

Parish Partnership Scheme – Proposal for the funding period 2018/19

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting of the 5 October 2016, the King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee (KLACC) agreed to recommend to Cabinet that its terms of reference be extended to allow it to recommend to Cabinet that the Borough fund specified small scale highway improvement schemes within the unparished areas of King's Lynn and West Lynn, under the County Council's Parish Partnership Programme.
- 1.2 Cabinet subsequently agreed to this in the terms of reference for KLACC.
- 1.3 The County Council's Parish Partnership Programme allows Parish Councils to bid for match funding for small scale highway improvement schemes in their areas. In the unparished area of King's Lynn and West Lynn, KLACC will now consider any scheme put forward. If KLACC decide to support a particular scheme, the recommendation will be passed to Cabinet for their consideration. One scheme for small-scale highway improvements has been proposed for the forthcoming financial year (2018/19), and has come forward to KLACC for consideration. Details of this scheme are set out in this report.

2.0 Applications under the Parish Partnership Programme

- 2.1 One scheme has been put forward for 2018/19. This is a scheme for two Speed Awareness Messaging (SAM) signs to be located on either Vancouver Avenue, Goodwins Road, or Tennyson Road. The proposed signs show the speed of vehicles if they exceed the limit, with the legend 'SLOW DOWN' below as part of the unit. There are 5 locations on Vancouver Avenue, Goodwins Road, and Tennyson Road which can accommodate the signs, which are moveable, and should only be at each location once every 3 months. Further locations can be agreed with Highways as required. Arrangements are being put in place with local residents to charge the signs and to move them as required. A plan is attached showing the proposed locations of the signs.

3.0 Financial implications of the proposal

- 3.1 The County Council officer administering the scheme states that the costs of the scheme will be

2 SAM signs @ £3500 each	- £7,000
KLWNBC Match funding required	- £3,500

- 3.2 In the same way that Parishes would fund highway works in their areas through precepts, funding for the signs will need to come out of King's Lynn Special Expenses. This was made clear in the original report agreeing to extend KLACC's terms of reference. However this can be spread over the lifetime of a scheme to minimise the impact on Special Expenses. In this case if you take a minimum lifespan of 5 years, then the £3,500 would be £700 per year, divided by the 2018/19 tax base of 10,031, then this would add 7p per year to Special Expenses for the next 5 years. Whilst alternative time periods could be proposed for the match funding, for example a payback of 1 year would add 35p to Special Expenses, with a 2 year payback adding 17p, the 5 year period is recommended and would have least impact upon a Special Expenses increase.

4.0 Recommendation

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- 1) That KLACC considers whether or not to support the above proposal for SAM signage in King's Lynn.
 - 2) In the event that the scheme is supported in principle, that the 5 year period for the Special Expenses charge to cover the scheme be agreed.
 - 3) In the event that the scheme is supported, that a Member(s) of KLACC be nominated to present the Committee's view to the Cabinet

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