

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Speed Limit Review October 2016

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<b>Committee considering report:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decision
<b>Date ID to be signed:</b>	20 December 2016
<b>Portfolio Member:</b>	Councillor Jeanette Clifford
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID3186

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Executive Member for Highways and Transport of the recommendations of the Speed Limit Task Group following the speed limit review undertaken on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and to seek approval of the recommendations.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Executive Member for Highways and Transport 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:

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	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.
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Management</b>	Cllr Emma Webster - To date no response has been received from Councillor Emma Webster, however any comments will

**Commission Chairman:** be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

**Ward Members:** Cllr Alan Macro – To date no response has been received from Councillor Alan Macro, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Cllr 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.

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

Cllr James Cole - To date no response has been received from Councillor James Cole, 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.

**Local Stakeholders:** N/A

**Officers Consulted:** Mark Edwards and Mark Cole

**Trade Union:** N/A

## 5. Other options considered

5.1 N/A

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### Background Papers:

Speed Limit Review Minutes.

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### Subject to Call-In:

Yes: X      No:

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| 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"/> |

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### Wards affected:

Theale, Kintbury, Lambourn Valley, Compton and Cold Ash

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### Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

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

**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 priority by contributing towards a safer highway network.

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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, 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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, is comprised of the following members:
- Councillor Graham Pask;
  - Councillor Alan Macro;
  - Glyn Davis, Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer;
  - Alan Dunkerton, Speed Management Co-ordinator;
  - Chris Hulme, Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer;
  - Cheryl Evans, Senior Road Safety Officer;
- 6.3 The Task Group considered seven requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
- (1) Cold Ash Hill, Cold Ash – request for a 30mph speed limit.
  - (2) Yattendon Lane, Yattendon – request for a 20mph speed limit.
  - (3) Charnham Park, Hungerford – request for a 30mph speed limit.
  - (4) Newbury Road, Weston – Extension to the western 30mph speed limit.
  - (5) Englefield Road, Theale – request for a 20mph speed limit.
  - (6) A338, Great Shefford – request for a 30mph speed limit.
  - (7) Unnamed Road, Hamstead Marshall – request for the 30mph speed limit to be relocated closer to the village.
- 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 and Transport 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 all of the above requests and recommended that the following is progressed to the statutory advertisement and consultation stage:
- (1) 5: Englefield Road, Theale – request for a 20mph speed limit to be introduced at the proposed new school was accepted but it was recommended by the task group that a 40mph buffer be introduced prior to the 20mph limit. Speed data surveys are to be carried out and design recommendations made to the Property Services Team to be

incorporated by their consultants. Design to be agreed by Ward Member, Parish Council and task group prior to proceeding with statutory stakeholder and public consultation.

- (2) 7: Unnamed Road, Hamstead Marshall – request to relocate the 30mph speed limit closer to the village, it was recommended that the area in between the current 30mph terminal signs and the new location is converted to a 40mph speed limit.

6.7 The Task Group recommended that:

- (1) 1: Cold Ash Hill, Cold Ash - the current 40mph speed limit is appropriate and should not be changed.
- (2) 2: Yattendon Lane, Yattendon - that a 20 mph speed through the village is not introduced. The Traffic Management Team investigate any improvements that can be made to signing and markings through the village.
- (3) 3: Charnham Park, Hungerford - that the current 40 mph speed limit is appropriate and should not be changed.
- (4) 4: Newbury Road, Weston - that the speed limit at the western approach, is not extended. Traffic Management Team to investigate improving signage and visibility.
- (5) 6: A338, Great Shefford - the current 40mph speed limit is appropriate and should not be changed.

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 two of the seven requests were recommended for approval. Further investigation/work was recommended at Yattendon and Weston. 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 of Speed Limit Review October 2016