

Individual Decision

The attached report will be taken as
Individual Portfolio Member Decision on:

15th February 2010

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Title of Report:	Speed Limit Review- December 2009
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	15 February 2010
Forward Plan Ref:	ID 1957

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 16th December 2009 and to seek approval of the recommendations.

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:
Other:

Non-Statutory:

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation:

- Criteria for 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.
Environmental:	The proposed changes to the speed limits will improve road safety and therefore provide environmental benefits to local residents.
Partnering:	The Council works in partnership with the local Parish and Town Councils and the Police when deciding new and amendments to speed limits.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising from this report.
Community Safety:	None arising from this report.
Equalities:	None arising from this report.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	To date no response has been received from Councillor Graham Jones. However any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Overview & Scrutiny Commission Chairman:	Councillor Brian Bedwell supports the recommendations provided that the local Ward members agree with the recommendations.
Policy Development Commission Chairman:	Not applicable.
Ward Members:	See Appendix A for Ward Members comments.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Keith Woodhams supports the view of the ward member.
Local Stakeholders:	Will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation process.
Officers Consulted:	Mark Edwards, Mark Cole
Trade Union:	N/A

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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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 OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<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 1/2006 (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 16th December 2009, 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 11 requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
1. Hungerford Common, Hungerford.
 2. Station Road, Kintbury.
 3. A329 - District Boundary with Reading to Pangbourne Village (junction with Sulham Lane).
 4. Dog Lane, Holly Lane, Noakes Hill & Palmers Hill, Ashampstead.
 5. A338 - M4 Junction 14 to District Boundary with Oxfordshire.
 6. Fawley Village and South Fawley village.
 7. A340 - A4 Bath Road to District boundary with Hampshire.
 8. Ilsley Road, Compton.
 9. B4000 - Welford Parish Boundary to Shefford Woodlands.

10. Welford Road and Church Hill, Wickham.
11. Ashampstead Road and Aldworth Road, Upper Basildon.

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:
 1. Hungerford Common, Hungerford – Introduction of a 40mph speed limit.
 2. Station Road, Kintbury – Introduction of a 40mph speed limit.
 3. A329 - District Boundary with Reading to Pangbourne Village (junction with Sulham Lane) – Reduce the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph and with the 50mph speed limit remaining.
 4. Dog Lane, Holly Lane, Noakes Hill & Palmers Hill, Ashampstead – extension of the 30mph speed limit.
 5. A338 - M4 Junction 14 to District Boundary with Oxfordshire – Introduction of a 50mph speed limit to the north of Great Shefford with the other speed limits remaining.
 6. Fawley Village and South Fawley village – Introduction of a 30mph speed limit.
 10. Welford Road and Church Hill, Wickham – Introduction of a 30mph speed limit.
- 3.2 The Task Group recommended that no further action is taken on the following requests:

7. A340 - A4 Bath Road to District boundary with Hampshire.
8. Ilsley Road, Compton.
9. B4000 - Welford Parish Boundary to Shefford Woodlands.
11. Ashampstead Road and Aldworth Road, Upper Basildon.

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

Appendix A - Ward Members comments

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	Speed limit Request	Ward Member	Comments
1	Hungerford Common, Hungerford – 30mph speed limit	David Holtby	To date no response has been received, however Councillor Holtby attended the meeting in support of a speed limit through the Common.
		Paul Hewer	To date no response has been received however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
2	Station Road, Kintbury - 40mph speed limit	Andrew Rowles	To date no response has been received however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
		Anthony Stansfeld	Supports the recommendation provided there is sufficient funding available.
3	A329 - District Boundary with Reading to Pangbourne Village (junction with Sulham Lane) - – Assessment of A and B road speed limits.	David Betts	To date no response has been received, however Councillor Betts attended the meeting in support of a 30mph speed limit.
		Tim Metcalfe	To date no response has been received however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting
4	Dog Lane, Holly Lane, Noakes Hill & Palmers Hill, Ashampstead – extension to 30mph speed limits.	Barbara Alexander	To date no response has been received, however Councillor Alexander attended the meeting in support of extending the 30mph speed limit.

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5	A338 - M4 Junction 14 to District Boundary with Oxfordshire – Assessment of A and B road speed limits.	Graham Jones	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
		Gordon Lundie	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
		George Chandler	To date no response has been received, however Councillor Chandler attended the meeting in support of a lower speed limit.
6	Fawley Village and South Fawley village – introduction of 30mph speed limits.	George Chandler	To date no response has been received, however Councillor Chandler attended the meeting in support of a 30mph speed limit.
7	A340 - A4 Bath Road to District boundary with Hampshire – Assessment of A and B road speed limits.	Mollie Lock	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
		Keith Lock	To date no response has been received, however Councillor Lock attended the meeting support the Parish Council.
		Keith Chopping	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
		Irene Neill	Supports the recommendation as agrees with the parish council's wishes.

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8	Ilsley Road, Compton – extension to 30mph speed limit.	Barbara Alexander	To date no response has been received, however Councillor Alexander attended the meeting in support of extending the 30mph speed limit.
9	B4000 - Welford Parish Boundary to Shefford Woodlands – Assessment of A and B road speed limits.	Graham Jones	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
		Gordon Lundie	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
10	Welford Road and Church Road, Wickham – introduction of 30mph speed limit.	Andrew Rowles	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
		Anthony Stansfeld	Supports the recommendation provided there is sufficient funding available.
11	Ashampstead Road and Aldworth Road, Upper Basildon – introduction of 30mph speed limits.	Alan Law	To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.