

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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### SWAVESEY BYEWAYS RATE

#### Purpose

1. To report on the annual meeting of the Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee and to set the level of the Swavesey Byeways rate.
2. This is not a key decision. It was first published in the November 2009 Forward Plan.

#### 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 2 February 2010 to consider the level of maintenance required in the coming year and the level of rate required. The agenda and supporting documents from the Chief Executive and the Corporate Manager for Health and Environmental Services, that were 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) Maintain the current level of byeway maintenance for the period 2010/11.
  - (b) Levy a rate at 90 pence to fund the required maintenance for the period 2010/11.

#### Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the advice of the Advisory Committee, as detailed in paragraph 5 above is accepted and agreed.

**Background Papers:** the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee Agenda Reports – 2 February 2010

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