

For decision

Agenda item 9

For decision: Traffic modelling work

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Background

Town Councillors David Garwood; Katie Vigar; Sarah Gibson; and Katie Vigar met with Wiltshire Councillor Caroline Thomas on Friday 17 February.

Councillor Thomas is the new Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Transport.

Traffic modelling

One of the main topics discussed at the meeting was the proposed traffic modelling for the town.

An important outcome of the meeting was Wiltshire Council's insistence that the Town Council contributes two-thirds of the cost of the proposed traffic modelling work.

This has been confirmed in an email sent by Councillor Thomas: appendix A to this report.

Funding contribution

Wiltshire Council is happy to proceed with traffic modelling work if the Town Council makes a financial contribution towards this.

We have already set aside half of the cost of the fee: £25,000.

This was agreed at the Full Council meeting on 10 January 2023.

We are now asking that an additional £8,350 of funding is set aside for the traffic modelling work.

Notes

- The proposed traffic modelling will be an important part of the plans to address the long-standing issues of traffic congestion and road safety in the town.
- The work is set to be completed by a company that specialises in traffic modelling.
- The traffic modelling work could start within 1 month of an agreement between Wiltshire Council and the Town Council.
- The modelling work will take approximately 6 months to complete.

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- A final decision on the total Town Council contribution will be taken at the Full Council meeting on 7 March 2023.
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Recommendation

1. Agree to set aside an additional £8,350 of funding for traffic modelling work; as requested by Wiltshire Council.