

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11 July 2024

Report of the Director of Highways and Transport

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Temporary Road Safety Signs - Best Practice Guidance for Assessment and Deployment

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

To support the county council's road safety responsibilities a Best Practice Guidance document has been developed which highlights the temporary road safety signs available to educate drivers to the dangers of speeding, and other dangers, and sets out how these signs are deployed on the highway network via an assessed criterion. These signs include:

- Correx signs,
- VMS (Variable Message Sign) trailers
- SpIDs (Speed indication Devices).

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Approve the adoption of the best practice guidance, as set out at Appendix 'A', for the provision and deployment of temporary road safety signs.
- (ii) Authorise the Director of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to keep the best practice guidance under review and to make any minor amendments as appropriate.



Detail

Speeding is both dangerous and inconsiderate, the county council as the Highway Authority is committed to raising awareness and deterring drivers who speed. Whilst enforcement of speed limits is a function undertaken by the Police, the council works closely with them to tackle these issues.

The guidance will manage the expectations of members of the public and councillors when the council is requested to deploy these temporary road safety signs.

The temporary signs are one tool available for raising awareness of speeding and other safety issues, but they should not be seen to replace the actions of the police who are ultimately responsible for the enforcement of speeding, and dangerous and inconsiderate driving.

Appendices

Appendix 'A' is attached to this report. For clarification it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Temporary Road Safety Signs - Best Practice Guidance for Assessment and Deployment

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal

There are no legal implications, temporary signs are permitted on the highway network under powers provided by the Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions 2016. All the rules pertaining to temporary signs will be adhered to.

Financial

The cost of temporary signs and the deployment will be met by the county council's Road safety budget as a tool for meeting the obligations under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Risk management

Failure to adopt best practice guidance on the deployment of temporary signs will leave the county council open to approving requests that cannot be considered against a clear set of guidelines.



List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

