



Report to THE MISSENDENS LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title: Transportation local improvement schemes for delegated funding in 2010/11

To: The Missendens Local Area Forum

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1 Recommendation

- a Local Area Forum Members are invited to **SUBMIT** bids for the transportation delegated budget along with supporting evidence of the local need and desire for the scheme(s). Bids should ideally be submitted by the end of September to facilitate the assessment of feasibility and cost. The Autumn meeting of the Forum will discuss bids submitted in greater detail

2 Background

- b. Parish/Town Councils are reminded of the need to submit any bids, for locally important highway related schemes, that they wish to see funded from the Local Area Forum transportation improvements delegated budget in 2010/11.

3 Supporting information

- c. Members of Local Forum will know that the County Council has made traditionally made £125,000 available across the whole of Chiltern District to fund Parish and Town Council bids for projects of significant local importance.
- d. The establishment of Local Area Forums means that smaller amounts of money have been delegated to each community area (approx £30,000 in 09/10) but this money can be used exclusively for schemes in that area – in this case the parishes of Great Missenden and Little Missenden.

- e. These schemes can include any minor transportation improvements that would not be funded from Council core budgets.
- f. The broad principles in terms of assessment criteria are :-
 - (i) Formal request received by LAF from Town/Parish Council
 - (ii) Member Support
 - (iii) Evidence of community support
 - (iv) Professional assessment that scheme is feasible but does **not** meet the Councils strategic priorities
- g. Partner involvement and/or possible joint or match funding has in the past maximised the chances of schemes being successful.
- h. Transportation officers will advise on the technical feasibility of schemes and can make professional recommendations if requested. But it will be up to the members of the Local Area Forum to decide, probably at the first meeting of 2010, the schemes they wish to see progressed in 2010/11.
- i. Members are asked to submit their proposals for schemes to Chris Schwier at the Chiltern and South Bucks Area Office.
- j. It is important that bids are made as soon as possible, ideally by the end of September, to enable the appropriate technical and financial assessments to be made in time for the next meeting of the Forum.

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