

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Speed Limit Review - December 2010</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Individual Executive Member Decision
<b>Date on which Decision is to be taken:</b>	27 January 2011
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID2144

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**Purpose of Report:**

To inform the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT of the recommendations of the Speed Limit Task Group following the speed limit review undertaken on 1st December 2010 and to seek approval of the recommendations.

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**Recommended Action:**

That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in section 3 of this report.

**Reason for decision to be taken:**

Speed limit review.

**Statutory:**

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**Non-Statutory:**

☒**Other options considered:**

N/A

**Key background documentation:**

- Criteria for setting local speed limits
- Reports for Task Group
- Minutes of Task Group
- Appendix A – EIA Stage 1
- Appendix B – Ward Members comments

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## Implications

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<b>Policy:</b>	The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedures.
<b>Financial:</b>	The recommendations will be funded from the Council's approved capital budget.
<b>Personnel:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Legal/Procurement:</b>	The speed limit traffic regulation orders will follow the statutory consultation / advertisement procedure.
<b>Environmental:</b>	The proposed changes to the speed limits will improve road safety and therefore provide environmental benefits to local residents.
<b>Partnering:</b>	The Council works in partnership with the local Parish and Town Councils and the Police when deciding new and amendments to speed limits.
<b>Property:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Community Safety:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Equalities:</b>	A Stage One EIA was undertaken on 23 December 2010 and is attached as Appendix A. This indicated that a Stage Two EIA would not be required.

## Consultation Responses

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<b>Members:</b>	
<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:</b>	Councillor Brian Bedwell - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
<b>Select Committee Chairman:</b>	N/A
<b>Ward Members:</b>	See Appendix B for Ward Members comments.
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	Councillor Keith Woodhams - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	Will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation process.
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Mark Edwards, Mark Cole
<b>Trade Union:</b>	N/A

<b>Is this item subject to call-in.</b>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:</p> <p>The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Considered or reviewed by OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 months <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Item is Urgent Key Decision <input type="checkbox"/></p>		

## Supporting Information

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### 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 1/2006 (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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010, is comprised of the following members:
- Councillor Graham Pask,
  - Councillor Gwen Mason,
  - 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 17 requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
1. A339 between A34 and A4 Robinhood Roundabout.
  2. A339 - A4 Robin Hood Roundabout to Swan Roundabout.
  3. A339- Swan Roundabout to District Boundary with Hampshire.
  4. B4640 - District Boundary with Hampshire to A339 Swan Roundabout.
  5. Newbury Town Centre -Northcroft Lane, Strawberry Hill, Bear Lane, Market Street & Bartholomew Street.
  6. A343 - District Boundary with Hampshire to Newbury.
  7. A4 - M4 Junction 12 to district boundary with Reading.
  8. A4 - A340 roundabout at Theale to M4 Junction 12.
  9. A4 - A340 roundabout at Aldermaston to A340 roundabout at Theale.
  10. A4 - Woolhampton to A340 roundabout at Aldermaston.
  11. B3421 Hambridge Road - A339 Bear Lane roundabout to A4 Bath Road.
  12. Paynesdown Road, Thatcham.
  13. Derwent Road, Thatcham.
  14. Pound Lane, Thatcham.

15. B4009 - at Curridge.
16. B4494 – A4 Western Avenue to Chieveley Junction.
17. B4494 - Chieveley Junction to Chapel Arch Crossroads.

## **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 (Operational) & ICT 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:
  5. Newbury Town Centre -Northcroft Lane, Strawberry Hill, Bear Lane, Market Street & Bartholomew Street – introduction of a 20mph speed limit zone.
  9. A4 - A340 roundabout at Aldermaston to A340 roundabout at Theale - 50mph speed limit be introduced to cover its junctions with Beenham Industrial Estate and the Beenham village.
  10. A4 - Woolhampton to A340 roundabout at Aldermaston – extend the 30mph speed limit to the west of the Woolhampton village and investigate a pedestrian refuge at Broom Hill.
  12. Paynesdown Road, Thatcham – public consultation for a 20mph speed limit zone.
  13. Derwent Road, Thatcham 20mph 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. A339 between A34 and A4 Robinhood Roundabout.

2. A339 - A4 Robin Hood Roundabout to Swan Roundabout.
3. A339- Swan Roundabout to District Boundary with Hampshire.
4. B4640 - District Boundary with Hampshire to A339 Swan Roundabout.
6. A343 - District Boundary with Hampshire to Newbury.
7. A4 - M4 Junction 12 to district boundary with Reading.
8. A4 - A340 roundabout at Theale to M4 Junction 12.
11. B3421 Hambridge Road - A339 Bear Lane roundabout to A4 Bath Road - investigate cycle facilities.
14. Pound Lane, Thatcham.
15. B4009 - at Curridge.
16. B4494 – A4 Western Avenue to Chieveley Junction.
17. B4494 - Chieveley Junction to Chapel Arch Crossroads.
- 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**

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Appendix A – EIA Stage 1

Appendix B - Ward Members comments