk / A10		£2000
York Way		£1875
<b>Total</b>		<b>£6375</b>
Less projects not proceeded with (B1368)	£5000	
Less projects over-funded (Town Centre works)	£1000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6000</b>	<b>-£6000</b>
<b>Total cost to Committee</b>		<b>£375</b>

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 That Members reallocate £2,500 from Committee Funds to pay for the associated Highways works at Briary Lane;
- 4.2 That Members allocate a further £2,000 from Committee Funds to pay for the proposed Highways works at Garden Walk;
- 4.3 That Members allocate £1,875 from Committee Funds to pay for the proposed Highways works at York Way;
- 4.4 That Members consider an allocation £3,100 from Committee Funds for the works completed on the A10 south of Royston.

#### **5. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 To ensure that the Committee are kept informed of the relevant issues relating to Highways works schemes within the Royston & District area
- 5.2 To realign Area Committee funds with the respective Highways works scheme listed in the Committee’s Budget spreadsheet in order to inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee

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