



BUSINESS CASE

(FORM B & Priority Assessment)

Project name MARKET PLACE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

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Purpose

To update members on the proposed essential highway repairs and maintenance scheme scheduled for Melton's Market Place by LCC Highways for January 2012.

To seek member support to develop the basic maintenance scheme to a more substantial enhancement scheme for Melton's historic Market Place, similar to enhancement schemes delivered on High Street & Sherrard Street.

To seek member approval for the financial contribution (Grant) towards the scheme that is included within the Capital Programme

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Reasons

LCC Highways have identified that essential repairs and maintenance is required to Melton's Market Place. LCC Highways, who are the responsible body, have received an increasing number of complaints and claims regarding trip hazards on the Market Place due to sinking precast concrete slabs and the poor condition and appearance of the existing surface.

LCC have allocated £75K from their 2011/12 budget to resurface the Market Place with black tarmac and replace the existing damaged drainage channels.

Options

LCC Highways have consulted MBC, MMTE and the MTCP on alternative options for different surfaces. It was agreed that this is an opportunity to greatly enhance the Market place according to its history & heritage.

Alternative surfaces must be durable and able to withstand market days & events, be aesthetically pleasing, reduce future slip hazards, be low maintenance and keep with the town's heritage

Benefits expected

The proposed enhancement scheme will provide a more attractive Market Place for Melton Town centre, using York stone sets around the perimeter to keep in line with the town's heritage. The scheme will provide a durable yet attractive surface which will be low maintenance and fit for purpose.

Street furniture will be de-cluttered providing a more user friendly area with new seating and a designated area for information signage.

Risks

The proposed Mastertint surface has a durability lifespan of approx 20 years. There is a low risk that the surface may need maintenance before this timescale due to heavy usage.

Funding Source (delete as appropriate):

- (i) Capital £10K requested

External Funding

- (i) Source and Quantity:
 £75K – LCC Highways
 £17K – LCC Better Places
 £7K – LCC Landscaping
 £10K – MMTE
 £1K - MTCP

Committee: PFA						
Capital/Revenue (delete as appropriate)						
Spending profile/ method of funding	Spend to 31/3/11 £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	Later Years £	Total £
Internal Funding		10K				
External Funding		0				
Total Cost/savings		10K				

Costs

£10K requested.

Financial appraisal

Financial Appraisal (Capital Schemes only)	(i)	Has the proposal been subjected to any form of financial appraisal?
	(ii)	
	(iii)	

Timescales

Work starts on Friday 20th January 2012 and is due to finish on Monday 5th March 2012.

Investment appraisal

Evaluation

Consultation

Interfaces
**(internal/
external)**
**Impact on
other services**
Dependencies
**Completion
criteria/ exit
strategy**

**Sensitivity to
key
assumptions**

**Other
approvals
required**

**Equalities
Impact
Assessment**