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Dear Councillor

ST ALBANS CITY FORUM MEETING TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2009

Further to the agenda circulated recently in respect of the above meeting I attach the following amended report at the request of Richard Shwe.

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Yours faithfully

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Street Scene Project Plan				
Status	Project	Lead	Resources	Outcome
1	Tackling Congestion - St Peters Street			
	This Project is to provide partial traffic management to St Peters Street and possibly Chequer Street and Market place. Principal reasons are to reduce congestion allowing better public transport as part of QNTP initiative, reducing air pollution and reducing the area's carbon footprint. Time line for key activities currently being prepared by Herts highways. Traffic modelling to be completed by December 2009. Options for reducing congestion to be fed into model for testing - results available March 2010.	BP	£100 K capital for 2009/10 and 2010/11 has been made available. Herts Highways will pay for the traffic modelling as part of the Local Transport Plan. No capital cost implications for 2009/10.	Partial traffic management i.e. buses and taxi only during day - reduction in congestion, air pollution and CO ₂ footprint.
2	Visible Street Scene Improvements			
	Match funding was provided to all parishes, Harp TC and the SA City Forum to carry out visible street scene enhancement projects. All bids were evaluated and awards made by April 2009. All parties advised that scheme will be rerun towards the end of the year.	AR	Budgetary Provision of £20,000 made available for 2009/10. Some initiatives also funded from existing budgets.	
3	City in Bloom 2010			
	Currently this initiative still being considered by Project Board. Briefing note to be brought to next meeting of Board re feasibility of introducing a City in Bloom, perhaps linking with villages currently not entering Anglia in Bloom.	RS	Possible GAF money may be made available. Main concern however is staffing resources.	
4	Provision of Community Skips			
	Provision of Community Skips to public sector housing estates planned. Will involve partnership working between housing department and waste management section. Will use 40cu yd skips with supervision	MW	Joint funding between housing and E&RS budgets. Finding will be required for provision of skips, supervision, separate collection from electrical goods and costs of publicity and promotion.	To improve street scene by the removal of miscellaneous rubbish from gardens etc.
5	Development of Themes emerging from:			
5.1	City Vision			
	Report to May Cabinet on draft City Vision. Next stage of project to include development and refinement of options for City Centre congestion reduction. Workshop with Council officers and consultants Urban practitioners has taken place to link Transport into City Vision. This looked at options for addressing congestion including parking strategies, public transport and cycling and walking strategies.	CM	Currently officer time only	Report to Highways Panel 22nd July
5.2	Public Realm			
	Report to May Cabinet on developing a public realm strategy. Any emerging themes from development of strategy that link to the visible street scene are to be considered by the board.	JB	Currently officer time only	Report to Highways Panel 22nd July
5.3	Streetscene Design Manual			
	Subject of report to May Cabinet. Design manual is now out for consultation. Any emerging themes relating to street scene to be dealt with by Project Board.	GK	Currently office time only	Report to Highways Panel 22nd July
6	Pavement Licensing			
	This scheme sees the introduction of licensing for providing tables / chairs etc on the pavements outside business premises. Licensing procedures now in place after consultation. Two premises currently licenced and one in progress. Leaflets now being distributed to all relevant premises in St Albans and Harpenden to remind them of their need to apply.	LC	Finance fee payable. Should be self funding.	The use of pavements for the provision of street furniture to be properly controlled by Licensing.

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7	Refurbishment of Static Recycling Banks			
	The repainting, relabelling (and maintenance) of the static recycling banks commenced in January 2009. This work will continue until all the banks have been improved.	MW	Budget provided for 2008/9 and 2009/10 for this work.	That all static recycling banks are painted the same colour, labelled correctly and present a professional approach.
8	Verge Improvements			
8.1	Enforcement of no parking			
	TMO's now in place for part of Harp Road, Watson's Walk and Colney Heath. Signage and verge reinstatement now needs to be co-ordinated. Letters have now gone out to residents on next tranche of roads e.g. Hatfield Road. Liaison with Herts Highways now required re verge reinstatements.	BP	JOC to carry out reinstatements of verges on Harp Road and Colney Heath. Herts Highways will need to contribute re 2nd tranche of verges as no SADC budget for this work.	
8.2	Verge Hardening			
	This is a function of Herts Highways. Liaison now taking place to increase amount of works undertaken.	BP	Discussions too take place on whether discretionary highway funding could be used in 2010/11.	
8.3	Verge Reinstatements			
	Verges being reinstated where damage not to severe. Part of GM contract	RS	Within Grounds Maintenance budget	
9	Street Litter Recycling Bins			
	These are provided on street for recycling newspapers/ cans and plastic bottles. A further 16 units have now been delivered and a provisional list for sitting them drawn up including some park sites. Will be put out on site once list approved.	MW	Purchase 100% funded from government Capital Reward Grant	
10	A' Board Licensing			
	Negotiations still taking place with HCC to transfer responsibility for these functions to SADC	LC	Officers time at present.	
11	Use of Devolved Powers re Unlicensed Vehicles			
	The use of these powers was considered by the Board. However a further briefing note was required for the next meeting before a decision was to be made	BP	Officer time at present	Reduction of the 2500 untaxed vehicles in the St Albans Area.
12	Premier Foods Initiative			
	Working with Premier Foods in developing community social responsibilities opportunities	RS	Officer time at present	Agreed that Premier Foods will support the refurbishment of the Jubilee Centre
13	Voluntary Closure of Heavily Parked Roads			
	This is a partnership initiative between SADC and Herts Highways. This is part of a rolling programme where heavily parked roads are voluntarily closed to allow essential maintenance and cleaning. Next batch of roads (38 in total) to be dealt with in July 2009	MW	No additional costs to SADC	Roads which are inherently difficult to clean are swept.

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	No work started
	Work in Progress
	Complete