

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER

TO: Chairman & Members of the Swavesey Byeways
Advisory Committee

1st February 2011

1. Expenditure for 2010/2011 and Five Year Expenditure Summary

- 1.1. Attached as Appendix 1 is a breakdown of the current year's expenditure together with the last five years' average annual expenditure per Byeway.

For Information

2. Review of Maintenance and Anticipated Expenditure for 2011/2012

- 2.1. Councillor Ellington and the Council's Drainage Manager have arranged an inspection of all the Byeways for 28th January 2011 in order to assess their current state and the likely level of maintenance required in the coming year. All of the Byeways are likely to show signs of deterioration following winter weather. However, Cow Fen, Hale Road, Uttons Drove, Tipplers Drove and Middle Fen in particular have been subjected to excessive use over the past year and are likely to require maintenance.

- 2.2. It is recommended that the Committee advise the District Council to maintain the present level of maintenance and, in view of the report of the Executive Director Corporate Services, to levy a charge of 90 pence per hectare for the period 2011/2012.

For Discussion and Recommendation

3. Voluntary Maintenance Arrangements

- 3.1. At the meeting of the Advisory Committee in February 2010, it was decided to continue with the voluntary maintenance arrangements for the Byeways whereby the Chargepayers provide labour and plant to spread materials.

- 3.2. Under the current arrangements the District Council manages the maintenance programme and budget, ordering materials, collecting the rate etc, whilst Chargepayers voluntarily provide labour and plant to spread materials. This arrangement has worked reasonably well in the past and it is recommended that the same practices are applied for the coming year.

For Discussion and Recommendation

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