#### **APPENDIX A**

# SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

- TO: Chairman & Members of the Swavesey Byeways 19 January 2005 Advisory Committee
- 1. Expenditure for 2004/2005 (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 2004/2005
- 2.1. Councillor Shepperson and the Council's Drainage Manager carried out an inspection of all the Byeways on 5 January 2005 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 in particular have been subjected to excessive use over the past year and require substantial maintenance.
- 2.2. It is anticipated that maintenance will be required on the following Byeways throughout the coming year: Cow Fen, Hale Road/Mow Fen, Scotland Drove, Utton's//Tippler's Drove and Middle Fen. 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 2004/2005.

### For Discussion and Recommendation

- 3. Voluntary Maintenance Arrangements
- 3.1. At the meeting of the Advisory Committee in January 2004, 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

D S ROBINSON
CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

EXPENDITURE 2004/2005 (TO 31 DECEMBER 2004)								
Date	Byeway	Materials/Loads		<u>Cost</u> €				
2004/05	Cow Fen	2 loads type 1		600*				
2004/05	Scotland Drove	2 loads gravel		600*				
July 2004	Uttons/Tipplers Drove	2 loads type 1		543				
2004/05	Mow Fen/Hale Road	1 load type 1		300*				
Sept 2004	River Fen/Middle Fen	D Holland Works		200				
			Total	2243				

5 YEAR AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE PER BYEWAY								
Byeway	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	5 yr average		
Cow Fen	219	450	265	270	600*	361		
Hale/Mow	199	225	265	563	600*	310		
Scotland Drove	193	228	530	-	543	310		
Uttons/Tipplers	395	679	160	1221	300*	600		
Middle Fen	1214	383	265	269	200	466		
River								
Brick Kiln								
Lairstall			-		-			
Turnbridge								

<sup>\*</sup> Estimate