

SMALL SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2007

(Report by Head of Technical Services)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper reports on the small scale environmental improvement schemes to be completed by March 2007 and proposes a programme of schemes for 2007/08.

2. SELECTION OF SCHEMES

- 2.1 A net budget of £73k is included in the MTP in 2007/08 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 2007/08.
- 2.3 Town and Parish Councils were asked in October to submit schemes for consideration in this coming year's programme.

3. 2006/07 SCHEMES

- 3.1 The schemes approved in the 2006/7 programme were as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ramsey TC – Railings around war memorial	Town Council withdrew scheme
Ramsey TC – Repairs to church wall	Town Council withdrew scheme
St Ives TC – Improvements area of land to Bridge St	Negotiations still being carried out
Holme PC – Repairs to church wall	Complete
Warboys PC – Repairs to Jubilee Clock	Complete - Awaiting if further works required
Catworth PCC – Church wall repairs	Complete - Additional works approved

- 3.2 With the extra work being agreed on the existing schemes, the budget will be completely allocated.

4. 2007/08 Schemes

4.1 A total of 38 submissions from Town and Parish Councils schemes were received by the agreed return date.

These were assessed using the scoring criteria (Annex 1) and the highest scoring schemes up to the approved budget (based on preliminary estimates) for 2007/08 are listed below:-

	Scheme	Net £k	Gross £k
1	Somersham PC - Refurb. pedestrian crossing railings	1	2
2	Covington PC - Refurbish church gates	3	4
3	St Neots TC - Improvements to Montague Square	20	25
4	Brampton PC – Light obelisk	1.5	2
5	Godmanchester TC – Improvements to Church access	3	4
6	Alwalton PC – Improvements to gates	1.5	2
7	Waresley PC - Village pump improvements	1.5	2
8	Holywell PC - Repairs to church gates and drive	7.5	10
9	Kimbolton PC - New planters to war memorial	2.5	3
10	Gt Staughton PC - Cemetery lay-by	15	20
11	Holme PC - Church wall repairs	3	4
12	Ellington PC - Church wall repairs	4.5	6
13	Alconbury PC - Enhancement to village pump	6	8
14	Warboys PC – New bus shelter	3	4
	Total	73	96

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 which are shown in paragraph 4.1 above. In the event that these cannot proceed for any reason during 2007/08 the next schemes in the order of priority will be carried out. Annex 2 identifies the budget allocated for these schemes and includes the Release of Funds form.


6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- i) note the schemes committed/completed to date
- ii) approves, for completion during 2007/08, the schemes at paragraph 4.1 above and releases the funds from the MTP to facilitate this.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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Annex 1

	Town/Parish Council	Location	Description	Gross Cost	% Cont.	Score	Approved	Notes
1	St Neots Town Council	Priory Plaza	Improvements to the area	£20k	50	10		
2	St Neots Town Council	Montague Street	Improvements to the square	£25k	25	13	Yes	
3	St Neots Town Council	Eynesbury, War Memorial	Kerbing Improvements	£2k	25	10		
4	St Neots Town Council	Queens Garden Footway	Footway Works			N/A		Refer to Cambs CC
5	Kimbolton and Stonely PC	High Street	New planters around war memorial	£3k	25	12	Yes	
6	Bury PC	Bury, Hill Estate	Footpath improvements	£10k	25	10		
7	Houghton and Wyton PC	Sawtry Way	New bus shelters	£4k	40	8		
8	Stilton PC	Stilton Playing Field	Street lighting to playing field	£16k	25	5		
9	Yaxley PC	Dovecote Lane	Car parking to cemetery	£20k	25	7		
10	Kings Ripton PC	Kings Ripton Village Hall	Extension to Village Hall		No	N/A		
11	Hamerton PC	Sawpit Lane	Parking Improvements			N/A		Refer to LTP schemes
12	Earith PC	High Street	Redevelopment of disused area	£30k	Yes	6		
13	Fenstanton PC	Fenstanton Church	Surfacing works	£10k	25	10		
14	Ramsey TC	Ramsey, Millfields	Footpath works			N/A		Refer to Cambs CC
15	Ramsey TC	Ramsey, Church Green	Pond enhancement	£5k	25	11		
16	Holywell PC	Holywell Church	Repairs to gate and driveway	£10k	25	12	Yes	
17	Alconbury PC	Maypole Square	Enhancement to village pump	£8k	25	12	Yes	
18	Yelling PC	High Street	Path repairs					Refer to Cambs CC
19	Gt Staughton PC	Cemetery	Lay-by works	£20k	25	12	Yes	
20	Covington PC	All Saints Church	Replacement gates and posts	£4k	30	14	Yes	
21	Holme PC	Church Street	Church wall repairs	£4k	25	12	Yes	
22	Somersham PC	Somersham	Refurbish pedestrian crossing railings	£2k	50	15	Yes	
23	Stukeley PC	Lt Stukely, Low Road	Footway link			N/A		Refer to LTP schemes
24	Ellington PC	Ellington Church	Church wall repairs	£6k	25	12	Yes	
25	Waresley PC	Near Church	Village pump improvements	£2k	30	13	Yes	
26	St Ives TC	Market Square	Installation of bollards	£10k	25	10		
27	Buckden PC	Cranfield Way	Footpath improvements			N/A		Refer to LTP schemes
28	Brampton PC	Thrapston Road	Footpath improvements			N/A		Refer to Cambs CC
29	Brampton PC	Brampton Road	Light obelisk	£2k	25	13	Yes	
30	Warboys PC		Screens to recycling units	£2k	25	10		

31	Warboys PC	A141/Broughton Lane	New bus shelter	£4k	25	12	Yes	
32	Warboys PC	Church Rd and Orchard Close	Access improvements to play areas	£3k	25	6		
33	Godmanchester TC	Chadley Lane	Improvements to gate access	£4k	25	13	Yes	
34	Woodhurst PC	Woodhurst Village Sign	Refurbish sign	£1k	20	10		
35	Pidley PC	Oldhurst Road and Fenton	Additional street lighting			N/A		Refer to Cambs CC
36	Huntingdon TC	George St	Closed cemetery wall survey			N/A		
37	Grafham PC	Village	New village sign	£2.5k	50	7		
38	Alwalton PC	Church	Improvements to gates	£2k	25	13	Yes	

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Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Net Capital					
	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2003/ 2004	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Approved Budget	5	10	15	20	25	29	82	82	82	72	73	73
Already Committed	5	10	15	20	20	20	82	82	82	72		
Amount for which release now requested					5	5					73	

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 £73k is sought so that the scheme can be committed with the Parish / Town Councils and be complete by the end of the year.