

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE MANAGER FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

TO: Chairman & Members of the Swavesey Byeways  
Advisory Committee

29<sup>th</sup> January 2009

#### **1. Expenditure for 2008/2009 (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.

#### **2. Review of Maintenance and Anticipated Expenditure for 2009/2010**

2.1. Councillors Ellington and Topping and the Council's Drainage Manager have arranged an inspection of all the Byeways for 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in order to assess their current state and the likely level of maintenance required in the coming year. All of the Byeways are likely to show signs of deterioration following winter weather. However, Cow Fen, Hale Road, Uttons Drove, Tipplers Drove and Middle Fen in particular have been subjected to excessive use over the past year and are likely to 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 Chief Executive, to levy a charge of 90 pence per hectare for the period 2009/2010.

**For Discussion and Recommendation**

#### **3. Voluntary Maintenance Arrangements**

3.1. At the meeting of the Advisory Committee in January 2008, 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.

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