

## **LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY**

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Communities and Safety, Councillor Bill Bentley, on 20 July 2017 at County Hall, Lewes

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### **8 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 28 JUNE 2017**

8.1 The Lead Member confirmed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2017.

### **9 REPORTS**

9.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

### **10 PETITION - MEASURES TO REDUCE SPEED ON PRIORY STREET AND SOUTHOVER HIGH STREET, LEWES**

10.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

10.2 Mr David Williams, the Lead Petitioner, spoke to support the petition, and to report on further discussions with the Lewes District Council Conservation area team. The Lead Member thanked the petitioners for the strength of their feeling on the issue, and confirmed that officers will consider any further representations from Lewes District Council. The Lead Member also highlighted the unauthorised signs along the length of the roads.

#### **DECISIONS**

10.3 **RESOLVED** to advise the petitioners that (1) the current 20mph zone and associated traffic calming has been shown to be effective at restraining vehicle speeds;

(2) the removal of the cobbled features that form part of the zone is likely to result in increased vehicle speeds unless alternative features are implemented;

(3) amendments to the current traffic calming scheme are not a priority for the County Council at the present time;

(4) the provision of upright 20mph repeater signs is not appropriate within a designated 20mph zone;

(5) Lewes District Council do not support the provision of 20mph roundels painted within the Conservation Area;

(6) the unauthorised signs will be removed.

#### **Reasons**

10.4 The existing 20mph zone and associated traffic calming scheme does restrain vehicle speeds to the appropriate levels and both roads have a good safety record. As the existing scheme is effective, changes to the features within the scheme would not be a priority for funding from the County Council's budget. Signage of speed limits is covered by national legislation, and unauthorised signage could affect enforcement action.

## 11 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT POLICY

11.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

### DECISIONS

11.2 RESOLVED to approve the revised policy for Road Safety Audit as set out as Policy Summary PS5/3 in Appendix A of the report.

### Reasons

11.3 The current policy for Road Safety Audit needs to be updated following revisions to the national guidance. It is necessary that Road Safety Audit policies and procedures conform to best practice in this field. Adopting the revised policy will ensure that this is done in the best interests of all highway users and the County Council.