

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	11 September, 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Residential 20mph Pilot – project, Winnall/Highcliffe, Winchester
<b>Reference:</b>	4213
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for Winchester City Council on behalf of the Winchester Town Forum to implement an additional 20mph pilot scheme for the Winnall / Highcliffe area of the City.

1.2. This paper seeks to:

- outline the justification for this additional pilot scheme; and
- set out how it would be funded and delivered.

#### 2. Contextual information

2.1. The Winchester Town Forum, which consists of all the Winchester City Council Ward Councillors, has been pressing for several years to implement 20mph schemes across the city and this is a key priority in the adopted Winchester Town Access Plan.

2.2. The Winchester District Strategic Plan contains two priority action areas within Winchester i.e. Stanmore and Winnall / Highcliffe. Stanmore has already been put forward as a potential 20 pilot scheme. The Town Forum would therefore like to implement a second pilot scheme in Winchester for the Winnall/ Highcliffe area using its own funds.

2.3. Winchester City Council has recently implemented a 20mph area speed limit in streets around The Square in Winchester as part of the major refurbishment scheme. If agreed by the Executive Member, the same process could be deployed to develop a scheme for Winnall / Highcliffe under a specific extension to the current Traffic Management Agency arrangements that are in place between the City and the County Council.

- 2.4. The community plans for Stanmore and Winnall / Highcliffe have identified the speed of traffic and the need to control this as key priorities.
- 2.5. The Winnall / Highcliffe area meets the criteria set for 20 Pilot projects in that: the traffic naturally lends itself to lower speeds; the area has an existing 30mph limit, a limited number of access points, and schools located within the area; and the proposal has community support.

### **3. Finance**

- 3.1. Detailed speed surveys have already been undertaken and funded by the Town Forum.
- 3.2. The Town Forum has a budget to implement a pilot scheme for the Winnall / Highcliffe area, so this additional scheme would not require funding from the County Council

### **4. Performance**

- 4.1. Earlier traffic surveys can be used as a basis to measure and assess the success of the 20mph scheme.
- 4.2. The existing community network can be used as a way of determining public perception.
- 4.3. An information sheet was prepared and distributed to homes within the area covered by the 20mph limit implemented around The Square, which answered key questions and set out why the scheme was being pursued. A similar approach would be deployed in Winnall / Highcliffe.

### **5. Future direction**

- 5.1. The Sustainable Travel Town scheme funded through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund includes £150,000 for the implementation of 20mph schemes in Winchester over 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- 5.2. Pilot schemes such as the one proposed for Winna / Highcliffe will provide a good platform to develop the approach across Winchester in advance of the Sustainable Travel Town scheme.

### **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1. That approval be given for the development and implementation of an additional residential 20mph pilot scheme for Winnall / Highcliffe, funded and delivered by the City Council under an extension of the Traffic Management Agency.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

DocumentLocation

None

## IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

### 1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. An assessment of the impacts in this service area , 1.4 - Developing Hampshire's Highways Network and Transport System, can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/equality/equality-impact-assessments/cx-pu-eqimpact-envi.htm>

It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

### 2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The proposal will have no direct impact on the Crime and Disorder Act but should contribute towards a safer and more secure community.

### 3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Lower speeds will help reduce energy consumptions and help reduce the carbon footprint.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

There are no direct impacts on climate change adaptations from amending speed limits in Hampshire