

Subject:	Speed Limit Review (A&B Class Roads)		
Date of Meeting:	4 October 2011		
Report of:	Strategic Director, Place		
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Key Decision:	No		
Ward(s) affected:	Hangleton & Knoll; Hove Park; Moulscomb & Bevendean; Hollingdean & Stanmer; Rottingdean Coastal; South Portslade; Woodingdean		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 On 15th December 2005 the Secretary of State for Transport formally requested that all local authorities undertake a review of the speed limits on the A & B Class roads for which they have highways authority responsibility. The undertaking of this review was included within the Brighton & Hove City Council Local Transport Plan 2006/7-2010/11 (LTP2). This review has now been completed.
- 1.2 The potential for reduction in speed limits in accordance with the recommendations of the Review will support our strategic priorities and in particular improve the environment while growing the economy by facilitating safer use of more sustainable transport modes and reducing congestion on some of the City's busiest thoroughfares.
- 1.3 This report seeks to:
- Present the report and recommendations in respect of the Review of A&B Class Roads within the City.
 - To seek Cabinet Member Approval to consult by advertising the relevant Traffic Regulation Order Amendments and depending upon that consultation, to subsequently implement those recommendations identified as suitable for progressing independently to the work being undertaken in relation to wider use of 20mph limits

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm notes the Officer recommendations from the City Speed Limit Review as set out in Appendix A.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm approves the recommendations to proceed with speed limit reductions as set out in Appendix A, reference numbers 3,5,6,7,8 and 17, and approves the advertising of the necessary Traffic Regulations Order(s).

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 The Council is committed to providing transport choice and reducing road casualties through a joint programme of road safety engineering measures alongside education, training and publicity initiatives to address identified issues. The setting of appropriate speed limits in accordance with Department for Transport Circular 1/2006 has formed part of the package of measures used at suitable locations.
- 3.2 The Review took into account a number of factors. These included collision data for the period 1st January 2005 to 30th November 2008, Speed Survey Data which was considered in line with Department for Transport Circular 1/2006 and also Site Visits to establish physical aspects of the roads. A video of each road reviewed was also taken which enabled office based analysis using a checklist to highlight specific design criteria and properties. This facilitated the review taking into consideration DfT Circular 1/2006 in its fullest context as well as The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.
- 3.3 The review resulted in 17 recommendations contained within Appendix A. This report has been considered by officers and elected members and it has been decided to implement six of those recommendations this year, as indicated in Appendix A (reference numbers 3,5,6,7,8, and 17). Implementation will follow the usual statutory procedure, including advertising the relevant Traffic Orders and considering any unresolved objections at a future Cabinet Member Meeting. The other recommendations will be considered in conjunction with the new work being undertaken to scope the wider use of 20mph limits within the central area of the City. This will provide a more cohesive approach to speed limit reviews across the remainder and bulk of the highway network.
- 3.4 The reduction of speed limits should help to reduce collisions and reduce the severity of those that do occur.
- 3.5 It is intended to carry out periodic reviews of any changes in speed limit after implementation in order to monitor effectiveness and compliance.

4. CONSULTATION:

- 4.1 The Speed Limit Review was the subject of a Special Scrutiny Panel.
- 4.2 Any alteration to speed limits requires the advertising of the relevant Traffic Regulation Order.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The approximate cost of advertising the Traffic Regulation Order Amendments and subsequent implementation of the recommendations contained within this report is £22,000

- 5.2 There is a budget of £330,000 set aside for Road Safety Schemes within the Local Transport Plan capital allocation for 2011-12. This will be used to cover the costs of consultation and implementation.

Finance Officer Consulted: Karen Brookshaw Date: 16/08/11

Legal Implications:

- 5.3 The Council has the power under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to make Traffic Regulation Orders relating to speed limits. The appropriate statutory procedures regarding advertisement and consultation must be followed.
- 5.4 The measures set out in the report are consistent with the Council's statutory duties to promote road safety and prevent accidents.

Legal Officer consulted: Carl Hearsom Date: 01/06/11

Equalities Implications:

- 5.5 There are no direct equalities implications

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.6 None

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.7 None

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.8 The report contains no risks and supports the recommendations of the Scrutiny panel.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.9 None

6. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 6.1 To facilitate the implementation of some of the recommendations of the A&B Class Road Speed Limit Review, subject to available funding.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Appendix A: Summary of recommendations within the A&B Class Road Speed Limit Review with officer recommendations.

Documents in Members' Rooms:

1. The City Speed Limit Review (A&B Class Roads)

Background Documents:

1. Local Transport Plan 2006/7-10/11