

## **HULLBRIDGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to implement the village centre improvement scheme in Hullbridge.

### **2 PROGRESS**

- 2.1. Following approval of the design for the scheme at the meeting of this Committee on 4 July 2001, Essex County Council was requested to cost up the proposed works.

- 2.2. Estimates have now been received by the Working Group, which are as follows:-

- Works within highway                      £44,486.33
- Works to private forecourts              £6,028.06
- Street lighting columns,  
lanterns, cable works and  
connections including the  
upgrading of existing  
pedestrian crossings                      £14,000.00

- 2.3. It is stressed that the type of contract used by Essex County Council works on a day rate basis. The above costs may, therefore, vary, but will be closely monitored by Essex County Council and should be reasonably accurate.

- 2.4. Before progressing the work, it will be necessary to obtain formal consents from the various forecourt owners.

- 2.5. At the meeting of the Working Group on 6 November, when the above information was presented, some minor changes to the specification were agreed. Plastic bollards were substituted for cast iron and it was accepted these would be black and gold, but the lighting columns and other street furniture would retain the maroon and gold corporate colouring.

- 2.6. Street lighting columns and lanterns would be purchased from Windsor catalogue, as there was a shorter delivery time.

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- 2.7. The scheme should provide for three mature trees in gratings. Frontage owners would be consulted with regard to siting and possible contributions.
  - 2.8. The above amendments should not have any significant impact on the total cost of the scheme.
  - 2.9. Officers were asked to identify the possibilities for using the remaining funds to improve the area in a similar manner between 249 and 267 Ferry Road.
  - 2.10. It was envisaged that works could start in the third week in January and take 8-10 weeks.

### **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. There is a capital budget for this scheme of £100,000.

### **4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. Any work on shop frontages will require the formal consent of the owners.

### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That Members agree to the Hullbridge scheme proceeding as detailed in the above report, subject to a maximum expenditure by this Council of £100,000. Works to be managed and undertaken by Essex County Council.

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