

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Chief Executive

to

Cabinet

on

8th November 2016

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In depth scrutiny report – '20mph Speed Restrictions in Residential Streets' A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To seek formal approval to the draft report of the scrutiny project – '20mph Speed Restrictions in Residential Streets'.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the report and recommendations from the in depth scrutiny project attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 To note that approval of any recommendations with budget implications will require consideration as part of future years' budget processes prior to implementation.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 13th July 2015, the Place Scrutiny Committee agreed that its in-depth study for the year should be "20mph in residential streets" (Minute 125 refers). The project plan was approved by the Place Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12th October 2015 (Minute 312 refers).
- 3.2 The Member Project Team, which was chaired by Councillor Stephen Habermel, considered a range of evidence to inform their approach. The Project Team comprised Councillors Habermel (Chairman), Assenheim, Callaghan, Cox, Evans, Kenyon, Mulronev and Ware-Lane. Cheryl Hindle-Terry, Adrian Watling and Lewis Pearmain and Tim Row.
- 3.3 The project team considered a variety of research documentation, legislation and national guidance. It also heard from a variety of witnesses through presentations and written submissions. These included the Council's transport policy officers, representatives from the Safer Essex Roads Partnership and the Council's Public Health Team. It also had regard to Council policies and the evidence from the existing 20mph zones and limits in the Borough.
- 3.4 The draft scrutiny report was considered by the Member Project Team and at the Place Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 10th October 2016 (Minute 339 refers).

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 10 (Part 4 (e) of the Constitution), the in depth scrutiny report is now attached at **Appendix 1** for approval by Cabinet. It should be noted that approval of any recommendations with budget implications will require consideration as part of future years' budget processes prior to implementation. The recommendations are as follows:

Recommendations:-	
1	To note the outcome of the study
2	To wait until the results of the study by the Department for Transport are published before considering undertaking any consultation on the introduction of a Borough wide 20mph speed restriction in all residential streets
3	To work with the Safer Essex Roads Partnership and other agencies to reduce death and serious injury on roads in Southend
4	To consider the introduction and prioritisation of 20mph schemes, including the use of variable speed limits within the Borough where and when necessary, particularly around local schools and other appropriate locations
5	To write to the Secretary of State for Transport to suggest that they consider the merits of reducing the default urban speed limit in roads with street lighting be reduced from 30mph to 20mph

5. Other Options

Not applicable.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming a safe, excellent and high performing organisation; Creating a safe environment across the town for residents, workers and visitors.
- 6.2 Financial Implications – there are financial implications to some recommendations but as yet they are unquantifiable. However, any recommendations progressing with associated financial implications will need to go through the annual budgetary process before implementation, as currently no revenue or capital budgets exist for the proposals.
- 6.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 6.4 People Implications – none.
- 6.5 Property Implications – none.
- 6.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 6.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 6.8 Risk Assessment – none.

7. Background Papers –

- Project team meeting/witness session notes
- Other evidence as described in the report.

8. Appendix

Appendix 1 – in depth scrutiny project report and plans