



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	18 July 2022
Subject:	Review of Traffic Management in Lincolnshire

Summary:

The report provides a proposal to set up a working group that would be tasked with reviewing branches of the existing Traffic Management Policy. This will assist with the in-depth scrutiny review that will be carried out by one of the Scrutiny Panels later in this Council term.

Actions Required:

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is invited to:

- (1) consider the setting up of a Working Group to enable formal evidence gathering to commence in September 2022. The Working Group is intended to set the framework and identify the key lines of enquiry to inform the scoping for a potential scrutiny review that one of the Scrutiny Panels will undertake early 2023.
- (2) subject to agreement of (1), identify the membership for this Working Group.

1. Background

On 17 June 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) had agreed to request that each overview and scrutiny committee identify potential topics for in-depth scrutiny reviews, which would be undertaken by the two Scrutiny Panels (A and B), taking into account the Board's prioritisation toolkit.

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 19 July 2021 identified the topic "Review of Traffic Management in Lincolnshire" and agreed to submit this to the OSMB for consideration and decision at its meeting on 30 September 2021.

At the OSMB meeting that took place on 30 September 2021, the topic proposed by the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee was accepted as a review to be allocated to one of the two Scrutiny Review Panels (A or B); its priority level as derived from the OSMB prioritisation matrix was "moderate".

In line with the Proposals for Scrutiny Reviews Report:

“A potential scrutiny review by members could consider what the challenges and opportunities are for effective speed management around the county.

Soft approaches include; availability of resources and funds, engaging with the public and specific hard measures to inhibit speeding, such as; installation of Speed Indicator Devices, use of Covert Surveillance, Community Speedwatch and enforcement.”

At the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 30 May 2022 officers submitted a proposal for setting up a working group that would be tasked with reviewing branches of the existing Traffic Management Policy, and that will look at data, propose options and suggest recommendations for what the in-depth review should be focused into.

An advance framework exercise has identified a Traffic Management Plan Review as an umbrella to four specific areas to be reviewed as part of Managing the Network Safely in Lincolnshire. These include:

- (a) Traffic Policy for Schools,
- (b) Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Policy Review
 - i. Environmental Wright Limit
 - ii. Waiting Limits
 - iii. Weight Restrictions
 - iv. Lorry Watch (etc.)
- (c) Speed Limit Policy Review, and
- (d) Traffic Calming Policy Review.

The proposed Working Group will collate and review evidence and set the foundations and elaborate on the scope of the Review of Traffic Management in Lincolnshire.

The Committee agreed in the meeting held on 30 May 2022, that this was an appropriate way forward that paved the way for the in-depth scrutiny review that will be carried out by one of the Scrutiny Panels (A or B) in a future round of Reviews, aimed to be initiated within this Council Term.

2. Conclusion

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the setting up of a Working Group to enable formal evidence gathering to commence in September 2022. The Working Group is intended to set the framework for the in-depth review that one of the Scrutiny Panels will undertake early 2023.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Proposals for Scrutiny Reviews	https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s41841

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