

**Report to Chesham and Chiltern Villages
Local Area Forum**

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Background

In March it was understood that the delegated budget for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages 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.

A few weeks ago a change in cabinet saw the expected increase to the delegated budget reallocated. This means that the available money for the LAF returned to the original sum of **£34,441** 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 £15,516.

Approved bids

Scheme	Cost	Score	Comments
Evaluation of a pedestrian crossing – Little Spring School, Greenway, Chesham	£3,300	1.0	On site visit, there did not appear to be a demand for a controlled pedestrian crossing point. A feasibility study is recommended to determine what style of crossing or improvements would be appropriate to the location.
Evaluation of Pedestrian Crossing point - Chesham Park Community College Chartridge Lane, Chesham	£3,300	0.7	<p>Feasibility study to consider implications of controlled pedestrian crossing (Puffin or Zebra). This would consider carriageway surface, lighting, visibility, adjacent park and lay-bys and demand for crossing.</p> <p>Site was visited and it was noted that carriageway works would be required. More information would be required about further elements of College scheme as proximity to brow of hill, bus stop and school entrance impact on the type of crossing possible.</p> <p>NB: Further information submitted for a later bid suggests all work related to the College will be completed by August 2011. If a feasibility study is required then this time scale will not be achievable.</p>
Salt bins x3 – Various locations Chesham	£1,350	0.1	Assume there is sufficient space for bins to be located safely.
Kerbing of grass island – Rays Hill and Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury	£2,519	0.1	Original estimate cost seems reasonable.
Kerbing of Gilberts Hill and Bottom Lane, Cholesbury	£2,797	0.1	Original estimate cost seems reasonable.
Salt bin – Hawridge Hill, Colesbury	£450	0.1	Assume there is sufficient space for bins to be located safely.
Salt bin – Vale Bottom, Colesbury	£450	0.1	Assume there is sufficient space for bins to be located safely.
Salt bin - Red Lion Hill, The Lee	£450	0.1	Assume there is sufficient space for bins to be located safely.
Salt bins x2 – Kiln Lane, Botley	£900	0.1	Assume there is sufficient space for bins to be located safely.
Total	£15,516		

Decision required by the Local Area Forum

Which additional bids would the LAF like to progress to the sum of £18,925?

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 LAF are free to make a decision on which schemes to progress independent of this.

Scheme	Cost	Score	Comments
Feasibility Study into A416 and Hog Lane/Two Dells Lane staggered junction improvements.	£6,660	1.2	Costs for feasibility study. Includes site visits, traffic surveys and modelling, stats searches, Stage 1 Safety Audit, 3 options developed with reports and drawings and meeting with Parish Council.
VAS – Latimer Rd, Chesham	£7,800	0.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.
VAS – Lye Green Road, Chesham	£7,800	0.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.
VAS – Lowndes Avenue, Chesham	£7,800	0.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.
VAS – Missenden Road, Chesham	£7,800	0.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.
VAS x2 – Latimer Road by cross roads, Latimer	£15,400	0.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.
VAS – Jasons Hill, Ley Hill	£7,800	0.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.
VAS – Flaunden Bottom, Latimer	£7,800	0.5	Feasibility assessment required to check sign meets criteria. If sign does not meet criteria, then it will not be supported.
Replacement black finger posts – Town centre, Chesham	£2,700	0.2	3 posts and 21 finger signs have been budgeted for. Email dated 28 April 2011 from Bill Richards, Chesham Town Clerk, stating that existing poles can be reused and extensions spigots can be obtained, which will enable replacement signs in a matching style. Need to review existing sign condition to check costs are appropriate. Costs have also assumed that TfB are to carry out the works.
Widening entrance to	£30,000	0.2	The bid did not include a request for a specific

improve vision splay – Chesham Park Community College			amount of funding however a contribution towards the work is being sought.
Grasscrete – Fullers Close, Chesham	£15,430	0.1	Unclear to extent of verge hardening required. Approximate budget cost allow £55/m ² . Grasscrete may not provide a permanent 'green' solution if regularly used by parked cars. It does not provide a perfect base for grass to grow especially in periods of dry weather. The cost of providing tarmac footway is similar to grasscrete and would provide a better appearance - though it would increase the surface water run-off into the drainage system. Cost below allows for worn verge areas observed on on-line mapping.
Grasscrete – Blackhorse Avenue, Chesham	£2,340	0.1	Unclear to extent of verge hardening required. Approximate budget cost allow £55/m ² . Grasscrete may not provide a permanent 'green' solution if regularly used by parked cars. It does not provide a perfect base for grass to grow especially in periods of dry weather. The cost of providing tarmac footway is similar to grasscrete and would provide a better appearance - though it would increase the surface water run-off into the drainage system. Cost below allows for worn verge areas observed on on-line mapping.
Salt Bin – Latimer Camp Road	£450	0.1	Assume there is sufficient space for bins to be located safely.

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
Bus Shelter – Botley Road, Botley	Latimer parish advised they did not want to continue pursuing funding for this scheme.
Hawridge Lane, Chartridge	Scheme costs exceed the cost of the delegated budget.
The Warren, Chartridge	Scheme costs exceed the cost of the delegated budget
Replacement Barriers – Market Square	A bid was not clear. Discussions on what is appropriate at this location are still ongoing.