

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, SCRUTINY REVIEW OF LOCAL SPEED LIMIT POLICY – ACTION PLAN			
SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION		DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN	TIMESCALE
R1.	The Board recommends that the Council regularly reviews Policy PS05/02 Local Speed Limits when there is a change in national guidance.	The Department recognises the importance of Policy PS05/02 aligning with national guidance. The department will continue to review the Policy when there is a change in guidance.	Ongoing - following a change in guidance
R2.	The Board recommends that the ESCC website pages are updated to provide clearer information on the purpose of local, county wide speed limits and the wider policy context they are applied in.	The Department will review existing webpages to include clear information on the purpose of speed limits and policy context. In doing so, it is hoped that this will help local communities to gain a better understanding of how requests for changes to speed limits are considered, and the likelihood of any such requests being successful.	6 months
R3.	The Board recommends that officers review the speed limit assessment process and criteria that other local authorities have introduced to manage demand to identify any potential efficiencies in officer time.	The Department receives a high number of requests from communities who wish see lower speed limits in their area. Due to finite funding, these requests need to be prioritised so that we continue to deliver the schemes that are of the greatest benefit to the community. The Department will undertake a review of the current assessment process to identify potential efficiencies in officer time.	12 months
R4.	The Board recommends that the Council introduces a step-by-step process and guide for changes to local speed limits.	The review of the website being undertaken under R2 will include the introduction of a step-by-step process guide.	6 months

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R5.	The Board recommends: 1) A review is undertaken on the information provided to local communities, including Parish Councils; and 2) Information is provided on the Road Safety section on the ESCC website, including case studies, on the potential cost of designing and implementing signed only speed limits and also speed limit schemes where traffic calming is required. In addition, information is provided on the length of time it can take to deliver speed limit schemes.	Whilst the Community Match pages of the ESCC website contains detailed case studies on the costs of schemes, it would be beneficial to set out case studies relating to speed limit requests. The review of the website being undertaken under R2 will include a selection of case studies, costs and information on the length of time it takes to deliver speed limit schemes.	6 months
R6.	The Board recommends that officers refresh the information on speed limits on the ESCC website pages and create a speed limit change enquiry page.	The review of the website being undertaken under R2 will include the introduction of a dedicated speed limit enquiry page.	6 months
R7.	The Board recommends that the Council considers whether additional communication materials are required that: 1) Outline the Council's approach to assessing local speed limits and the prioritisation process to help local communities understand the types of speed reduction measures that might be possible; 2) Explain that potential schemes that meet our policy, but are not currently a priority for the	The Department acknowledges the Board's concern that not everyone is able to access the ESCC website to find information and will carry out a review of whether additional communications are required. The Department also notes the Board's view on the importance of Community Speed Watch and notes the challenges Sussex Police face in recruiting volunteers for this scheme.	6 months

	<p>County Council, may be implemented if externally funded and delivered through the Community Match programme or a Section 278 agreement; and</p> <p>3) Assist with the recruitment of volunteers to local Community Speed Watch groups (e.g. through Parish and Town Councils).</p>	<p>The Department will review whether additional communications are required to assist the Police in recruiting volunteers to the Community Speed Watch initiative.</p>	
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