

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Speed Limit Review - September 2015
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	20 November 2015
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3054

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and Emergency Planning of the recommendations of the Speed Limit Task Group following the speed limit review undertaken on 28th September 2015 and to seek approval of the recommendations

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and Emergency Planning 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:	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 Emma Webster - To date no response has been received from Councillor Emma Webster, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Ward Members:	See Appendix A for Ward Members comments.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Billy Drummond - To date no response has been received from Councillor Billy Drummond, 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="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 28th September 2015, is comprised of the following members:
 - Councillor Graham Pask;
 - Councillor Billy Drummond (Absent);
 - Glyn Davis, 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 14 requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
 1. B4000 Baydon Road, Shefford Woodlands – request for a 50mph speed limit;
 2. Rectory Road, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit;
 3. Padworth Lane, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit;
 4. Silver Lane, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit;
 5. School Road, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit;
 6. Sopers Lane, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit;
 7. Goring Lane, Wokefield, between Burghfield Common and the boundary to Wokingham Borough Council – request for a review of the current 50mph section, a review of the current unrestricted section and a request to extend the current 30mph out of Burghfield Common;
 8. Goodboys Lane, Wokefield – request for a lower speed limit;
 9. One Way system, East Ilsley – request for a 20mph speed limit;
 10. Church Hill, East Ilsley – request for a 20mph speed limit;
 11. Carbinswood Lane, Woolhampton – request for a lower speed limit;
 12. A329 Purley Rise, Purley – request for an extension to the existing 30mph speed limit;
 13. A339 Vodafone roundabout, Shaw-cum-Donnington – request for an extension to the 50mph speed limit;
 14. A343 Sandpit Hill, Newbury – request to extend the 40mph 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 and Emergency Planning 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:
- 9. One Way system, East Ilsley – request for a 20mph speed limit;
 - 10. Church Hill, East Ilsley – request for a 20mph speed limit;
 - 12. A329 Purley Rise, Purley – request for an extension to the existing 30mph speed limit;
 - 13. A339 Vodafone roundabout, Shaw-cum-Donnington – request for an extension to the 50mph speed limit;
 - 14. A343 Sandpit Hill, Newbury – request to extend the 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:
- 1. B4000 Baydon Road, Shefford Woodlands – request for a 50mph speed limit; *Road markings are renewed next year.*
 - 2. Rectory Road, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit; *improved signing considered.*
 - 3. Padworth Lane, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit; *improved signing considered.*
 - 4. Silver Lane, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit;
 - 5. School Road, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit;
 - 6. Sopers Lane, Padworth – request for either a 30mph speed limit and if this was not agreed a request for a 40mph speed limit
 - 7. Goring Lane, Wokefield, between Burghfield Common and the boundary to Wokingham Borough Council – request for a review of the current 50mph section, a review of the current unrestricted section and a request to extend the current 30mph out of Burghfield Common; *Accident investigation carried out at the junctions with Lockram Lane and Hollybush Lane.*
 - 8. Goodboys Lane, Wokefield – request for a lower speed limit;

11. Carbinswood Lane, Woolhampton – request for a lower speed limit;

- 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 on equality issues so no Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Following the task group meeting five of the fourteen requests were recommended for approval, nine were not recommended for a speed limit change. Further investigation/work was recommended at four locations. The recommendations set out in section 3 above are therefore put forward for approval.

Appendices

Appendix A – Ward Members comments

Appendix B – Minutes from Speed Limit Review Task Group 28 September 2015