

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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

24th January 2013

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 2012-2013 was set at 90 pence. A similar charge for 2013-2014 is estimated to produce an amount of £1,238.
 - 1.2 The cost of collecting the charge in 2013-2014 is estimated at £307. 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 £544 in the chargepayers' account at 31st March 2012. An estimated balance of £639 was taken into account when setting this year's charge – this leaves an estimated balance of £95 on the chargepayers' account as at 31st March 2013 that needs to be set against the 2013-14 charge.
 - 1.4 There will be an estimated balance of £6,567 in the contingency account at the end of 2012-2013 that is available for any emergency/special works, and it is suggested that £421 be allocated from this contingency account in 2013-2014.
 - 1.5 It is recommended to provide an amount of £2,400 for maintenance in 2013-2014.
 - 1.6 The budget for 2013-14 would then be:

	£	£
Expenditure		
Maintenance	2,400	
Collection costs	307	
Contingency	<u>(421)</u>	
		<u>2,286</u>
Income		
Chargepayers'		
90 pence per hectare	(1,238)	
Balance on Chargepayers' account	<u>95</u>	
		(1,143) 50%
South Cambridgeshire District Council		(777) 34%
Swavesey Parish Council		<u>(366) 16%</u>
		<u>(2,286)</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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