

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Report submitted by: Executive Director for Environment
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Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

20 mph Speed Limit Sign Only Scheme Project Phase 5
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Approval is sought for the consideration and evaluation of additional 20mph speed limit areas following requests from County Councillors, Parish Councillors and other stakeholders.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to give approval for officers to consider and evaluate requests for additional 20mph speed limit areas as set out in the report and 'Appendix A' as attached, to determine if they are suitable for inclusion in the 20mph programme.

Background and Advice

Lancashire County Council is committed to introducing 20mph speed limits in all main residential areas and outside all schools by 2013. The current policy within Lancashire is for the introduction of 20mph speed limits with signs only.

As part of the current programme, 46% of schemes have been constructed, and all of the remaining proposals, apart from a very small number, have completed or progressed to formal public consultation.

A small number of additional schemes have been implemented alongside the current programme where local circumstances have permitted. There have however been a number of requests from County Councillors, Parish Councils and other stakeholders for locations which require further consideration as to

whether they are suitable for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. The lists of proposed areas are set out at Appendix 'A' to this report.

The proposed new 20mph areas will be researched and evaluated thoroughly to identify possible suitability for a 20mph speed limit. The factors to be considered when making any recommendations include:

- Traffic Speed and Volume
- Analysis of Collision Statistics
- Existing Traffic Regulation Orders
- Local Amenities
- Pedestrian and Cyclist Activity
- Local Stakeholder Concerns
- Comments made by Members and Lancashire Constabulary

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport gives approval for officers to consider and evaluate requests for additional 20mph speed limit areas as set out in the report and 'Appendix A' as attached, to determine if they are suitable for inclusion in the 20mph programme.

Subject to approval by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, the process of considering the viability of additional schemes should be complete by April 2013, following which detailed design and consultation would commence.

The timescale for completing the implementation of additional areas, after recommendations have been made and appropriate approvals granted, is summer 2013/2014, subject to programming and financial constraints.

Consultations

Elected Members, Parish Councils and members of the public have suggested the schemes included in Appendix 'A'. Once scoped as being valid for further consideration and funding has been identified, the design of the schemes will be informally consulted with Elected Members and police prior to the commencement of formal public consultation.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial implications

Phase 5 schemes should be able to be contained within the overall capital allocation set aside for 20 mph speed limit areas.

Risk management

There are no significant risks associated with the proposals as set out in this report.

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List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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Nil.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.