

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Report of Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and Environment
To
Cabinet
On
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**Agenda
Item No.**

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20 mph Neighbourhoods

Place Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley
Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Member approval to bring further reports on the two 20 mph Neighbourhoods area (Leigh/West Leigh & Thorpe Wards)

2. Recommendations

Cabinet agrees that:

- 2.1 the proposal is disaggregated and separate reports are produced for each area.**
- 2.1.1 The Leigh & West Leigh to be presented for approval to construct**
 - 2.1.2 The Thorpe proposal to be presented for approval to consult**
- 2.2 delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Asset Management and Inward Investment to agree the advertisement of any necessary traffic regulation orders.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At the Place Scrutiny meeting on the 7 February 2022 to committee resolved that the matter be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration with the following recommendations:

3.1.1 That the proposals for the 20mph Neighbourhood in the area within West Leigh and Leigh Wards be progressed as proposed (experimental traffic order).

3.1.2 That the proposals for the 20mph Neighbourhood in the areas within Thorpe Ward be subject to full consultation with residents before considering whether the scheme should progress in these areas.

3.2 Following subsequent conversations with Portfolio Holder and Shadow Portfolio Holder for Transport & Inward Investment the Leigh & West Leigh scheme will be re-designed to reduce the physical measures within the area and utilise additional innovative non-physical measures to maintain the impact of the scheme.

5. Budget

5.1 The estimated cost for the amended design (Leigh/West Leigh) will be calculated and members advised, but it is currently likely to be less than the current scheme estimate.

6. Reasons for Recommendations

6.1 The recommendations in this report are to support the Council's 2050 Shared 'Safe and Well' Ambition, to ensure "people in Southend on Sea feel safe in all aspects of their lives".

7. Corporate Implications

7.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

7.1.1 Safe & Well - This scheme contributes to the Council's visions, particularly in terms of moving towards a safer borough by reducing vehicle speeds and improving safety for pedestrians and school children ensuring residents feel safe and secure in their neighbourhoods.

7.1.2 Active & Involved – By improving safety, the ambition of the scheme is to encourage our residents to use active and sustainable transport options, by prioritising non-motorised vehicle travel ahead of private car use.

7.2 Property Implications

7.2.1 There are no property implications.

7.3 Environmental Impact

7.3.1 There is no adverse environmental impact