

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	4 May 2023
Report By:	Head of Service – Roads & Environmental Services	Report No:	ERC/RT/GMcF/22.649
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Subject:	Proposed 20mph Speed Limits Around Schools		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 ⊠For Decision □For Information/Noting
- 1.2 A report entitled "Implementation of 20mph Speed Limits in Residential Areas" was considered by the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 13 January 2022 where one of the decisions was "that approval be given following assessment of each school location part time 20mph limit around schools be delivered in 2023/24".
- 1.3 An initial review has been undertaken of schools throughout the area and it has been found that the majority would benefit from full-time 20mph speed limits. Whilst a few may benefit from part-time 20mph speed limits.
- 1.4 This report seeks the approval of the extents of the speed limits proposed following discussion with Police Scotland.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
 - a. Agrees the proposed extents of the Speed Limit Orders and remits it to the Head of Roads and Environmental Services and the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to arrange for the promotion and implementation of the SLOs in accordance with the new SLO procedure.
 - Agrees that Officers of Roads and Environmental Services and Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services phase the SLOs prioritising areas with highest volumes and speed using identified roads around schools and on available funds.

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3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A report entitled "Implementation of 20mph Speed Limits in Residential Areas" was considered by the Environment & Regeneration Committee on 13 January 2022 where one of the decisions was "that approval be given following assessment of each school location part time 20mph limit around schools be delivered in 2023/24".
- 3.2 Following an initial assessment of the schools throughout Inverclyde it is apparent that most of the school areas would benefit from full-time 20mph speed limits rather than part-time speed limits. The reason being that they are in residential area where the community would benefit from reduced speeds at all times.
- 3.3 Whilst a minority of routes which have a more strategic purpose such as where there are little or no residential frontages onto the road, however, there is a significant level of schoolchildren using the road at the start and end of the day or at lunchtime would be more suited to a part-time 20mph speed limit.
- 3.4 As well as helping to improve safety around schools and the adjacent residential areas this would have the additional benefit of reducing the carbon footprint of signs by minimising the amount of material used in the signs and the energy consumed.
- 3.5 The proposed speed limits are provided in Appendix 1. These were discussed with Police Scotland to seek their support for the change to the speed limits as they are the enforcing authority.
- 3.6 As there are 22 Speed Limit Orders (SLO) proposed it will be necessary to phase the Orders due to the workload each Order requires. It is proposed that Officers of the Roads and Legal Services will agree the phasing of these Orders by prioritising areas with highest volumes and speed using identified roads around schools and on available funds.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial	Х		
Legal/Risk	Х		
Human Resources		Х	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)		Х	
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty		Х	
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		Х	
Environmental & Sustainability		Х	
Data Protection		х	

4.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost CentreBudgetBudgetProposedVirementHeadingYearsSpend thisFromReportFromReport	Other Comments
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CWSR	2023/24	£50k	N/A	20mph	in	around
						and lines
				and legal	fees	

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (lf Applicable)	Other Comments
	Roads Revenue	2023	£2k		Maintenance of signs, lines & traffic calming and electricity costs. Contained within existing budgets
	Roads Lighting Revenue	2023	£1k		Electricity for terminal signs and part-time signs

4.3 Legal/Risk

Speed Limit Orders (SLOs), which include public consultation with an opportunity for formal objections, will be required to allow the speed reductions to be legally enforced by Police Scotland. The SLO procedure approved by the Environment & Regeneration Committee on 9 March 2023 will be followed when promoting these Orders. Unresolved objections would be subject to a hearing.

It is proposed the SLOs are phased due to the number of Orders and the workload required for each.

4.4 Human Resources

None.

4.5 Strategic

None.

4.6 Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES
x	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no EqIA is required.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
x	NO

4.7 Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – As
х	NO – Ass function c function c

S – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.

NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

4.8 Environmental/Sustainability

Summarise any environmental / climate change impacts which relate to this report.

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

Х	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

4.9 **Data Protection**

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
Х	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services and the Chief Financial Officer will be consulted on this report.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 A report entitled "Implementation of 20mph Speed Limits in Residential Areas" was considered by the Environment and Regeneration Committee on 13 January 2022.











































