

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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SWAVESEY BYEWAYS

Purpose

1. To report on the annual meeting of the Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee and to set the level of the Swavesey Byeways' rate.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2. The approach adopted for maintenance on the Swavesey Byeways is in line with the Council's corporate objective on high quality and value for money service. The local chargepayers work in partnership with the Council by providing plant and labour to undertake regrading and spreading of materials, while the Council manages the maintenance programme and budget. Finally, the approach taken on recycling and spreading existing roadway materials takes account of the Council's objective on a sustainable future for South Cambridgeshire.

Background

3. The Swavesey Byeways' Act 1984 governs the financial provision for maintenance of the Swavesey Byeways. Under the Act the District Council is required to determine the amount of money necessary for maintenance in each financial year. It can then recover 50% of this amount from the Byeways Chargepayers at a uniform amount per hectare of land within the chargepaying area.
4. The Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee is an informal group comprising representatives of chargepayers, parishioners, the Parish and District Councils. The Advisory Committee advises the District Council on all matters relating to the discharge of its byeways responsibilities including the level of maintenance and the level of the Byeways rate.

Considerations

5. The advisory Committee met on 13 January 2004 to consider the level of maintenance required in the coming year and the level of rate required. Notes from the Finance and Resources Director presented to the meeting, are attached as **Appendix A**.

Advice of the Advisory Committee

6. The Advisory Committee agreed that the District Council should be advised as follows:
 - (a) to maintain the current level of byeway maintenance for 2004/05;

(b) to levy a rate at 90 pence to fund the required maintenance for 2004/05.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that the advice of the Advisory Committee, as detailed in paragraph 6 above is accepted and agreed.

Background Papers: The following background papers were used in connection with this report: Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee Agenda Reports – 13 January 2004.

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