

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy**

Report to:	<b>Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>14 September 2015</b>
Subject:	<b>Speed Management in Lincolnshire - Revised Speed Limit Policy and Traffic Policy for Schools</b>

**Summary:**

This report invites the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee to consider the outcomes of the consultation on the draft revised Speed Limit Policy and the new Traffic Policy for Schools. Subject to the agreement of the Committee, the two policies will be submitted to the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT for his consideration and approval.

**Actions Required:**

1. To note and consider the comments made during the consultation on the draft revised Speed Limit Policy and Traffic Policy for Schools.
2. To approve, or approve with amendment, the attached draft revised Speed Limit Policy and Traffic Policy for Schools.
3. To agree that the two policies be submitted to the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT for his approval.

### **1. Background**

In March and April 2015, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee considered a draft revised Speed Limit Policy and a new draft Traffic Policy for Schools. The Committee agreed that the two policies should be published for public consultation before a decision was made on whether to adopt the two policies.

#### Revised Speed Limit Policy

The draft revised Speed Limit Policy is attached at Appendix A.

The revised policy now includes:

- (i) A relaxation of the Borderline Case criteria to +/- 3mph (from +/- 1mph) with respect to developed areas

- (ii) A relaxation of the Borderline Case criteria to +/- 3mph (from +/- 1mph) with respect to rural areas
- (iii) As a result of (ii) and following investigations into rural accident sites, a further discretionary element is proposed where engineering measures have not been successful in reducing the number of accidents at these sites. In these circumstances a further review will be conducted and a report will be submitted to Planning and Regulation Committee for consideration of a possible reduction of the existing speed limit by one level.
- (iv) A re-formatting of the document in an effort to make it more user friendly. The phraseology has been updated and it has also been sub-divided into relevant sections dependant on the type of road under review and this has been done to make it easier to follow the assessment process. The document now includes a short Introduction and General Guidelines which assists officers in the implementation of speed limits.

The draft revised policy was issued to parish and town councils, county councillors and other interested groups for consultation. It was also made available on the Council's website for comment. The comments received during the consultation can be found at Appendix B.

#### Traffic Policy for Schools

The draft Traffic Policy for Schools is attached at Appendix C.

The policy has been developed to enable individual school locations to be considered to improve issues with respect to speed and/or congestion. It recognises that each individual school site has its own unique issues that may need to be addressed and improvement measures considered for implementation. It aims to set out a process to improve safety concerns that can be supported by Head Teachers, Governors and the local community and that is tailored to their specific location.

The draft policy was issued to parish and town councils, schools, county councillors and other interested groups for consultation. It was also made available on the Council's website for comment. The comments received during the consultation can be found at Appendix D.

## **2. Conclusion**

The Committee is asked to consider the attached draft policies and decide whether to refer them to the Executive Councillor for consideration.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

#### **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Revised Speed Limit Policy
Appendix B	Consultation Responses to the Draft Revised Speed Limit Policy
Appendix C	Draft Traffic Policy for Schools
Appendix D	Consultation Responses to the Draft Traffic Policy for Schools

#### **5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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