

Beaconsfield Forum

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Electoral divisions affected:	Beaconsfield

Background

In March it was understood that the delegated budget for the Beaconsfield Local Area Forum was increasing and we had an opportunity to consider additional bids.

As a result of this expected increase in funding a decision was taken at April's meeting to retain those schemes which had agreed earlier in the year and to ask for additional schemes to be submitted by 2nd May 2011, for consideration at June's meeting.

Since the 2nd May all of the bids, including any original costs, have been reviewed to make sure the information provided in this document is sufficiently robust. All of the schemes have also been scored, by one person to ensure consistency, in accordance with the bid process. A copy of a blank score sheet will be available at the meeting.

In June a change in cabinet saw the expected increase to the delegated budget reallocated. This means that the available money for the Forum returned to the original sum of £25,141.69 and it was decided that the additional money would go into road resurfacing schemes, to be agreed with each County Councillor individually.

Bids originally approved:

The table below presents the schemes already agreed including revised costs and additional comments. These bids come to a total cost of £13,675.00.

Approved bids

Scheme	Cost	Score	Comments
Broad Lane/A40 Bus Facilities	£7,675	4.4	Programmed in for implementation in mid December 2011.
Windsor End – Coloured crossing area	£6,000	3.2	Programmed in for implementation early next year 2011/2.
Total	£13,675		

Decision required by the Local Area Forum

Which additional bids would the Forum like to progress to the sum of £11,466.69.

Additional bids:

The following table presents the new bids which have come forward and are appropriate for funding. The schemes have been ordered according to their score however this is included for your information and members of the Forum are free to make a decision on which schemes to progress independent of this.

Scheme	Cost	Comments
A355 Bus Stop – footway works	£2,500	<p>This includes dropped kerbs and tactiles across the A355, an enlarged hardstanding for the bus stop and a 1.2m wide footpath across the grassed island with a dropped kerb to the access road. Also include traffic management and prelims.</p> <p>This option provides the cheapest footpath link from north and south without installing a footpath along the length of the road. If there are problems with using the access road as a pedestrian route, then this may need to be reconsidered.</p>
Maxwell Road – Coloured crossing area	£2000	This scheme was agreed at the last meeting however later it was agreed that this would not be implemented this year due to the road being resurfaced next year. It was agreed to carry this scheme over to next financial years budget 2012/2013.

Additional Information:

Not all bids were appropriate to take forward. The following table includes an explanation for those bids which were not appropriate.

Scheme	Reason
Speed Limit Changes already approved	<p>The cost for each individual location is £7,200, however please note these are upper estimates and we will always seek to reduce costs. Having said this, on this occasion the cost could exceed the amount quoted due to a large direction sign which may need to be relocated/ renewed at the western end , which could be expensive, and as the A40 has street lighting this could significantly affect signing costs if electrical connection/disconnection is involved for the terminal signs at the High Wycombe end of this limit. Therefore, my recommendation would be that if the TC would like to progress this scheme via the delegated budget, this is submitted as a bid for next years funding, 2012/2013 and this will allow my colleague to firm up the cost for this particular scheme.</p> <p>I would not recommend this scheme to be submitted this year as we do not have the capacity to deliver the scheme, if approved at the November meeting, before the end of 31/3/2012, due to the late submission.</p>