

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.

This report is public

Recommendations

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

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

Financial: If this scheme is to go ahead, it will require a 2010/11 Supplementary Capital Estimate of £25,000 funded from Council Reserves.

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Legal: [Click here and insert comments of consultee]

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Risk Management: There are no risks arising directly from this report.
Comments checked by Rosemary Watts, Risk Management and Insurance Officer, 01295 221566

Wards Affected

North and South Kidlington

Corporate Plan Themes

A district of opportunity

Executive Portfolio

Councillor Morris
Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Street Scene and Rural

Councillor Bolster
Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Estates

Document Information

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