

Individual Executive Member Decision

Speed Limit Review March 2016

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date ID to be signed:	19 May 2016
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Garth Simpson
Date Portfolio Member agreed report:	16 March 2016
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3117

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 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 the 10th March 2016 and to seek approval of the recommendations.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport and Emergency Planning approves the Recommendations as set out in section 6 of this report.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** The recommendations will be funded from the Council's approved capital budget.
- 3.2 **Policy:** The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedures.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None arising from this report.
- 3.4 **Legal:** The speed limit traffic regulation orders will follow the statutory consultation / advertisement procedure.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None arising from this report.
- 3.6 **Property:** None arising from this report.
- 3.7 **Other:** N/A

4. Consultation Responses

Members:

- Leader of Council:** Cllr Roger Croft - To date no response has been received from Councillor Roger Croft, however any comments will be

verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Overview & Scrutiny Management

Commission Chairman:

Cllr 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.

Opposition

Spokesperson:

Cllr 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.

Members:

Cllr Paul Bryant – To date no response has been received from Councillor Paul Bryant, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Cllr Marcus Franks – To date no response has been received from Councillor Marcus Franks, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

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

Local Stakeholders:

N/A

Officers Consulted:

Mark Edwards and Mark Cole.

Trade Union:

N/A

5. Other options considered

N/A

Background Papers:

None

NOTE: The section below does not need to be completed if your report will not progress beyond Corporate or Operations Board.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: X No:

If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box by double-clicking on the box and selecting 'Checked':

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval

Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council

Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position

Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months

Item is Urgent Key Decision

Report is to note only

Wards affected:

Speen and Sulhampstead.

Please put a cross in the appropriate box(es) by double-clicking on the box and selecting 'Checked':

Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority(ies):

X SLE2 – Deliver or enable key infrastructure improvements in relation to roads, rail, flood prevention, regeneration and the digital economy

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Strategy aims and priorities by N/A

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6. Executive Summary

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 The Speed Limit Task Group, which met on 10th March 2016, 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.
- 6.3 The Task Group considered two requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
1. Westbrook, Boxford – request for a 20mph speed limit.
 2. Common Hill, Englefield – request for a 40mph speed limit.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 The Task Group considered both of the above requests and recommended that the following is progressed to the statutory advertisement and consultation stage:
1. Westbrook, Boxford – request for a 20mph speed limit.
- 6.7 The Task Group recommended that the current speed limit on Common Hill should not be changed. It was recommended that West Berkshire officers work with the Parish Council in identifying damage only accidents and devise improvements to address these accidents.
- 6.8 All the persons requesting the speed limit amendments will be informed of the Executive Member's decision.

- 6.9 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.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Following the task group meeting one of the two requests was recommended for approval. Further investigation/work was recommended at Common Hill. The recommendations set out in 6.6 and 6.7 above are therefore put forward for approval.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A - Equalities Impact Assessment
- 8.2 Appendix B – Minutes Speed Limit Review Mar 2016