SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT **Appendix A1**

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee 5th February 2018

1. The following background notes are provided as a reminder of the present position and as assistance in determining the amount to provide for maintenance.

1.1 The Swavesey Byeways Act 1984 provides for an annual charge to be made to chargepayers expressed as a rate per hectare. The charge for 2017/18 was set at £1.10. A similar charge for 2018/19 is estimated to produce an amount of £1,501.

1.2 The cost of collecting the charge in 2018/19 is estimated at £350. The cost can be minimised only if all chargepayers pay promptly and without the need for costly reminders.

1.3 It is a requirement that any balance on the chargepayers' fund at 31st March is taken into account when setting the level of expenditure for the following year. It is estimated that on 31st March 2018, there will be a balance of £2,200 on this account. This balance is a result of the lack of availability of suitable materials throughout 2017/18. An estimated balance of £6,335 will also be available in the contingency account at the end of 2017/18 for any emergency or special works.

1.4 If the 2017/18 charge of £1.10 per hectare is maintained for 2018/19, it will provide a further £2,500, which when added to the estimated balance of the chargepayers fund at 31st March 2018 of £2,200 will provide a total of £4,700 for the purchase of materials in 2018/19 or alternatively increasing the contingency fund for emergency works.

1.5 The budget for 2018-19 would then be:

	£	£
Expenditure		
Maintenance	2,500	
Collection costs	350	
Contingency/Additional Material	4,700	
		7,550
Income		
Chargepayers		
£1.10 per hectare	(1,501)	
Balance on Chargepayers' account	(2,200)	
		(3,775) 50%
South Cambridgeshire District Council		(2,567) 34%
Swavesey Parish Council		(1,208) 16%
		(7,550)

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