

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**  
**Report submitted by: Director of Community Services**  
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**Part I**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
Skelmersdale West, West  
Lancashire North, West  
Lancashire East, West  
Lancashire West and West  
Lancashire South

**Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Various Roads in West Lancashire**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

Following investigations and a public consultation undertaken in response to requests being received from local Members and residents, a number of speed limit reductions on the roads detailed in the report are proposed to improve road safety for road users and local communities.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No 25 have been complied with.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve the proposals for the introduction of reduced speed limits on the roads detailed in the report and as set out in the schedule and plans attached at Appendix 'A'.

**Background and Advice**

With the exception of Red Cat Lane, Tarlscough Lane and part of Fish Lane, the proposed speed limit reductions for the following roads were approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 7 February 2013. However, sealing of the associated Traffic Regulation Order for the approved speed limit reductions did not take place within the required timeframe (2 years from the commencement of the public consultation). This required a second consultation to be undertaken, which was completed in June 2015 when additional speed limit reductions for Tarlscough Lane, Red Cat Lane and the remaining length of Fish Lane were incorporated into this package.

The roads in question are as follows:

Elmer's Green Lane, B5312 Liverpool Road and White Moss Road, Skelmersdale B5312; Skelmersdale Road, Lyelake Lane (Service Road) , Barrow Nook Lane, Coach Road, Moss Lane and Sinacre Lane, Bickerstaffe; Bescar Lane, Drummersdale Lane, Swan Close, Woodmoss Lane and Berry House Road, Scarisbrick; B5246 The Marshes Lane, Mere Brow; B5246 Holmeswood Road and Wiggins Lane, Holmeswood; Fish Lane, Tarlscough Lane, Red Cat Lane, Burscough; Bleak Lane, Daisy Lane and Meadow Lane, Lathom; Higher Lane, Dalton, West Lancashire

It should be noted that the additional proposed speed limit reductions for Tarlscough Lane, Red Cat Lane and the remaining length of Fish Lane have also been advertised with a view to approving their introduction.

### **Consultations**

From 20 May to 14 June 2015, the second consultation was open, which involved displaying site notices on appropriate locations on the above roads as well as having the proposed speed limit reductions advertised in the local newspaper and consulting with statutory consultees. No objections were received and the local County Councillors did not raise adverse comments. All necessary site works have been completed.

### **Implications**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

#### **Risk management**

Road safety may be compromised should the proposed speed limit reductions not be approved.

#### **Financial**

The costs of implementing the proposed reduced speed limits on the additional roads, namely Red Cat Lane, Tarlscough Road and the remainder of Fish Lane are £2,500.00, the funding for which is from the revenue New Signs and Lines budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

#### **List of Background Papers**

| Paper   | Date | Contact/Tel |
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| None  |      |             |
| Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate |      |             |
| N/A   |      |             |