

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	3 April 2012
Title:	A and B Road Speed Limit Review Update
Reference:	3513
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision: (PROPOSED)

- a) That approval be given to implement a revised main programme of speed limit changes on A/B Roads in Hampshire, subject to the completion of normal consultation and statutory consent procedures in each case, and providing appropriate resources confirmed in the approved Capital Programme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Department of Transport Circular 01/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits' required all Highway Authorities to carry out a review of the speed limits on all their 'A' and 'B' class roads by the end of 2011.
- 2.2. The overall aim of the review is to provide route consistency throughout the County to ensure that the traffic management regime for a road provides the driver with clear messages about the appropriate speed and driving style to be adopted. The benefit of such an approach should contribute towards casualty reductions county-wide. This links with the Corporate Strategy priority of making Hampshire safer and more secure for all.
- 2.3. The output of the speed limit review process is a set of proposed speed limit changes. The formulation of these proposals has been heavily evidence led by means of the collation and consideration of traffic speed data, accident data and other factors such as the level of roadside development in relation to the County Council's policy for setting local speed limits.
- 2.4. A misinterpretation of accident data occurred on the A3090 at Pitt within the original programme of works approved by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport on 17 January 2012. Subsequent checking has identified that Section 1 of the E45 route reference in the report (and Section

2 for continuity purposes) should have been assessed with a collision rate of 47, not 28 as reported previously. This raises the section of the A3090 from 100m west of Pitt Roundabout to 250m west of Millers Lane into the main programme.

2.5. It is therefore necessary to amend the original report accordingly. Revised versions of Appendices 2, 3 setting out the accident rate assessments for all sites & Appendix 5 stating the main programme of sites for action are attached.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The option of do nothing was considered to be unacceptable as it would not have met the Department of Transport's Circular 01/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits' requirement for Highway Authorities to carry out a review of the speed limits on all their 'A' and 'B' class roads by the end of 2011.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	