



Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

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## FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND DECISION MAKING

Scrutiny Commission

10 August 2017

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2017/18

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#### Report of Director (Environment and Planning)

##### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report outlines the Environmental Improvement Programme for 2017/18.

##### 2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Director's Briefing agrees the enhancement schemes (Appendix 1) to be implemented in the financial year 2017/18 as the Environmental Improvement Programme. Please note due to timing of meetings SLT have endorsed the programme spend so projects can commence.

##### 3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

###### BOROUGH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2017/18

3.1 If partners agree to make financial contributions towards projects, as anticipated, it will be possible to finance the 12 schemes identified in Appendix 1. The 12 schemes have an overall estimated cost of £56,749, with a gross cost to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council of £38,111.50. After taking account of external contributions the net cost to this Authority will be £32,911.50.

3.2 This year's programme aims to continue the practice to implement schemes identified in the Authority's Conservation Area Management Plan Reviews and provide a good distribution of projects throughout the borough, both in the urban and rural areas.

3.3 Only one proposed project has not been supported through Environmental Improvement Programme 2017/18. The project submitted by Market Bosworth Parish Council involved works to a grassed area on Warwick Lane which is out of the conservation area and deemed to be general maintenance. The Parish Council has been informed and understands the decision.

3.4 Appendix 2 outlines the progress made on the projects included in the 2016/17 programme.

### 3.5 GUIDELINES FOR PRIORITISING SCHEMES

The agreed guidelines approved by members for prioritising schemes are set out below:

- (a) Implement schemes identified in the Authority's Conservation Area Management Plan Reviews,
- (b) Schemes that generate significant amounts of external funding, or be supported by partnerships involving private sector funding,
- (c) Complete or complement schemes undertaken in previous years' programmes
- (d) Contribute to the Strategic objectives of the Local Authority to provide an attractive environment.
- (e) Be implemented on publicly-owned or private accessible land
- (f) Be in areas which have not yet benefited significantly in previous years' programmes
- (g) Voluntary organisations are given priority for undertaking appropriate projects providing the work meets the selection guidelines outlined in sub paragraphs (a) to (f).

## 4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

4.1 This report is to be taken in open session.

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [TF]

5.1 Details of schemes and associated costs and income are attached in Appendix 1. The estimated cost for 2017/18 schemes is £38,111.50. The estimated income is £5,200. The net cost is therefore estimated to be £32,911.50. This compares to an approved expenditure budget of £50,000 and an income budget of £15,000 a net budget of £35,000.

5.2 The reduction of anticipated spend of £11,888.50 and contributions received of £9,800 will be monitored throughout the remaining parts of the year and any savings will be reviewed and reported through the budget monitoring process.

## 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [MR]

6.1 The Council has power under the Local Government Act 2000 to promote or improve the environmental well being of its area.

## 7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report contributes to the following priorities of the Council;  
Places - Creating clean and attractive places to live and work  
Prosperity- Encouraging growth, attracting businesses, improving skills and supporting regeneration.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Consultations will take place on each project on an individual officer basis with parish councils and other interested parties.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
None identified		

10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Projects put forward in the Environmental Improvement Programme are generally spread over the whole of the Borough and includes the rural area.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications- Yes, Improving lighting and the environment will contribute reducing the fear of crime and disorder
- Environmental implications– Yes, Protecting and enhancing the Borough’s Heritage
- ICT implications– None directly arising from this report
- Asset Management implications– None directly arising from this report
- Procurement implications– None directly arising from this report
- Human Resources implications– None directly arising from this report
- Planning implications– Permissions sought where required
- Data Protection implications– None directly arising from this report
- Voluntary Sector– Conservation volunteers used where appropriate on different schemes.

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Background papers: None

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