

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

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	20 April 2015
Subject:	Speed Management in Lincolnshire - Traffic Policy for Schools

Summary:

This report invites the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee to consider a draft Traffic Policy for Schools as part of the Speed Management in Lincolnshire Review. Subject to the agreement of the Committee, the report will be submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transportation and IT for his consideration and approval prior to public consultation.

Actions Required:

1. To approve, or to approve with amendment, the attached draft Traffic Policy for Schools as part of the Speed Management in Lincolnshire Review.
2. To agree that the policy should be submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transportation and IT for his approval prior to public consultation.

1. Background

On 9th March 2015, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee approved for consultation the revised Speed Limit Policy and agreed that it be consulted upon in conjunction with a new policy to address speed and/or congestion issues outside schools.

A policy has now been developed to enable individual school locations to be considered to improve issues with respect to speed and/ or congestion and this is attached at Appendix A.

The introduction of this Policy recognises that each individual school site has its own unique issues that may need to be addressed and improvement measures considered for implementation.

This Policy is aimed at setting 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 policy outlined in this document should be followed in order to determine the appropriate measures required to improve road safety at school sites across Lincolnshire.

2. Conclusion

Following the Executive response to the Speed Management in Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review and the Action Plan, this draft policy includes a menu of options that can be considered and tailored to assist in improving specific speed and/or congestion related issues outside schools. These options are shown in Tables 1 and 2 of the Policy.

Some of the proposed measures require a statutory process to be followed and a Traffic Order to be made and if this is the case the appropriate enforcement either by the Police or Civil Enforcement Officers is required.

A flowchart is also included that explains the process to be followed to reach the most suitable solution.

In addition, the policy explains that schools should work in partnership with the County Council and that they should support any proposals put forward and review / update their School Travel Plan accordingly.

It is intended to carry out the consultation of this Traffic Policy for Schools in conjunction with the Speed Limit Policy as part of the Speed Management in Lincolnshire Review. The results of this consultation process will be evaluated and reported back to this Committee later this year.

With respect to any likely additional workload, it is expected that these costs will be met from existing budgets and staff resource levels. Requests will be considered in line with available resource and dealt with on a case by case basis taking into account the local concerns including the nature of the request and level of risk associated with individual school sites.

It is proposed that priority will be given to any high risk site where the request is supported by a Police incident number or has been received directly from the school with supporting evidence of the high level of risk following a recent incident.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Traffic Policy for Schools

5. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Review of Speed Management in Lincolnshire Final Report	County Offices, Newland, Lincoln

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