

 <p><b>COTSWOLD</b> DISTRICT COUNCIL</p>	<p><b>COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL</b></p>
<p>Name and date of Committee</p>	<p><b>CABINET – 13 MAY 2021</b></p>
<p>Report Number</p>	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM 12</b></p>
<p>Subject</p>	<p><b>FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO RISSINGTON ROAD CAR PARK, BOURTON ON THE WATER</b></p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>Bourton Village</p>
<p>Accountable member</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Evemy – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Email: <a href="mailto:mike.evemy@cotswold.gov.uk">mike.evemy@cotswold.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>Accountable officer</p>	<p>Mrs Maria Wheatley, Parking Manager</p>
<p>Summary/Purpose</p>	<p>To seek agreement to allocate capital and car parking earmarked reserve funds for improvements to Rissington Road Car Park, Bourton-on-the-Water</p>
<p>Annexes</p>	<p>Annex A - Technical Design of the Improvements to Rissington Road Car Park</p>
<p>Recommendation/s</p>	<p>a) <i>That cabinet recommends to Council the allocation of £245,000 of capital funding and £92,000 of car park earmarked reserve fund to make improvements to Rissington Road Car Park, Bourton-on-the-Water; and</i> b) <i>That Cabinet delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources to award the contract for the agreed works.</i></p>
<p>Corporate priorities</p>	<p>Ensure that all services delivered by the Council are delivered to the highest standard.</p>
<p>Key Decision</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Exempt</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Consultees/ Consultation</p>	<p>Cabinet Member, Senior Officers and Ward Member</p>

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1.** The Rissington Road car park at Bourton-on-the-Water requires significant improvement to improve the customer experience and to ensure compliance with industry standards. This car park is essential to the tourist trade and also accommodates several recycling bring banks for residents use.
- 1.2.** Since 2014/15 the following parking projects have been funded from the Council's Capital Programme in order to make improvements to car parks:
- Refurbishment and improvements to the Forum car park, Cirencester;
  - New pay and display machines installed district wide;
  - Refurbishment and improvements to the Beeches car park, Cirencester;
  - Resurface and improvements to the West Street and Church Street car parks in Tetbury;
  - Adaptations to pay and display machines to allow contactless payments;
  - Refurbishment and improvements to the Sheep Street car park, Cirencester including demolition of the Old Memorial Hospital building;
  - Creation of the Whiteway car park, Cirencester, (at the Rugby Club).
- 1.3.** The Property Services Team regularly monitors the condition of the Council's car parks. The Rissington Road Car Park is now in need of significant improvements.

## **2. MAIN POINTS**

- 2.1.** This car park is essential to the tourist trade in Bourton-on-the-Water and therefore work needs to take place when demand for the car park is at its lowest. The aim is to minimize any disruption to car park users by beginning the work after the October half term 2021. For the safety of car park users, it will be necessary for the whole car park to be closed. As part of the procurement process for appointing a contractor, however partial reopening as the work progresses will be reviewed as the works are progressed. The car park currently has insufficient and ineffective drainage, which prevents the dispersal of storm & surface water collection. This allows pooling of water and damages the car park surface.
- 2.2.** The entire car park requires: a new drainage system, resurfacing and layout redesign. This will reduce ongoing maintenance works and provide a long term improved facility for users. A Project specification has been prepared by external consultants and agreed by Property and Parking services officers. The work to be carried out will include the following:
- A new improved drainage system;
  - Full resurfacing works to entire car park with a porous material;
  - Increase the number of disabled bays from 2 to 6.
  - Full re-lining with re-design of layout to include items such as pedestrian walkways, disabled parking, directional markings and improved and industry compliant vehicle and aisle spacing;
  - Future proof the site by providing electric vehicle charging points;
  - Improved height and access barriers;

- Replacement and additional signage;
- Increased and improved lighting scheme;
- Improved landscaping and boundary works.

**2.3.** The above work will provide an enhanced environment, provide a car park which is fit for the future and will enable financial savings through lower reactive and planned maintenance costs.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**3.1.** This project is estimated to cost £337,000 which can be met from the Capital Programme (£245,000) and the Parking earmarked reserve (£92,000).

**3.2.** Between November 2003 and March 2013 Cotswold District Council enforced the on-street parking across the district, on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council under an agency agreement. Under the agreement any surplus at the end of the contract term was shared equally between the two Councils. This on-street surplus is ring fenced under section 55 of RTRA 1984 and may only be used for specific purposes. This fund has a balance of £92,000.

**3.3.** Unplanned maintenance has been carried out in this car park over the last 4 years at a cost of over £10,000 for the period.

### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1.** The Legal Team have confirmed the conditions are correct for spending the fund in line with section 55 of the RTRA, as this car park is key to support the traffic management in the village.

### **5. RISK ASSESSMENT**

**5.1.** There are financial risks related to not making the improvements as the structure of the car park will continue to degrade, requiring ongoing surface repairs. Improving the car park will reduce Health & safety risks to car park users. Improvements to lighting provisions are required in order to comply with industry recommendations and to improve Health & Safety for car park users. The proposed layout will reduce risks to pedestrians due to improved visual markings and directional systems.

### **6. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

**6.1.** The proposed improvements will be an advantage for all users particularly those with mobility problems as the surface will be more even and easier to traverse particularly with small wheeled items such as pushchairs, wheelchairs or walking frames. The proposal includes an increase in the number of large bays for blue badge holders from the existing 2 bays to 6 bays. There are no disadvantages for any specific groups.

### **7. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1.** The proposal includes the provision of electric vehicle charging points in the Rissington Road car park.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 8.1.** Works to extensively patch and reline to match existing layout only, would reduce the overall cost. However existing drainage issues would remain and the medium to long term maintenance issues for the surface would reappear. This option would not include additional disabled bays, improved lighting or the installation of infrastructure for electric vehicle charging units.
- 8.2.** Works could be reduced further by patch repairing the high priority areas only and reline only where necessary. As the option above no other improvements would be made and financial savings would be realised.

## **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1.** None