

## 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.

#### Background

2. 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.
3. 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

4. The Advisory Committee met on 18 January 2006 to consider the level of maintenance required in the coming year and the level of rate required. Reports from the Chief Environmental Health Officer and the Finance and Resources Director that were presented to the meeting, are attached as an Appendix.

#### Advice of the Advisory Committee

5. The Advisory Committee agreed that the District Council should be advised as follows:
  - (a) maintain the current level of byeway maintenance for the period 2006/07;
  - (b) levy a rate at 90 pence to fund the required maintenance for the period 2006/07.

#### Recommendations

6. 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 connection with this report: Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee Agenda Reports – 18 January 2006.

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