

BUS SHELTER PROGRAMME
(Report by Head of Environment & Transport)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council is providing bus shelters to improve the service available to bus travellers.
- 1.2 To date a total of 35 bus shelters have been provided. Of these 30 display illuminated advertisements and all have been provided free of charge by Primesight.
- 1.3 This report seeks the approval of Cabinet to the installation of a further 24 bus shelters of which seven are 'advertising' and three 'non-advertising' shelters provided, without charge, by Primesight. The remaining 14 are to be provided by the Council and other partners. This report also complies with the resolution of the Cabinet meeting of 4th March 2004 where the release of funds was requested.

2. PROPOSED INSTALLATIONS

- 2.1 A schedule of the proposed locations for the 24 bus shelters is given at Annex A. The locations have been agreed following discussions with relevant Parish/Town Councils and with Primesight. Two councils (Brampton Parish Council and Huntingdon Town Council) are contributing to the cost of the proposed installations.
- 2.2 Typically each installation will include –
- an area of hard-standing;
 - the shelter;
 - internal lighting where ambient lighting levels are poor giving rise to concerns over the personal safety of travellers using the shelter; and
 - a raised kerb to reduce step heights to make boarding easier for travellers with mobility problems.
- 2.3 The raised kerb is a new feature not included in earlier installations. Such provision is now accepted as good practice and contributes to compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act. However, it adds some 30% to the cost of each installation.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The overall cost and funding arrangements for the provision and installation of the Council's/partners 14 shelters is given in the table which follows. The Council's costs also include the provision of raised kerbs at the 10 locations where Primesight are installing shelters without charge. There is no provision for this in the contract with Primesight which predates the adoption of the use of raised kerbs.

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| | £'000 |
| Huntingdon Town Council | 16 |
| Brampton Parish Council | 9 |
| Huntingdonshire District Council | 170 |
| Total Cost | 195 |

3.2 The installation costs have been arrived at by a competitive tendering exercise and it is proposed to accept the lowest tender.

3.3 The Council's funding for the provision/installation is assembled to reflect the contribution that the shelters will make to secure objectives in the market town transport strategies and in providing improved accessibility. This is illustrated in the following table –

| MTP Ref. | Title | £'000 |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 400 | Bus Shelters Extra Provision | 65 |
| 003 | Accessibility Improvements | 56 |
| 361 | Huntingdon Market Town Transport Strategy | 35 |
| 250/B | St Neots Market Town Transport Strategy | 4 |
| | Section 106 contributions to Market Town Transport Strategies | 10 |
| | Total Funding | 170 |

3.4 The release of funds for these schemes was approved at the Cabinet meeting of 4th March 2004, with the proviso on the bus shelter scheme that further details of locations be provided.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS


4.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- a) note the proposal to install 24 bus shelters;
- b) approve the release of MTP funds for the bus shelter scheme following the previous Cabinet decision as the location details have now been provided.
- c) authorise the Head of Environment and Transport to proceed with the installation of the shelters and associated infrastructure.

Background papers

Correspondence with local councils.

Correspondence with Primesight

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ANNEX A – LOCATION OF PROPOSED BUS SHELTERS

| Location | Town/Village |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| High Street | Brampton |
| Miller Way | Brampton |
| Hinchingbrooke Park Rd | Huntingdon |
| St Johns Road | Huntingdon |
| Skeels Court, Coneygear Road | Huntingdon |
| Thongsley School (W) Coneygear Road | Huntingdon |
| Thongsley School (E) Coneygear Road | Huntingdon |
| Medway (N), Coneygear Road | Huntingdon |
| Medway (S), Coneygear Road | Huntingdon |
| Sallowbush Road | Huntingdon |
| Buttsgrove Way | Huntingdon |
| Main Street(E) | Hartford |
| Main Street(W) | Hartford |
| School Lane | Alconbury |
| Great North Road | Alconbury Weston |
| B1040 | Bury |
| Ramsey Road | Warboys |
| Berkley Street | Eynesbury |
| Ramsey Road | St Ives |
| Hill Rise | St Ives |
| Clock Tower, High Street | Fenstanton |
| High Street (E) | Fenstanton |
| High Street (W) | Fenstanton |
| Tudor Road | Godmanchester |