



## PROJECT MANDATE

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**Project name** Grant for Market Place Enhancement Scheme

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**Purpose To develop on line provision of services and encourage channel shift to the web where appropriate.**

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

To seek member support to develop the basic maintenance scheme to a more substantial enhancement scheme for Melton's historical Market Place.

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

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**Project Classification**

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**External Funding****(i) Source and Quantity**

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**None**

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**Costing Overview****Cap/Rev**

	<b>£</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Initial costs	<b>10k</b>	
External funding	<b>0</b>	
Net cost	<b>10k</b>	
Ongoing savings		
Phasing		

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**Responsible  
Officer**

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**Background**

Leicestershire County Council's Highways have identified that essential repairs and maintenance is required to Melton's Market Place as highlighted in Appendix C (Mike Sheldrake, LCC Highways).

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 Highways initial maintenance scheme is to resurface the Market Place with black tarmac and replace the damaged drainage channels. This would also include removing the existing bollards and railings and levelling off the surface where the railings are currently sited. £75K has been allocated from their budget to make these repairs.

After consultation from Highways with the MTCP, Town Estate and LCC it was agreed that the Market Place is the focal epicentre of the town centre and that this should be used this as an opportunity to greatly enhance the Market Place according to its history & heritage.

Many alternative surfaces have been reviewed to meet the following criteria:

- Durable and able to withstand market days & events
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Reduce future slip hazards
- Low maintenance
- In keeping with the town's heritage

An assessment of alternative surfaces can be found in attached Appendix C

The Better Places Team at LCC have already contributed £17K to enhance the scheme.

The Melton Mowbray Town Estate have agreed to contribute £10K towards enhancing the scheme.

A Proposal Plan has been designed, attached in Appendix C, which suggests suitable surfaces for the Market Place which will not only keep in line with the conservation and heritage of the Town, but will also be durable, low maintenance and fit for purpose. The Proposed Mastertint surface will provide a slip free, yet attractive surface whilst using heritage York paving setts to compliment the whole scheme.

**Project objectives**

The project, as detailed within the attached Proposal Plan (Appendix C) aims to enhance the proposed Highways resurfacing scheme for the Market Place. It seeks to provide a surface which will ensure that the Market Place remains in line with the conservation and heritage of the town centre, but also will be durable, low maintenance and fit for purpose. The proposed Mastertint scheme will provide a slip free yet attractive surface, whilst using heritage York paving setts to compliment the scheme and Market Place.

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**Scope**

The scheme will provide an opportunity to enhance the Market Place with the Mastertint surface, Yorkstone sets and paving and will include improvement works to the Cross, new street furniture, relocation of electric box and resiting of the mounting block stone, as detailed in the Proposal Plan (Appendix A). The scheme will also seek to reduce street clutter, to enable the area to be more useable as an open space for events and activities, providing a safe and secure environment for the community.

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**Constraints**

Timescale of works; disruption to market traders, town centre businesses and visitors.

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**Interfaces  
(internal/  
external)****Impact on  
services****Outline  
Business Case  
(reasons)****Project  
tolerances  
(critical  
success  
factors)**

**Completion  
criteria/ exit  
strategy**

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**Reference to  
any  
associated  
documents or  
products**

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**List  
customer(s),  
the user(s)  
and any other  
known  
stakeholders**

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**Will an equalities impact assessment be undertaken on the proposal**  
Yes