

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday, 18 September 2023

**Title:** Bus Shelters – West Witney

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk

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### **Background**

Members will recall that bus shelters are planned for the new Windrush Place estate at West Witney, paid for by the developer by way of a community infrastructure contribution.

### **Current Situation**

The County Council and its preferred supplier of shelters has confirmed the developer is in a position to commission 4 x shelters on the estate at:

- Centenary Way (x2) opposite and adjacent to Isabelle Spencer Way
- Curbridge Road (x2) adjacent to the junction onto Centenary Way

The locations and pictures of the stops being served by the proposed shelters can be seen in Appendix A of this report.

The town council has been advised the four locations selected for shelters are sufficiently distant from residential properties to not cause any potential issues with householders complaining that they have been mis-sold their homes or other such problems and, that there should be no obstacle to adoption by the town council on this basis.

If agreed by the Committee, the Town Council will be responsible for five new shelters in the coming months (four here and one new one at Thorney Leys agreed as a previous project – minute no: SC393 refers). All will help promote active travel and green infrastructure aspirations of the Council.

At this point, it is not believed the Council can make requests of the type of shelter being installed. It can, however, agree the colours with the supplier.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

## **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

The developer of the site does not want to take on the maintenance of the shelters once installed as is usual practice. If the town council refuses, the shelters may not be installed or installed with no future plan of maintenance/repair.

## **Financial implications**

- Future maintenance of the bus shelters.
- The annual budget for maintenance in 2022/23 is £2,000. Members may like to agree an addition to cover cleaning and maintenance of additional shelters for 2023/24 onwards in budget-setting if adoption is approved.

## **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Whether to agree to the town council adopting the new bus shelters at Windrush Place, Witney as outlined in the report and,
2. If agreed, delegate further discussions on the type of shelter and colour to Officers in line with other new shelters for uniformity and,
3. If yes, to agree increasing the annual bus shelter maintenance budget from £2,000-£3,000.