

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

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

28th January 2014

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 2013-2014 was set at 90 pence. A similar charge for 2014-2015 is estimated to produce an amount of £1,238.
  - 1.2 The cost of collecting the charge in 2014-2015 is estimated at £327. The cost can be minimised only if all chargepayers pay promptly and without the need for costly reminders.
  - 1.3 There was a credit of £579 in the chargepayers' account at 31st March 2013 which when compared with the estimated overdrawn balance of £96 that was taken into account when setting the 2013-14 charge, leaves an estimated balance of £675 on the chargepayers' account as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 that needs to be accounted for in the 2014-15 charge.
  - 1.4 There will be an estimated balance of £5,685 in the contingency account at the end of 2013-2014 that is available for any emergency/special works, and it is suggested that £1,100 be added to this contingency account in 2014-2015.
  - 1.5 It is recommended to provide an amount of £2,400 for maintenance in 2014-2015.
  - 1.6 The budget for 2014-15 would then be:

	£	£
Expenditure		
Maintenance	2,400	
Collection costs	327	
Contingency	<u>1,100</u>	
		<u>3,827</u>
Income		
Chargepayers'		
90 pence per hectare	(1,238)	
Balance on Chargepayers' account	<u>( 675)</u>	
		(1,913) 50%
South Cambridgeshire District Council		(1,301) 34%
Swavesey Parish Council		<u>( 613) 16%</u>
		<u>( 3,827)</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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