

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Town Centre, Economic growth and prosperity Services Matters
2.	Date:	23 January 2012
3.	Title:	Highway and Cycling Improvement Works - Ward 2 Boston Castle
4.	Programme Area:	Economic and Development Services

5. Summary

To gain Cabinet Member approval to implement 27 cycle lockers on Morpeth Street and to implement measures to improve the street scene and create a more attractive pedestrian route.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolves that:

- i) Detailed design and consultation be carried out on the proposed scheme as shown on drawing number 126/17/TT176, Appendix 'A'**
- ii) Subject to no objections being received then the proposals be implemented during the 2011/12 financial year.**
- iii) The scheme be funded from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2011/12**

7. Proposals and Details

As part of measures to improve walking and cycling in, around and out of the Town Centre, a route between the Town Centre and Clifton Park has been identified. Part of this route includes Morpeth Street, it is therefore proposed to improve this section of the route to create a more attractive and obvious route.

The measures proposed also provide cycle parking for visitors to the college and Town Centre by introducing 27 cycle lockers on Morpeth Street .

Morpeth Street is currently closed to traffic from Percy Street. The existing planters in the centre of the road do not contribute towards an attractive street scene, acting as a barrier and as such they are proposed to be removed as part of the scheme. The planters along the side of the road are to be retained and replanted with new low level and low maintenance planting. However, as the planters in the centre of the road currently also serve to prevent vehicles from driving into Morpeth Street from Percy Street cycle lockers and new bollards will be positioned to prevent such access.

We are currently in discussions with the college about the potential for student involvement in the scheme to create a distinctive street scene.

The proposals are identified on drawing number 126/17/TT176 Appendix 'A'

8. Finance

The proposed scheme is estimated to cost £80,000 including design fees. This would be funded from the LTP Integrated Transport programme with a £22,500 contribution towards the scheme from the strategic countywide allocation provided to the Quality of Life Group.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Subject to design and consultation there is a risk that it may not be implemented / finished by end of 2011/12 although in liaison with the LTP Central Team funding for the scheme will be identified for 2012/13.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implication

The proposals are in line with objectives set out in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy (Local Transport Plan 3), Public Transport, Quality of Life and Safer Roads investment themes.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

None

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