

# **Cherwell District Council**

## **Council**

**17 July 2017**

### **Woodpiece Road Parking Project – Capital Budget**

#### **Report of Director of Operational Delivery**

This report is public

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#### **Purpose of report**

To consider a capital budget of £40,000 for Phase 1 of the Woodpiece Road parking project as recommended by the Executive.

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the creation of a capital budget of £40,000 necessary to carry out the Phase 1 works with delegated authority given to the Chief Finance Officer to approve the final cost.

#### **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 In the village of Arncott there has been a long-standing parking issue on Woodpiece Road, due to the number of cars per household exceeding the designated parking areas available nearby. Cars park along the majority of available existing curbspace within the immediate area, creating congestion and access issues.
- 2.2 The problem stems from the number of cars in the surrounding households exceeding the number which were initially planned for when the properties were built in the 1970s. Originally the houses were designed with rear parking courts and garages and with green open spaces to separate pedestrians from vehicles. Subsequently, those garages fell into disuse and then disrepair, and were recently converted into more housing. The primary tenure of the properties in the affected area of the road is privately owned, but a small number are still owned by the registered provider Sanctuary Housing.
- 2.3 The Housing Strategy and Partnership's Team was tasked with evaluating and preparing a report on the identified parking issues at Woodpiece Road, Arncott

and providing a range of options which might help to mitigate some of the issues. The Executive recommendations arising from this were enabled by the Council's ownership of the land in question.

### **3.0 Report Details**

The Director of Operational Delivery submitted a report to Executive on parking options for Woodpiece Road, Arncott on the 3 July 2017. The recommendation to the Executive (set out as an exempt appendix to this report), were agreed by the Executive. The report agreed the Phase 1 Works programme and delegated authority to the Director for Operational Delivery to approve an appropriate model for the on-going maintenance arrangements associated with the Phase 1 Works and to approve appropriate eligibility criteria and administrative process for the "Drive Application Fund Grant". In order to progress the Phase 1 works programme and drive application fund grant, the Executive has recommended Council to approve a capital budget of £40,000.

### **4.0 Consultation**

4.1 The proposals in this report have been considered and endorsed by the Executive.

As part of the attached report development consultation has taken place with the Facilities Management and Asset team, Planning Services and also County Council Highways in order to inform on options available. Arncott Parish Council has also been consulted to help inform on the local knowledge together with formal consultation with local residents.

### **5.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

5.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below:

Option 1: Not to approve the capital budget.

This will result in the parking issue at Woodpiece Road becoming an increasingly serious one, with reputational risk to the District Council.

### **6.0 Implications**

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

6.1 The works proposed within the recommendations require a capital budget of £40,000. Once the procurement process has been complete the final costs should be agreed by the Chief Finance Officer.

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## Legal Implications

- 6.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. The legal team provides advice and support as necessary in relation to procurement and land acquisition/disposal matters.

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## Risk Management

- 6.3 There are no specific risks arising from this decision. Risks for the project will be managed by the services operational risk register and escalated to the corporate register as and when necessary.

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## 7.0 Decision Information

### Wards Affected

Launton

### Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

A District of Opportunity  
An Accessible, Value for Money Council  
A Safe and Healthy Cherwell

### Lead Councillor

Councillor John Donaldson – Lead Member for Housing

### Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1 - EXEMPT	Report to Executive 3 July 2017 – Woodpiece Road, Arcott, Parking Options
Background Papers	
None	
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