

Proposals for Capital Projects Greater than £25,000
 (For inclusion in the draft Capital Programme for the financial years 2010/11 – 2014/15)

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1	Service	Conservation					
2	Service Manager	Conservation Manager					
3	Brief Details of Proposal	Parish Paths Initiative					
	4. Costs (All £000s)	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total gross cost
	Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred	£11,600	£11,600	£11,600	£11,600	£11,600	£58,000
5	What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?	The Initiative funds the provision of ‘kissing gates’ and similar features which have a life expectancy of about 20 years.					
6	What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?	<p>The Parish Paths Initiative is a volunteer scheme whereby local people and parish councils enhance and promote Rights of Way to encourage walking, riding and cycling. In addition to delivering practical improvements on the ground, some groups organise guided walks and produce walking guides for villagers and visitors.</p> <p>The Initiative is attracting more people to enjoy the countryside and encourages exercise and contact with the natural environment. The scheme improves access for people with limited mobility and constraints such as push chairs. It makes a real difference to local places and benefits communities and visitors.</p> <p>The scheme supports rural businesses by employing local contractors and encouraging the use of village pubs and shops. It enhances biodiversity through improved management.</p>					
7	How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?	<p>50 parishes in South Cambridgeshire are members of the initiative and the majority have active groups.</p> <p>Approximately 150 volunteers take part in the scheme.</p>					
8	What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?	<p>The Initiative is a partnership between local authorities, parishes and local people. Parish clerks act as main contacts and each parish has input from 2-3 volunteers. The volunteers act at a grass root community level, and use local networks to find out what the community wants and get things done.</p> <p>The scheme is extremely popular – applications for work schemes exceed funding - which reflects the priority given to better walking, cycling and horse riding routes by parishes and in parish plans. It gets positive feedback from Parish Councils and local Members.</p>					
9	Which of the 20010/11 priorities will the proposal address and how?	<p>A. We are committed to being a listening Council providing first class services accessible to all.</p> <p>A i. Listening and engaging with our local community</p> <p>A ii. Working with voluntary organisations, Parish Councils and Cambridgeshire County Council to improve services through partnership</p> <p>B. We are committed to ensuring that South Cambridgeshire continues to be a safe and healthy place for you and your family</p> <p>B iii. Promoting active lifestyles and increasing sport and recreation to improve the health of all age groups.</p> <p>C. We are committed to making South Cambridgeshire a place in which residents can feel proud to live.</p> <p>D. We are committed to assisting provision of local jobs for your and your family</p> <p>Di. Working closely with local businesses</p> <p>E. We are committed to providing a voice for rural life</p> <p>Ei - Protecting existing communities, villages and the countryside</p>					

10	How will performance indicators be affected?	<p>A number of performance indicators would be affected including the following where there would be a high impact:</p> <p>NI 3 - Civic participation in the local area NI 4 - % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality NI 5 - Overall/general satisfaction with local area NI 6 – Participation in regular volunteering NI 7 – Environment for a thriving third sector NI 8 – Adult participation in sport and active recreation NI 197 - Improved local biodiversity – active management of local sites</p>						
11	Is this expenditure required to enable the Council to meet a statutory requirement? If so, please give a description of the relevant requirement.	The expenditure helps the Council improve and promote local wellbeing (a statutory power).						
12	What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?	<p>The scheme in South Cambridgeshire is entirely dependant on funding from the District Council and we would have to withdraw from the initiative. Parishes which are not involved in the initiative are given lesser priority in Rights of Way work and the other benefits of the scheme would be lost.</p> <p>The scheme is an excellent way of demonstrating and publicising the Council’s concern for local communities, people’s wellbeing and the environment, and its ability to make a positive difference on the ground. The Council would lose a service which generates positive results and publicity and enhances its reputation.</p>						
13	How could the same outcome be achieved without the proposed expenditure?	It couldn’t.						
14	Is there likely to be any external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written confirmation)	<p>No.</p> <p>Other Rights of Way work is funded by the County Council.</p>						
15. Contribution (£000s)		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total contribution	
Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
16. Revenue impact (£000s)		Reason		2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Estimated consequential financial impact on net revenue expenditure of the proposal		Additional: income expenditure		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Reduction in: income expenditure						
		Total for year		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	Are any revenue changes likely to continue after 2010/11? If so, please complete the attached schedule?	No						

18	Brief description of the reasons for any revenue changes shown in 16	N/A
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REVENUE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2010/11 to 2036/37

To be completed if appropriate

Financial Year	Estimated Addition to:		Estimated Reduction in:	
	Income £(000)	Expenditure £(000)	Income £(000)	Expenditure (£000)
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