

# **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER**

TO: Chairman & Members of the Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee 18 January 2006

1. Expenditure for 2005/2006 (to date) 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 2006/2007
- 2.1. Councillors Shepperson and Bullman and the Council's Drainage Manager carried out an inspection of all the Byeways on 10 January 2006 in order to assess their current state and the likely level of maintenance required in the coming year. All of the Byeways show signs of deterioration following wet weather. However, Cow Fen and Scotland Drove, Hale Road, Uttons Drove, Tipplers Drove and Middle fen in particular have been subjected to excessive use over the past year and 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 Finance and Resources Director, to levy a charge of 90 pence per hectare for the period 2005/2006.

For Discussion and Recommendation

3. Voluntary Maintenance Arrangements
- 3.1. At the meeting of the Advisory Committee in January 2005, 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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