

## Appendix A

### Supporting information regarding Lengthsman schemes

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#### Benefits

Lengthsman schemes offer a number of practical benefits for the parishes involved in the schemes:

- The ability for local people to action local needs (mainly on small jobs, such as painting a bench, cutting back an overgrown corner, etc), which are irritating, & in reality too small for County or District to prioritise. This lends itself to great customer satisfaction for the scheme.
- The Lengthsman can provide a very fast response to local needs - the administrator simply prioritises the Lengthsman's work for the day / week.
- The Lengthsman develops in depth local knowledge which is really useful when dealing with local drainage matters for example, or a specific road junction is always difficult to tackle as the vegetation grows much faster in that place & therefore they can increase maintenance frequencies on a very localised basis to prevent problems arising.
- The Lengthsman scheme is much more cost effective compared to contracting small amounts of work.

#### How to ensure a successful scheme

The main ways to ensure a successful scheme, have been developed from prior experience of similar schemes, these include: -

- An excellent Administrator & Lengthsman to make the system work - these are key players.
- The work of the Lengthsman must be clearly accountable to the funding bodies & each parish to ensure that each partner contributing feels they are getting value for their contribution
- The Lengthsman needs to be qualified to carry out 'public works' – this would need to put in place, and should be made clear within the tender process.
- Disposal of waste is always expensive & will require a carrier's licence, so arrangements will need to be made regarding this aspect of the work
- A joint annual review should be carried out & report produced to demonstrate the value / market the success of the scheme / formally ID problems & plan to tackle these.
- Payment to the Lengthsman needs to be inflated annually and the contract has to be long enough & secure enough for a quality person to commit to it - It will be their employment (in real terms) so it is essential that the individual is 'looked after'.

## Standard Grant Conditions

1.	The funding has been awarded based on the information provided on the application form for your application number AN?? for ??% of the total cost.
2.	The attached signed "Advice of Acceptance of Funding Offer" to be returned before payment is made to SSDC. Area North, Unit 10, Bridge Barns, Long Sutton, TA10 9PZ.
3.	Confirmation that all other funding sources are secured.
4.	The applicant demonstrates an appropriate Parish Council contribution.
5.	SSDC is acknowledged on any publicity and on any permanent acknowledgement of assistance towards the project.
6.	The applicant will work, in conjunction with SSDC Officers, to monitor the success of the scheme and the benefits to the community, resulting from SSDC's contribution to the project. A project update will be provided on request.
7.	Should the scheme be delayed or unable to commence within twelve months from the date of this committee, SSDC must be notified in writing.
8.	Should the final cost be less than the estimate considered by the Committee, the funding will be proportionately reduced. However, if the cost exceeds that estimate, no further funding will normally be available.
9.	SSDC must be notified of, and approve, any proposed changes to the project.
10.	The applicant will share good practice with other organisations if successful in securing external funding.
11.	Grants can only be paid for a single year and a second application is not allowed for the same project within 3 years (unless Service Level Agreement).