LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Communities and Safety, Councillor Bill Bentley, on 23 July 2019 at County Hall, Lewes

6 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 30 MAY 2019

6.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2019.

7 REPORTS

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

8 PETITION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 40MPH ON THE A259 SEAFORD TO NEWHAVEN ENFORCED BY SPEED CAMERAS

- 8.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.
- 8.2 Councillor Emily O'Brien (Lewes District Council), the Lead Petitioner, spoke in support of the petition's aims.

DECISIONS

- 8.3 The Lead Member RESOLVED to inform the petitioners that: (1) a 40mph speed limit on the A259 between Seaford and Newhaven is not presently a priority for the County Council;
- (2) the location does not meet the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership criteria for speed cameras; and
- (3) the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Team has recently commissioned consultants to carry out a feasibility study of possible improvement at the junctions of Bishopstone Road, Marine Parade and Hill Rise.

Reasons

8.4 A 40mph speed limit would be very poorly complied with unless engineering measures were introduced to reduce the speed of traffic in accordance with a lower limit. The use of speed cameras is controlled by the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership. The recently commissioned feasibility report will consider the options available for improvements to the identified junctions that would have wider benefits for the area.