

# **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

## **Kidlington Pedestrianisation Capital Bid**

**22 June 2010**

### **Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present the background to the Kidlington Pedestrianisation capital bid.

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#### **Recommendations**

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to confirm:

- (1) Whether they wish to recommend to the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Communication that he should make available a supplementary estimate for the Kidlington Pedestrianisation capital bid (value £25,000).

#### **Details**

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##### **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Kidlington Pedestrianisation capital bid (value £25,000) was referred to scrutiny for further consideration by Council in February 2010. The bid was rejected as part of the 2010/11 budget process due to the overall financial constraints facing the Council. However, the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Communication has indicated that a supplementary estimate could be made if the scrutiny review considers that it is justified.

##### **Proposals**

- 2.1 The project is intended to enhance the pedestrianisation of the village centre for a core period during the day. This would be achieved

through the use of traffic orders.

- 2.2 The expansion of pedestrianisation in the village is an aspiration of the Kidlington Village Centre management board. It is also a Cherwell District Council service plan objective to deliver such a scheme.
- 2.3 Should it be possible to secure a traffic order, there will be costs associated with any public inquiry, and in implementing a new order in terms of signage and road markings.
- 2.4 The project is about increasing the commercial attractiveness of the village centre. Implementation of a pedestrianisation scheme would bring Kidlington in to line with the other urban centres of the district.
- 2.5 Details of the capital bid, the business case and the project brief are set out in the appendices to this report.
- 2.6 If capital funds are released the scheme is scheduled to go to out to informal public consultation on Friday 24 September 2010 for 6 weeks, which will mean it will finish Friday 5 November 2010. This would allow the project board to review the consultation feedback and to take a decision as to whether to proceed to a formal stage of a revised Traffic Regulation Order by the end of December 2010.

## Conclusion

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder for Resources and Communication has indicated that a supplementary estimate could be made available from the 2010/11 budget to fund the Kidlington Pedestrianisation scheme.

## Implications

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<b>Financial:</b>	If this scheme is to go ahead, it will require a 2010/11 Supplementary Capital Estimate of £25,000 funded from Council Reserves.  Comments checked by Eric Meadows, Service Accountant, 01295 221552
<b>Legal:</b>	[Click here and insert comments of consultee]  Comments checked by Paul Manning, Solicitor, 01295 221686
<b>Risk Management:</b>	There are no risks arising directly from this report.  Comments checked by Rosemary Watts, Risk Management and Insurance Officer, 01295 221566

## **Wards Affected**

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North and South Kidlington

## **Corporate Plan Themes**

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A district of opportunity

## **Executive Portfolio**

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Councillor Morris

Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Street Scene and Rural

Councillor Bolster

Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Estates

## **Document Information**

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<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	Capital appraisal
Appendix 2	Business case
Appendix 3	Project Brief
<b>Background Papers</b>	
N/A	
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