

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 1 February 2018

Report of the Head of Service Highways

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
See Background below

Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre Boroughs) (Revocation, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph and De-Restricted Road (August No1) Speed Limits) Order 201*

(Appendices 'A' to 'J' refer)

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Executive Summary

Following investigations and a public consultation, it is proposed to make a Speed Limit Order (SLO) to introduce a number of speed restrictions on various roads within Lancashire and to clarify, simplify and tidy up a number of speed limit orders that have been identified to improve the safety and operation of the public highway network and to allow for effective enforcement by Lancashire Constabulary.

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

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the proposals for speed restrictions on various lengths of road within the Wyre, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and West Lancashire Districts as detailed within this report and as set out in the schedules and plans attached at Appendices 'A' to 'J'.

Background and Advice

It is proposed to clarify, simplify and tidy up a number of speed limit orders that have been identified to improve the safety and operation of the public highway network and to allow for effective enforcement by Lancashire Constabulary. In addition there are proposals to introduce a number of restrictions to reduce the speed limit for the reduction of danger to persons or other traffic using the highway and the likelihood of any such danger arising in the future. It is proposed to reduce the speed limit on a number of roads within the districts of Wyre, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and West Lancashire. A detailed statement of reasons for

each proposal is contained within Appendix 'A' and a description of each restriction is contained within Appendix 'J'.

The following are the electoral divisions affected:

Chorley Central; Chorley North; Chorley Rural East; Chorley Rural West; Chorley South; Fylde East; Fylde West; Hoghton with Wheelton; Pendle Rural; Penwortham West; Preston West; Rossendale South; Skelmersdale Central; Skelmersdale East; Skelmersdale West; South Ribble East; South Ribble West; Thornton and Hambleton; and West Lancashire East.

Consultations

The proposed order was advertised in the local newspaper and during the consultation period of 17 October 2017 to 17 November 2017. Notices were displayed on site for all areas where new restrictions were proposed. The divisional county councillors were consulted alongside statutory consultees. During the consultation period 1 objection was received from Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council.

The basis of the objection is set out below:

Wyre

A588 Carr Lane, Hambleton

An objection was received from Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council to the proposed 50mph speed restrictions on Carr Lane, Hambleton. The parish council considers that the speed limit should be no more than 40mph as they feel that a higher speed limit is not compatible with the nature of the road and therefore a 40mph would be more appropriate.

Officers' response

Officers confirmed that the extents of the current 50mph speed limit on Carr Lane, Hambleton will not change. The existing order has been revoked due to anomalies within the description of the speed limit boundary. The proposed order rectifies this anomaly, therefore to enable police enforcement in this area. In light of the concerns raised by the parish council a review of the current speed limit will be conducted by officers at a future date.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The estimated costs of the Speed Limit Orders detailed in this report is £55,000 and will be funded from the 2017/18 Highways revenue budget.

Risk management

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

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A