

## **Parish Partnerships Scheme – Proposals for the funding period 2020/21**

### **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, through special expenses, 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. For the next funding round (2020/21), four schemes for small-scale highway improvements have been proposed, and have come forward to KLACC for consideration. Details of the schemes are set out in this report.
- 1.4 All the proposals set out below have been through an initial check by Norfolk County County Highways, who raise no technical objection to them. The police have been consulted on the bus shelters given the Council's general duties under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 1.5 A photo/diagram of the type of bus shelter to be installed is attached to this report.

### **2.0 Detailed proposals**

- 2.1 Four schemes have been put forward for the funding period 2020/21.
  - 2.1.1 Scheme 1 – Speed Awareness Messaging 2 (SAM2) sign for the New Lynn area

This is a scheme put forward by Cllr Rust for one moveable Speed Awareness Messaging (SAM2) sign to be located in the New Lynn area, on locations in Kent Road, Rosebery Avenue, Kensington Road, Queensway or Jermyn Road. The proposed sign will 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 (lampposts) in the area which can accommodate the sign, which is moveable, and ideally should only be at each location once every 3 months. Further locations can be agreed with Highways as required. It is understood that arrangements are being put in place with local residents to charge the signs and to move them as required. The scheme is supported by Cllr Rust and County Councillors Tom Smith & Sheila Young. A plan is attached showing the proposed location of the sign.

### 2.1.2 Scheme 2 - New bus shelter at Peckover Way

This is a proposal for a new bus shelter at an existing bus stop on Peckover Way. It is understood a request was made by some residents to Cllr Sandra Collop that a bus shelter would be useful, and there has been a consultation exercise with residents. The outcome of the consultation is that one objection to the shelter has been received from a local resident. A summary of the objection is

- Doesn't want it outside their house
- Not needed, hardly ever people waiting for a bus
- Doesn't want a load of teenagers hanging around
- Doesn't pay their taxes to have bus shelters outside their front door

There are no objections from the Police to this bus shelter, and the scheme is supported by Cllr Sandra Collop and County Councillor Sheila Young. A plan is attached showing the location of the proposed bus shelter.

### 2.1.3 Scheme 3 – New bus shelter at Minster Court/William Booth Road

This is a proposal for a new bus shelter at an existing bus stop at Minster Court on the Fairstead estate. It is understood a request was made by some residents to Cllr Margaret Wilkinson that a bus shelter would be useful, and there has been a consultation exercise with residents. No objections have been received following the consultation exercise.

There are no objections from the Police to this bus shelter, and the scheme is supported by Cllr Wilkinson and County Councillor Tom Smith. A plan is attached showing the location of the proposed bus shelter.

### 2.1.4 Scheme 4 – New bus shelter at Saddlebow Road

This is a proposal for a new bus shelter at an existing bus stop on Saddlebow Road. The proposal has been put forward by Cllr Kemp, and there has been a consultation exercise with local businesses/residents. Two objections have been received following the consultation exercise. A summary of the objections is

- It would make it easier for people to climb on and access the adjacent property, making it less secure & open to vandalism, which occurred in the past before fences were erected
- It could be an obstacle in the way to exiting onto Saddlebow road
- The bus stop is rarely used

There are no objections from the Police to this bus shelter, and the scheme is supported by Cllr Kemp as both the Borough and County Councillor for the area. A plan is attached showing the location of the proposed bus shelter.

## **3.0 Financial implications of the proposals**

- 3.1 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.

3.2 In calculating the impact on special expenses, a tax base of 10,672 is applied to the calculation. The lifespan of the equipment proposed is used as the maximum available period over which there should be payback, as the equipment cannot be guaranteed after this time, and therefore shouldn't be paid for after this time. A quicker time period for payback can be applied, but this will obviously mean a larger increase in special expenses, albeit over a shorter time. In terms of the current proposals, we have used a lifespan of 5 years for the SAM2 sign, and 10 years for the bus shelter.

3.3 Scheme 1 – SAM sign for the New Lynn area

1 SAM sign @ £3350

Insurance for the sign - £300

KLWNBC match funding required - £1,675

Impact on Special Expenses – 4p per year for the next 5 years

3.4 Scheme 2 - New bus shelter at Peckover Way

1 bus shelter @ £5000

KLWNBC match funding required - £2500

Impact on special expenses – 2p per year for the next 10 years

3.5 Scheme 3 – New bus shelter at Minster Court/William Booth Road

1 bus shelter @ £5000

KLWNBC match funding required - £2500

Impact on special expenses – 2p per year for the next 10 years

3.6 Scheme 4 – New bus shelter at Saddlebow Road

1 bus shelter @ £5000

KLWNBC match funding required - £2500

Impact on special expenses – 2p per year for the next 10 years

3.7 As can be seen from the above, if all four schemes come forward they will add 10p to an average Band D Council Tax in 2020/21.

#### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 1) That KLACC considers whether or not to support Scheme 1 - the above proposal for a SAM sign in King's Lynn, to be paid through Special Expenses over a period of 5 years.

2) That KLACC considers whether or not to support Scheme 2 - the above proposal for a bus shelter on Peckover Way in King's Lynn, to be paid through Special Expenses over a period of 10 years.

3) That KLACC considers whether or not to support Scheme 3 - the above proposal for a bus shelter at Minster Court/William Booth Road in King's Lynn, to be paid through Special Expenses over a period of 10 years.

4) That KLACC considers whether or not to support Scheme 4 - the above proposal for a bus shelter at Saddlebow Road in King's Lynn, to be paid through Special Expenses over a period of 10 years.

5) In the event that some or all of the above schemes are supported, that a Member(s) of KLACC be nominated to present the Committee's view to the next Cabinet meeting.

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