

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Speed Limit Review - October 2014
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	18 December 2014
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2905

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision of the recommendations of the Speed Limit Task Group following the speed limit review undertaken on 29th October 2014 and to seek approval of the recommendations

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in section 3 of this report.

Reason for decision to be taken: Speed Limit Review

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation:

- Criteria for setting local speed limits
- Reports for Task Group
- Minutes of Task Group
- Appendix A –Ward Members comments

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Implications

Policy:	The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedures.
Financial:	The recommendations will be funded from the Council's approved capital budget.
Personnel:	None arising from this report.
Legal/Procurement:	The speed limit traffic regulation orders will follow the statutory consultation / advertisement procedure.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising from this report.

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:			
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outcome (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)			
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at http://intranet/EqIA			<input type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	To date no response has been received from Councillor Gordon Lundie, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Brian Bedwell has no comment.
Ward Members:	See Appendix A for Ward Members comments.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Keith Woodhams, who is a member of the Speed Limit Review task group, supports the recommendations set out in the report.
Local Stakeholders:	Will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation process
Officers Consulted:	Mark Edwards and Mark Cole

Trade Union:

N/A

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 Twice each year the Speed Limit Task Group carefully considers the introduction or amendment of speed limits that have been requested by Members, Parish or Town Councils, members of the public or officers. These requests are assessed with regard to the Department for Transport Circular 1/2013 (setting local speed limits), the character and nature of the road, the recorded injury accident record and any available traffic survey data.
- 1.2 The Speed Limit Task Group, which met on 29th October 2014, is comprised of the following members:
- Councillor Graham Pask,
 - Councillor Keith Woodhams,
 - Andrew Garratt, Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer,
 - Alan Dunkerton, Speed Management Co-ordinator,
 - Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer.
- 1.3 The Task Group considered a total of 9 requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
1. Newport Road, Walton Way and its culs de sac, Newbury – request for a 20mph speed limit,
 2. A4 Bath Road, Marsh Benham – request for a lower speed limit,
 3. B4000 between the A4 and Stockcross – request for a 40mph speed limit,
 4. B4000 west of Stockcross village – request for a lower limit,
 5. A340 Tidmarsh – request for extension to southern 30mph speed limit
 6. Crookham Common Road between Thornford Road and the Crookham Park Home site – request for a 40mph speed limit,
 7. Inglewood Road, Kintbury – request for a 30mph speed limit
 8. Radley Bottom, Hungerford Newtown – request for a 30mph speed limit,
 9. Oxford Road, Chieveley – request for a 50mph speed limit.

2. Speed limit Process

- 2.1 If the recommendations contained in this report are approved then the individual sites will be taken forward to the statutory consultation stage, which means that the formal and public consultation of a speed limit can be undertaken. This will include consulting a wide range of statutory consultees together with the appropriate parish/town council, local members and local residents by the way of a notice published in the local newspaper, notices erected on site and publication on the Council's web site.
- 2.2 A report of any comments and objections received during the formal consultation together with an officer's recommendation will be presented to the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision for Individual Decision. Should the proposal to introduce or change a speed limit be considered appropriate then that proposal will be implemented.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Task Group considered all the above requests and recommended that the following are progressed to the statutory advertisement and consultation stage:
1. Newport Road, Walton Way and its culs de sac, Newbury – introduce a 20mph speed limit,
 3. B4000 between the A4 and Stockcross village – introduce a 50mph speed limit,
 8. Radley Bottom, Hungerford Newtown – introduce a 30mph speed limit if the specified minimum length in Circular Roads 1/13 can be reduced. If not then introduce a 40mph speed limit,
- 3.2 The Task Group recommended that no further action is taken on the following requests with regard to the speed limit, but further measures should be considered where shown below:
2. A4 Bath Road, Marsh Benham,
 4. B4000 west of Stockcross village – investigate if a build out (or similar) could be introduced by the recreation ground to reduce traffic speeds,
 5. A340 Tidmarsh,
 6. Crookham Common Road between Thornford Road and the Crookham Park Home site - investigate signing and lining improvements,
 7. Inglewood Road, Kintbury,
 9. Oxford Road, Chieveley – investigate if the vegetation can be cut back at the junctions.
- 3.3 All the persons requesting the speed limit amendments will be informed of the Executive Member's decision.
- 3.4 Subject to there being no objections received to the statutory consultation for individual Traffic Regulation Orders for each speed limit, the advertised restrictions will be introduced.

Appendices

Appendix A - Ward Members comments