## SMALL SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS (Report by Head of Environment & Transport)

#### **PURPOSE** 1.

1.1 This paper reports on the small scale environmental improvement schemes to be completed by March 2006, and proposes a programme of schemes for 2006/07.

#### 2. **SELECTION OF SCHEMES**

- 2.1 A budget of £92k (gross) is included in 2006/07 for "Small Scale Environmental Improvements". To qualify for funding from this budget a scheme must also attract a minimum of 25% funding from an outside source, such as Parish or Town Council, or Landfill Tax Credit.
- 2.2 Cabinet agreed the criteria for the prioritisation of the schemes in 2002/03 and this has been applied to the selection of schemes for 2006/07.
- 2.3 Town and Parish Councils were asked in October to submit schemes for consideration in this year's programme.

#### 3. **2005/06 SCHEMES**

3.1 The schemes approved in the 2005/6 programme were as follows:

Location	<u>Position</u>
Huntingdon – Town Boundary signs Huntingdon, High Street – Railings Bluntisham – Rebuild church wall Somersham – Rebuild wall leading to Church Offord D'Arcy – New Conservation bus shelter St Neots, Berkeley Road – Upgrade area Medway Centre – Footpath	Complete Awaiting tenders Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete

#### 4. **FUTURE SCHEMES**

4.1 Following submissions from Town and Parish Councils schemes have been assessed (Annex 1) and the highest scoring schemes up to the approved budget (based on preliminary estimates) for 2006/07 are listed below:-

		Net £k	Gross £k
1)	Ramsey TC – Railings around war memorial	15	19
2)	Ramsey TC – Repairs to church wall	20	25
3)	St Ives TC – Improvements area of land to Bridge St	18	23
4)	Holme PC – Repairs to church wall	3	4
5)	Warboys PC – Repairs to Jubilee Clock	2	3
6)	Catworth PCC – Church wall repairs	14	18
	Total	72	92

### 5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The small scale environmental improvement funding has enabled minor improvements to be carried out in many villages and locations.
- 5.2 There is great interest from town and parish councils in promoting future schemes and the appraisal process has now been shown to work satisfactorily.
- 5.3 Approval is sought for those schemes with shown in paragraph 4.1 above. In the event that these cannot proceed for any reason during 2006/07 the next schemes in the order of priority will be carried out. Annex 2 identifies the budget allocated for these schemes and is the Release of Funds form.

### 6. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:
  - i) note the schemes committed/completed to date
  - ii) approve, for completion during 2006/07, the schemes at paragraph 4.1 above and the release of funds from the MTP to facilitate this.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Environment & Transport File T7

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# ANNEX 1 Small Scale Environment Improvements – District Wide Partnerships

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Ref A	Applicant	D e s crip tio n	모	%	Score	C om m ents
1 A	Alconbury PC	Alconbury low level lighting	2	25	1 0	
2 F	Ramsey TC	Railings around war memorial	15	25	12	
3 F	Ramesy TC	Lighting improvements	3	2.5	10	
4 F	Ramsey TC partnership	Interpretation boards	4	2.5	9	
	Ramsey TC	Repairs to church wall	20	2.5	13	
	Holywell PC	Willow pollarding	1	2.5	7	
	St Ives TC	Bridge St improvements	1.5	2.5	1.4	
	Alwalton PC	Cemetery gates	2	2.5	1.4	
	Wyton on the Hill Community Association	W all improvements to access	4	2.5	8	
	Upton and Coppingfield PC	Village pond regeneration	1	25	8	
	Holme PC	Repairs to church wall	3	2.5	12	
	Warboys PC	Jubilee clock tower repairs	2	2.5	13	
	Somersham PC	Restore anciant wall	20	25	11	
	Brampton PC	Fencing and gateway repairs	2	50	9	
	Brampton PC	Floodlight obilisk	1	50	10	
	Waresley PC	Village pond repairs	5	2.5	11	
	Ram sey Rural Museum	Cottage relocation	3.0	2.5	9	
	Ramsey Area Partnership	Tourism finger posts	1	2.5	1.0	
	Abbotts Ripton PC	Village flower troughs	1	2.5	8	
	Earith PC	Fence around pond	8	2.5	8	
21 H	Huntingdon TC	Finger post signs	1	2.5	8	
22 8	St Ives TC	Piling works	20	25	7	
	St Ives TC	Flowerbed quadrant	2	2.5	8	
24 (	Catworth Village Hall Committee	Renovate brick wall	2	25	1 0	
25 (	Catworth PC	Church wall repairs	1 4	25	12	
26 H	Huntingdon TC	Flower troughs	7	25	1 0	

#### **ANNEX 2 – RELEASE OF FUNDS REQUEST**

**Financial Impact** 

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital					
	2004/	2005/	2006/	2007/	2008/	2009/	2004/	2005/	2006/	2007/	2008/	2009/
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Approved Budget	12	15	20	24	28	31	84	86	72	73	73	73
Already	12	15	15	15	15	15	82	82				
Committed												
Amount for			5	5	5	5			72			
which release												
now requested												

### **Justification**

The Small Scale Scheme is made up of several different projects throughout the district. These are partnership schemes with Town or Parish Councils. The parish councils have committed funding in the coming year and early approval by Cabinet would enable this work to be completed this financial year.

A report is being submitted to Cabinet for the approval of next years programme based on schemes submitted by Parish Councils. Early approval is needed to commit this money so that the Parish and Town Councils are aware of their commitments..

Release of funding up to the £72k is sought so that the process of replacement and improvement can start now and be complete by the end of the year.