

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF		MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE		OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	15 NOVEMBER 2016	7
PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS RELATING TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENT 03/0157 QUEEN'S MANOR, ST ANNES				

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Council have S106 developer contributions for the provision of public transport improvements from planning application 03/0157 at Queen's Manor, St Annes. This report sets out proposals to provide bus shelters at particular locations to meet the terms of the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Committee note the intention to utilise the sum of £20,000 secured from the development of the approved residential development at Queens's Manor St Annes for the purposes of providing 4 bus shelters at locations identified in the report.
2. That the committee note the proposed four additional bus shelters would be added to the shelters that Fylde Council has responsibility for maintaining, repairing and replacing. It is anticipated that these costs in respect of the four additional shelters may be contained within the existing approved revenue budget for this purpose, at least in the short-term, although the level of the overall bus shelter maintenance budget may need to be increased at a future point as part of the budget-rightsizing exercise.
3. That Committee request approval by the Chief Financial Officer, for a fully-funded increase to the Bus Shelter Replacement Scheme within the approved capital programme for 2016/17 in the sum of £20,000 to fund the provision and installation of the works as described within the report, to be met from a S106 developer contribution for this purpose, which has been previously received by Fylde Council, in the same amount.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

1. The Council has secured contributions of £20,000, from the developer on application 03/0157 for the improvement of local public transport facilities within one kilometre of the site. The development is complete and the monies paid over to Fylde Council. The intention is to provide additional bus shelters to meet the terms of the agreement.
2. Usually Lancashire County Council would assist with the survey of possible locations, undertaking utility checks, liaising with public transport providers, the preparation of technical drawings, seeking quotations for the provision and siting the shelter, removing any unnecessary/redundant poles, ensuring sufficient footway passing space, and overseeing the siting of the shelter. However Fylde has been advised that LCC no longer provides this service.
3. Instead officers have been looking into the possible options for delivering such facilities using in house resources. Appendix 1 shows all bus stops within the one kilometre radius of the Queen's Manor site. This includes 34 locations in total where bus stops are located. A number of these are not on current bus routes, and they have been disregarded at this point. That leaves a possible 12 bus stops within 1 km on routes that have no shelter. It is estimated that the funding available will provide 4 shelters, depending on the final specification and so there is a need to prioritise the 12 stops. From within the 12 stops, officers have received 3 requests from users for shelters to be installed. In addition bus service usage has been checked. From this it has been possible to select the 3 requested stops, with another 1 stop, that has the most number of bus routes stopping there. Based on the above shortlist criteria, shelters at the following locations are proposed:

Table 1 – Proposed locations for additional bus shelters

Bus stop number	Address	Bus service usage or request from bus user.
11	Corner of Clifton Drive South and Osbourne Road	Request made councillor on behalf of local resident of Kintbury Road.
13	Corner of Clifton Drive South and Croyde Road	Request made in 2012 by the high school that now is AKS.
25	Worsley Road	Request via councillor to provide seating at this bus stop, the shelter will include seating

Bus stop number	Address	Bus service usage or request from bus user.
31	Church Road opposite Lindsay Avenue	Based on the number of services stopping at this location. Services are 11, 68, 68C, 73, 570, 604, 853 & S5.

4. Appendix 2a, 2b, 2c., show the proposed locations of the 4 stops.
5. As part of working up proposals for the siting of the shelters officers have surveyed the locations and undertaken consultation with nearby residents. There have been a number of objections received following consultation with neighbouring properties to the proposed shelter locations. These are summarised in the table below.

Table 2 – Representations raised from consultation with neighbouring properties and responses

Bus stop number	Address	Objection Summary	Response to points raised
11	Corner of Clifton Drive South and Osbourne Road.	<p>Reservations in respect of loss of privacy in the house and garden</p> <p>Concern that the shelter would be an eye sore and give off possible light pollution</p> <p>Detrimental to the appearance of the area and encouraging litter and anti-social behaviour (this can be evidenced by litter at the bus shelter opposite York Road)</p> <p>Further to Council spending cuts, affecting local amenities how can this spend be justified, not just the initial cost but ongoing maintenance, for a shelter used by a limited number of people</p>	<p>The proposed shelter is in the same location as the bus stop</p> <p>The shelter is of a standard design and will not be lit</p> <p>Again, the shelter is of a standard design, any anti-social behaviour will be referred to Fylde Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>The shelters are paid for by way of developer's contributions, although as confirmed in the report, ongoing maintenance has to be paid for by Fylde.</p>
13	Corner of Clifton Drive South and Croyde Road	The existing bus stop is adequate and use is limited, the bus service is regular, meaning no one waits for more than 5 minutes. There are other bus stops with shelters, within a short walk of this	This is on a route with the highest number of buses servicing it

Bus stop number	Address	Objection Summary	Response to points raised
		<p>The design of the shelter is not in keeping with the design of houses in this area</p> <p>Visual intrusion as this shelter would be directly opposite residents living room, they have no wall or gate or bushes to block this view</p> <p>The pavement is too narrow to take the shelter</p>	<p>The proposed shelter is of a standard design used throughout the borough</p> <p>The shelter is in the same location as the bus stop, depending on how the shelter is placed the seating may face away from the property</p> <p>The pavement has been measured and is within tolerances for this installation</p>
25	Worsley Road	<p>The pavement is too narrow</p> <p>This stop has limited use</p> <p>Concern over how it will affect the road and a request that the shelter is located on school grounds</p>	<p>The pavement has been measured and is within tolerances for this installation</p> <p>Routes servicing this stop have been checked and this stop is used more than others within the area</p> <p>Again the shelter will be of a standard design, the shelter could not be located in the school grounds as this is private land not in control of the council, this would also limit the use and benefit of the shelter when the school was closed</p>
31	Church Road opposite Lindsay Avenue	No comments received	

6. It is requested that a fully-funded increase in the sum of £20,000 is made to the Bus Shelter Replacement Scheme within the approved capital programme for 2016/17 to provide for the works as described within the report, to be met from a portion of a S106 developer contribution for this purpose, which has been previously received by Fylde Council, in the same amount. This money has to be spent or returned to the developer and none of this money can be used for future maintenance costs.

The maintenance cost of these four additional shelters may be contained within the existing approved revenue budget for this purpose at least in the short-term, although the level of the overall bus shelter maintenance budget may need to be increased at a future point as part of the budget-rightsizing exercise.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	<p>This report requests approval to the use of s106 developer contributions in the sum of £20,000 to provide an additional 4 bus shelters as detailed within the body of the report.</p> <p>The Committee is recommended to request that a fully-funded increase in the sum of £20,000 is made to the Bus Shelter Replacement Scheme within the approved capital programme for 2016/17 to provide for the works as described within the report, to be met from a portion of a S106 developer contribution for this purpose, which has been previously received by Fylde Council, in the same amount.</p> <p>There are no revenue implications of the recommendation at this stage.</p>
Legal	There are no implications
Community Safety	There are no implications
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no implications

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Application 03/0157 section 106 agreement	10 th March 2005	Council web site

Attached documents

Appendix 1 – Bus stops within 1km of the Queen’s Manor site.

Appendix 2 (a, b, c) – Locations of suggested shelters.