

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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

26th January 2016

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 2015-2016 was set at £1. A similar charge for 2016-2017 is estimated to produce an amount of £1,367.
- 1.2 The cost of collecting the charge in 2016-2017 is estimated at £326. The cost can be minimised only if all chargepayers' pay promptly and without the need for costly reminders.
- 1.3 It is a requirement that any balance on the chargepayers' fund at 31st March is taken into account when setting the level of expenditure for the following year. It is estimated that on 31st March 2016, there will be a balance of £114 on this account which, when added to the 2016-17 charge will provide a budget as set out below.
- 1.4 There will be an estimated balance of £5,780 in the contingency account at the end of 2015-2016 that is available for any emergency/special works, and it is suggested that £135 be added to this contingency account in 2016-2017.
- 1.5 It is recommended to provide an amount of £2,500 for maintenance in 2016-2017.

- 1.6 The budget for 2016-17 would then be:

	£	£
Expenditure		
Maintenance	2,500	
Collection costs	326	
Contingency	<u>135</u>	
		<u>2,961</u>
Income		
Chargepayers'		
£1 per hectare	(1,367)	
Balance on Chargepayers' account	<u>(114)</u>	
		(1,481) 50%
South Cambridgeshire District Council		(1,007) 34%
Swavesey Parish Council		<u>(473) 16%</u>
		<u>(2,961)</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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