

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2002

Report of the Director of Development

This matter is the responsibility of the Leader of the Council and Executive Councillors for Livelihood and Jobs (Councillor Croad) and for Transport and Planning (Councillor Bulgin).

TEMPORARY REPAIR WORKS TO HIGH STREET, TAUNTON

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** At the Council Meeting on 15th October 2002, Members agreed that work should commence to determine the cost of urgent repairs to the High Street, Taunton. It was noted that interested development companies felt that improvements to High Street are necessary to compliment the development scheme. There is a budget for town centre improvements. There is also a current demand upon this budget for some urgent surfacing repair/tree works to High Street – a matter of concern to the Town Centre Manager and local traders. The Council Meeting on the 15th October 2002 agreed that work should commence to determine the cost of urgent repairs to the High Street. This report incorporates views upon options and costs and seeks your support for one of the options.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The attached report was presented to the Strategic Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Review Panel on 19th November 2002 (Appendix 1).
- 2.2** The Review Panel resolved to recommend support for Option 1 to include trees A, B and C indicated on plan to be removed and replaced with staked standards, species – Rowan and Whitebeam preferred.
- 2.3** The options for repair works to the High Street were considered by the Taunton Town Centre Partnership Meeting (on Thursday 28th November 2002).
- 2.4** The Partnership also supported Option 1 and considered that the colour of any new block pavings should harmonise with the existing and any replacement trees should be a species suitable for a Town Centre location.

2.5 It is intended that the report upon options will be presented to the Taunton Chamber of Commerce at their next meeting on Tuesday, 10th December 2002.

2.6 Their views on the report will be given verbally at the Meeting.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 Subject to consideration of the views outstanding:- that Option 1 be adopted and detailed quotations obtained for the various items of work.

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