

1. CHAPTER STREET – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

For some months the Board has been working with the local residents to arrive at an agreed design layout for the section of Chapter Street to be reconstructed this financial year.

Alongside this project has been a request for the undergrounding of overhead services and in submissions made to the Board in this regard, the residents indicated a preparedness to make a financial contribution similar to what had recently been offered by other streets in the Board's area.

This proposal was put to the Board by way of a deputation and during the ensuing discussion both the Board and the residents noted that any approval by way of a matched funding contribution from the Council would likely result in a twelve month delay in the kerb and channel project being implemented.

The Board indicated to the deputation its support for the undergrounding request and in order to assist the residents in the preparation of their submission, officers were asked to provide them with cost estimate information based on the formula of a 50% contribution towards the costs of undergrounding.

Recommendation: That the residents in the affected section of Chapter Street be provided with the opportunity to develop a proposal for half funding of the undergrounding of overhead services and that a six week period (commencing from the date of any Council approval of this request) be allowed for this purpose.

Clause 4.1 of this report (Part C) records the Board's decision on the agreed design layout for the reconstruction of the street.