

**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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<b>1</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Conservation &amp; Design</b>					
<b>2</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Conservation &amp; Design Manager</b>					
<b>3</b>	<b>Brief Details of Proposal</b>	<b>Wildlife Enhancement Scheme</b>					
	<b>4. Costs (All £000s)</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>Total gross cost</b>
	<b>Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred</b>	£10,500	£10,500	£10,500	£10,500	£10,500	£52,500
<b>5</b>	<b>What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?</b>	20 years					
<b>6</b>	<b>What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?</b>	<p>The scheme delivers biodiversity enhancement projects in partnership with local people, businesses and private landowners. The projects engage, strengthen and benefit the community. They enhance quality of life and make a real difference to local places.</p> <p>The scheme helps meet the District's Biodiversity Strategy and biodiversity action plan targets (against county and national plans) such as for pond restoration, orchard creation, and woodland planting.</p> <p>The scheme helps people learn new skills and get the health and other benefits of physical exercise in a natural setting. It enables a greater understanding of wildlife and countryside issues.</p>					
<b>7</b>	<b>How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?</b>	<p>30 parishes have benefited from the scheme since 2003 and 40 projects have been carried out comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 9 pond projects</li> <li>○ 12 meadow projects</li> <li>○ 8 tree or orchard projects</li> <li>○ 6 community wildlife area projects</li> <li>○ 5 river projects totalling 1900m</li> </ul> <p>The range of applicants per year has varied from 6 to 16 with an average of 10 per year. Grants awarded have ranged from £70 to £3,500.</p> <p>The number and value of volunteer hours generated is high, for example, The River Mel Restoration Group will benefit from 500 man hours in one year.</p>					
<b>8</b>	<b>What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?</b>	<p>Strong support from the public and parish councils and positive feedback from local Members.</p> <p>Schemes are often community lead or parish initiatives. Many of the activities that the scheme supports are delivered on-the-ground by local volunteers.</p>					
<b>9</b>	<b>Which of the 2010/11 priorities will the proposal address and how?</b>	<p>A i. Listening and engaging with our local community  A ii. Working with voluntary organisations, Parish Councils and Cambridgeshire County Council to improve services through partnership  C. We are committed to making South Cambridgeshire a place in which residents can feel proud to live.  C vii. Taking account of climate change in all the services that we deliver  E i. Protecting existing communities, villages and the countryside</p> <p>Council Action 10. We will support local people to establish community orchards</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>SP942 - Hectares of accessible wildlife space per 1,000 population</p> <p>NI 3 - Civic participation in the local area</p> <p>NI 4 - % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality</p> <p>NI 6 – Participation in regular volunteering</p> <p>NI 7 – Environment for a thriving third sector</p> <p>NI 188 – Planning to adapt to climate change</p> <p>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.	<p>Yes- statutory duty set out in the NERC Act 2006 (Duty to Biodiversity). The expenditure also helps the Council improve and promote local wellbeing (a statutory power).</p>						
12	What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?	<p>Failure to deliver improvements to local places and positive biodiversity and community outcomes.</p> <p>The scheme is an excellent way of demonstrating and publicising the Council's concern for local communities 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?	<p>It cannot. The District Council could only offer advice. The council's funding is often key in bringing forward matching funding. Without the initial SCDC offer of grant aid, other bodies would not provide financial support.</p>						
14	Is there likely to be any external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written confirmation)	<p>Yes. Wildlife Enhancement Scheme projects attract additional grant aid from other sources.</p>						
<b>15. Contribution (£000s)</b>		<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>Total contribution</b>	
Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>16. Revenue impact (£000s)</b>		<b>Reason</b>		<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Estimated consequential financial impact on net revenue expenditure of the proposal		<b>Additional: income expenditure</b>		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		<b>Reduction in: income expenditure</b>						
		<b>Total for year</b>		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	<b>Brief description of the reasons for any revenue changes shown in 16</b>	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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