

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: Monday 10th September 2012
SUBJECT: Faversham Town Centre Streetscape Strategy – Court Street Update
BY: Head of Service Delivery
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update report regarding the proposed re-paving works in Court Street Faversham.

Implications:

Human Resources Implications - None

Finance Implications – Section 106 funding of £40,000 plus other external funding

Legal Implications – Traffic Regulation Orders to be made.

Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17) - None

Equalities & Diversity Implications – None

Sustainability Implications – None

Risk and Health and Safety Implications – None

Corporate Plan Implications – Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

Decision Required: **For information**

Background

1. This report has been prepared at the request of the vice chairman and provides an update on the progress in delivering the environmental improvements and re-paving works in Court Street, Faversham.
2. The scheme, funded by a Planning Section 106 Agreement with an additional contribution through the Faversham Enterprise Partnership, involves the improvement to the footway on the east side (non-pedestrianised area) of Court Street in Faversham. The scheme involves re-laying the footway with York Stone Paving and installation of extra granite sets adjacent the highway, the removal of existing trees and planting of new trees to match Abbey Street planting and the removal of non essential highway signs in the footway.

Progress

3. The scheme is within the conservation area and to ensure that the design is appropriate to the area there has been extensive consultation with the Borough Conservation Officer and Kent Highways Officers. The scheme design has been completed to the approval of all parties and provisional estimates for the works obtained. The Councils full procurement process is now being followed to seek at least three written tenders for the work.

3. Meetings are currently being held with Kent County Council regarding the removal/alteration of the highway signs and a draft plan has been sent for the Highway Authorities comments. The procurement process is at the stage of seeking expressions of interest. Once expressions of interest are received the pre-qualification questionnaires will be sent out. Companies that do not meet the criteria will be removed from the process. Successful applicants will be invited to tender for the works. The contract commencement date is proposed for the 1st November 2012.

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