

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Speed Limit Review - March 2015
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	06 May 2015
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2971

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive Member for Emergency Planning, acting on behalf of the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Newbury Vision of the recommendations of the Speed Limit Task Group following the speed limit review undertaken on 10th March 2015 and to seek approval of the recommendations

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Emergency Planning acting on behalf of the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), 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.
- Corporate Board's Recommendation:**

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: Councillor Gordon Lundie - 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 - The recommendations in the paper seem to me to be very reasonable and I fully agree with them.

Ward Members: See Appendix A for Ward Members comments.

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Keith Woodhams - To date no response has been received from Councillor Keith Woodhams, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

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 10th March 2015, is comprised of the following members:
- Councillor Graham Pask;
 - Councillor Gwen Mason;
 - Andrew Garratt, Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer;
 - Glyn Davis, Senior Engineer 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 6 requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
1. Westwood Road, New Road and its culs de sacs, Newbury – request for a 20mph speed limit;
 2. Goring Lane, Wokefield, between Burghfield Common and Grazeley Green – request for a 50mph speed limit;
 3. B4000 Upper Lambourn Road, Lambourn — request for extension to the 30mph speed limit;
 4. B4000 Baydon Road, Shefford Woodlands – request for a 50mph speed limit;
 5. Hatchets Lane, Frilsham – request for extension to eastern 30mph speed limit;
 6. Churn Road, Compton – request for a 30mph 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 Emergency Planning acting on behalf of Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), 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:

3. B4000 Upper Lambourn Road, Lambourn — extend the 30mph speed limit to cover the entrance to the recreation ground;
5. Hatchets Lane, Frilsham – extend the 30mph speed limit to the east of the village;
6. Churn Road, Compton – introduce a 30mph 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:

1. Westwood Road, New Road and its culs de sacs, Newbury – carry out further speed assessments and report on the speed reduction features required with an indication of likely costs to the next task group;
2. Goring Lane, Wokefield;
4. B4000 Baydon Road, Shefford Woodlands.

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.

4. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

4.1 The recommendations in this report do not impact equality issues so no Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Following the task group meeting three of the six requests were recommended for approval, two for no further action and one for further investigation for the next task group meeting. The recommendations set out in section 3 above are therefore put forward for approval.

Appendices

Appendix A – Ward Members comments.