

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee

1st February 2011

1. The following background notes are provided as a reminder of the present position and as assistance in determining the amount to provide for maintenance.
  - 1.1 The Swavesey Bye-ways Act 1984 provides for an annual charge to be made to chargepayers expressed as a rate per hectare. The charge for 2010-2011 was set at 90 pence. A similar charge for 2011-2012 is estimated to produce an amount of £1,238.
  - 1.2 The cost of collecting the charge in 2011-2012 is estimated at £161. The cost can be minimised only if all chargepayers pay promptly and without the need for costly reminders.
  - 1.3 There was a credit of £255 in the chargepayers' account at 31st March 2010. An estimated balance of £282 was taken into account when setting this year's charge – this leaves an estimated debit balance of £27 in the chargepayers' account as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 to be recovered through the 2011-12 charge.
  - 1.4 There will be an estimated balance of £6,828 in the contingency account at the end of 2010-2011 that is available for any emergency/special works, and it is suggested that £139 be withdrawn from this contingency account in 2011-2012 to fund expenditure.
  - 1.5 It is recommended to provide an amount of £2,400 for maintenance in 2011-2012.
  - 1.6 The budget for 2011-12 would then be:

	£	£
Expenditure		
Maintenance	2,400	
Collection costs	161	
Contingency	<u>(139)</u>	
		<u>2,422</u>
Income		
Chargepayers		
90 pence per hectare	(1,238)	
Balance in Chargepayers' account	<u>27</u>	
		(1,211) 50%
South Cambridgeshire District Council		( 823) 34%
Swavesey Parish Council		<u>( 388) 16%</u>
		<u>( 2,422)</u>

- 1.7 The balance on the contingency account had increased in recent years as the maintenance budget had not always needed to be fully utilised and the deferred costs of the Local Act have now been paid.

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