

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
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Title:	Traffic Management Policy
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Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to adopt new policy and policy guidance for the traffic management function of Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority in Hampshire.
- 1.2. The Traffic Management Policy and Guidance (TMPG) is a new document sitting alongside the Highway Maintenance Management Plan, setting out policy and guidance regarding the County Council's approach to traffic management. Although there is a considerable amount of legislation and regulation relating to traffic management measures, there is some discretion as to how and when they are used. The TMPG sets out the County Council's approach where such discretion is available.
- 1.3. The overall objective of the TMPG is to promote consistency in the use of traffic management measures across the county, to ensure they are used appropriately and to help establish which traffic issues should be prioritised for investigation and action.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. There has not previously been a policy document covering all aspects of traffic management. The proposed TMPG is set out in a similar format to the HMMP. The Level 1 document will be web based, setting out a series of policy statements on each traffic management topic area, followed by more detailed supporting information. This draft document, a copy of which is provided in Appendix 2, was subject to public consultation during summer 2013.

Level 2 documents, which will be available on the intranet for staff and Members, will be more detailed procedural guidance on certain traffic

management measures that require further explanation than can be provided in the Level 1 document.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The new policy being proposed reflects current, generally accepted practice and should not impose any additional cost in providing the service.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The document was the subject of a public consultation exercise running from August to October in 2013. The results of this consultation were processed and amendments have been made to the document to reflect some of the comments received. In addition, the County Council has noted receipt of a variety of petitions relating to traffic management orders, and partly in recognition of this will, by approval of this document, renew its commitment to valuing community concerns as a factor, among others such as casualty statistics, when determining traffic management interventions.

5. Select Committee

- 5.1. The draft policy document and the results of the public consultation exercise were reported to the Environment and Transportation Select Committee on 5 November 2013. The Committee endorsed the document and proposed that it should be approved by the Executive Member for adoption, except the speed limit policy, for which it requested clarification and further information for review at its January meeting. An update of the Select Committee's comments following this review will be provided to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment at the meeting.

6. Future direction

- 6.1. Level 2 documents will be produced as required in order to provide operational and procedure advice for staff and Members on the assessment, use, or implementation of certain traffic management measures.

7. Document Review

- 7.1. The document should require little maintenance and amendments will be minor unless there is a change to legislation or a major change to Hampshire's corporate commitments. The document will be reviewed regularly and it is proposed that any routine changes are made by Highway, Traffic and Transport staff without referral to the Executive Member. Any changes that affect service provision or a financial commitment will be dealt with through a formal review process.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 That the new Traffic Management Policy and Guidance (TMPG) Level 1 document be adopted to replace all current traffic management related policy statements.
- 8.2 That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to agree routine changes to the general text, and that any amendment affecting policy be referred to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment.

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

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

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Traffic Management Policy & Guidance, Environment & Transport Select Committee, 5 November 2013	http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingsummary.htm?sta=0&currentpage=1&tab=1&date_ID=1137

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. The website found at the following link ([assessment of the impacts](#)) contained a summary for the following service areas: 1.2 Safe and well managed highways in Hampshire and 1.4 Developing Hampshire's highway network and transport system.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The proposed Traffic Management Policy and Guidance document favours groups who may be disadvantaged by the negative impacts of traffic.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. There is not considered to be any impact on crime and disorder as a result of the proposals. Whilst the proposed Traffic Management Policy and Guidance document includes a policy on the use of Gating Orders (where the existence of the highway is facilitating crime or anti-social behaviour), this is the same as the previous policy, which is being incorporated into the new document.

3. Climate Change:

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

The proposals are not considered to have an impact on our carbon footprint or energy consumption.

- 3.2. 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 as a result of the proposals.