

REPORT TO CABINET

Open		Would any decisions proposed :		
Any especially affected Wards	Mandatory/	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide	YES	
	Discretionary /	Need to be recommendations to Council	NO	
	Operational	Is it a Key Decision	NO	
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Financial Implications YES	Policy/Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications NO	Equal Impact Assessment Pre-screening completed	Risk Management Implications NO

Date of meeting: 28 November 2017

PARISH PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Summary

In 2016 the King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee (KLACC) had their Terms of Reference extended to allow bids to be made into Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership fund. This is a fund that provides match funding for small-scale highway schemes within Parishes, which was extended to cover unparished areas of the County. The maximum value of schemes is £50,000, therefore the maximum amount of match funding is £25,000. Parish Councils and District/Borough Councils in unparished areas have to submit bids for the fund, and the deadline for the submission of bids to the County Council for the next round of funding is 11 December 2017. Any bid is expected to have the support of the relevant County Councillor(s), which is the case here.

One scheme was put forward for the 2018/19 funding year, namely the provision of two moveable Speed Awareness Messaging (SAM) signs to be located on either Vancouver Avenue, Goodwins Road, or Tennyson Road. The total cost of the scheme is £7,000, therefore agreement from Cabinet for match funding of £3,500 is requested.

At the KLACC meeting on 19 October, and in relation to this specific scheme, it was resolved

- 1) that KLACC supports the proposal for SAM signage in King's Lynn
- 2) that the Chairman and Cllr J Collop be nominated to represent the

Committee's view to Cabinet

- 3) to apply to Cabinet for match funding of £3,500, to be paid for through an increase in the Special Expenses charge for King's Lynn of 7p a year for 5 years (based on a Band D charge).

Should Cabinet agree to endorse the bid to the Parish Partnership fund for this scheme then this will need to be confirmed with the County Council, so the bid can be completed.

Recommendation

That Cabinet consider whether to endorse the request for match funding for the provision of two SAM signs on Vancouver Avenue, Goodwins Road or Tennyson Avenue, to be paid for through an increase in King's Lynn Special Expenses.

Reason for Decision

Cabinet is required to consider any Parish Partnership fund bids endorsed by KLACC, as per the Committee's terms of reference.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Parish Partnership scheme is a Norfolk County Council initiative allowing Parish Councils to bid into an annual fund, to allow small-scale highway works (schemes cannot cost more than £50,000) to come forward in the Parishes. Any bid made has to be match funded to be eligible.
- 1.2 In 2016, in response to complaints of unfairness across the County, Norfolk County Council decided to expand the terms of its Parish Partnership scheme, to include the unparished areas of the County. These were urban areas of the County, such as Norwich, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth.
- 1.3 It was agreed that the terms of reference of KLACC should be extended, to allow them to consider small-scale highway schemes within King's Lynn (and West Lynn), and any schemes supported by KLACC would go forward to Cabinet for consideration.
- 1.4 It was agreed that the Borough Council's match funding element for future schemes would have to be paid for through the King's Lynn Special Expenses.
- 1.5 One scheme has come forward this year, for the 2018/19 bidding round, namely the provision of two Speed Awareness Messaging (SAM) signs to be placed in positions on Vancouver Avenue, Goodwins Road and Tennyson Avenue. The total cost of this is £7,000, therefore Cabinet is asked to support match funding of £3,500.

- 1.6 Options for payment of match funding through Special Expenses was put to KLACC, who proposed that this scheme should be paid for over 5 years, which would add a further 7p (based on a Band D charge) to King's Lynn Special Expenses for that 5 year period.
- 1.7 At the KLACC meeting on 19 October, and in relation to this specific scheme, it was agreed
- 1) that KLACC supports the proposal for SAM signage in King's Lynn
 - 2) that the Chairman and Cllr J Collop be nominated to represent the Committee's view to Cabinet
 - 3) to apply to Cabinet for match funding of £3,500, to be paid for through an increase in the Special Expenses charge for King's Lynn of 7p a year for 5 years (based on a Band D charge).
- 1.8 Should match funding be confirmed this will need to be confirmed so the bid can be completed. The deadline for bids for the 2018/19 funding period is 11 December 2017.
- 1.9 A copy of the report provided to KLACC giving precise details of the scheme including the proposed locations for the signage, is attached to this report.

2.0 Options Considered

- 2.1 The options for Cabinet are
- a) to support the bid for the proposed SAM signs in King's Lynn endorsed by KLACC for Parish Partnership funding. This will ensure the bid can be finalised to Norfolk County Council, which if successful will allow the provision of the signage.
 - b) to not support the bid and the provision of the signage proposed.

3.0 Policy Implications

- 3.1 There are none.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Should the request for match funding be approved then this will result in a small increase in Special Expenses to cover the scheme. In this case KLACC have proposed that Special Expenses in King's Lynn be increased by 7p for a period of 5 years, although other time periods could be proposed if required.

5.0 Personnel Implications

- 5.1 There are none.

6.0 Statutory Considerations

6.1 There are none.

7.0 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 A pre-screening assessment has been undertaken and there are no implications.

8.0 Risk Management Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations Granted

9.1 None

Background Papers

KLACC Parish Partnership report attached



Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Name of policy/service/function	Parish Partnership funding bid				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	Existing scheme but a new (annual) bid				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	Aims to improve highway safety N/A				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			x	
	Disability			x	
	Gender			x	
	Gender Re-assignment			x	
	Marriage/civil partnership			x	
	Pregnancy & maternity			x	
	Race			x	
	Religion or belief			x	
	Sexual orientation			x	
	Other (eg low income)			x	
Question	Answer	Comments			
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	No				
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	No				
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	No				
<p>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>	N/A	Actions:			
		Actions agreed by EWG member:			
Assessment completed by: Name Stuart Ashworth					
Job title Assistant Director	Date 3/11/2017				

Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.

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

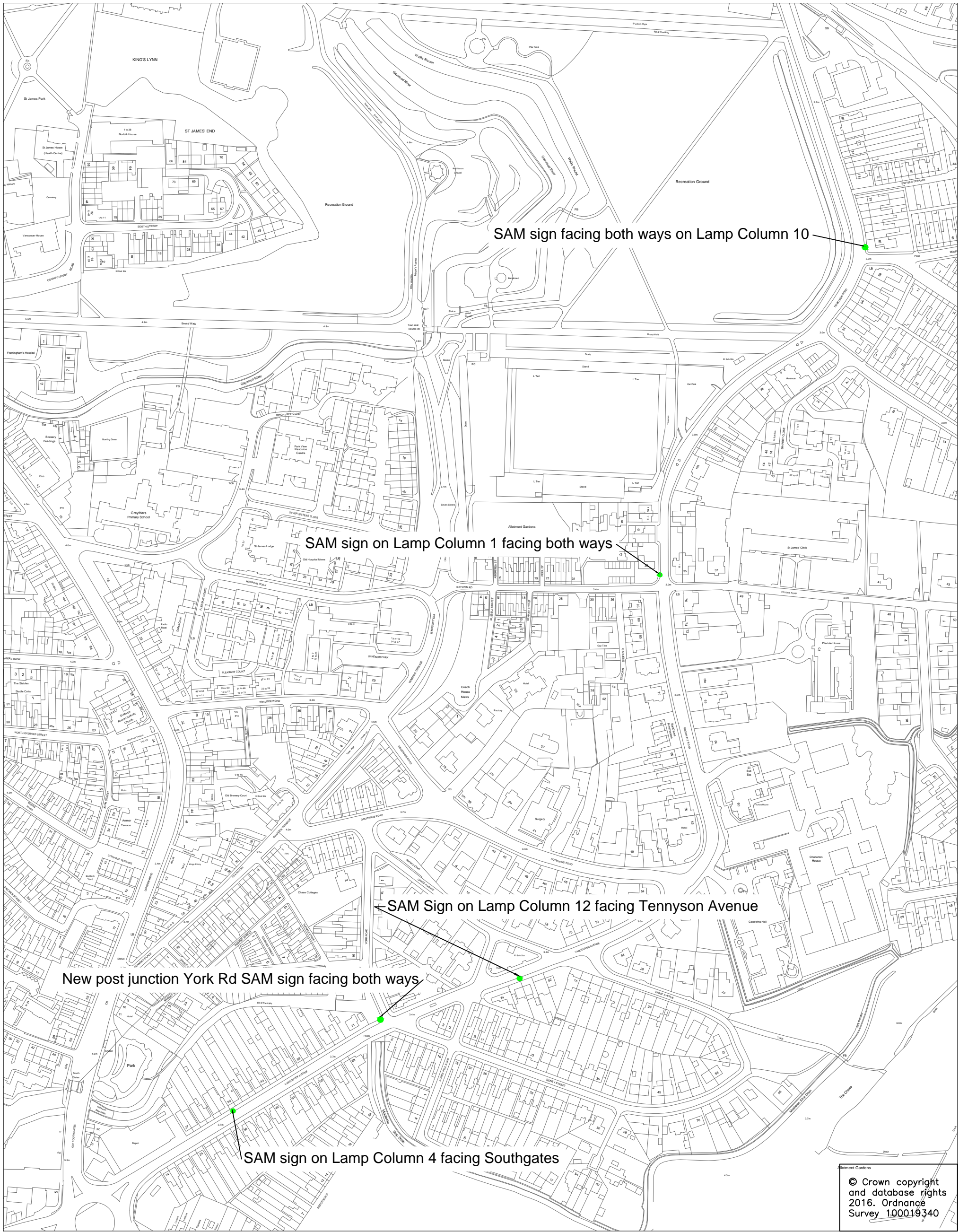
- 3.2 In the same way that Parishes would fund highway works in their areas through precepts, funding for the signs will need to come out of King's Lynn Special Expenses. This was made clear in the original report agreeing to extend KLACC's terms of reference. However this can be spread over the lifetime 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

- 4.1
- 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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 SAM Sign locations Vancouver Avenue and Tennyson Road, Kings Lynn

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