

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	5 June 2018
Title:	Review of Residential 20 Pilot Programme
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport notes the evaluation of recent Residential 20mph Speed Limit Pilots and agrees that no further such schemes will be implemented, but that the existing schemes will be retained.
- 1.2 That any future speed limit schemes will be prioritised in accordance with the Traffic Management policy approved in 2016, and thereby limited to locations where injury accidents attributed to speed are identified, with proposals assessed in accordance with current policy and Department for Transport guidance on setting speed limits.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The County Council has been trialling Residential 20mph Speed Limits in a total of 14 locations across the County for varying periods of time since 2012, and has recently concluded an extensive review of their performance in managing average speeds and addressing safety concerns. The schemes in question were selected in consultation with members of the County Council and the community after initial testing against a set of agreed criteria. The decision to start the pilot schemes was taken before the current Traffic Management Policy of 2016 came into being, which requires all future Traffic Management schemes to be led by safety and casualty reduction interventions.
- 2.2 The headline findings of the recent review are that Residential 20mph Speed Limits have very limited impact in curtailing average speeds, which in some cases have marginally risen during the lifetime of the pilots, and there has been no observed impact on the rate of casualties.
- 2.3 On this basis, it is proposed that no further such Residential 20 mph Speed Limits are introduced in Hampshire, and that any further consideration of speed limits will conform to the Traffic Management policy agreed in 2016, which would restrict such interventions to locations where injury accidents are attributed to speed.

2.4 However, it is recommended that the existing Residential 20mph Speed Limits Pilots are retained on the basis that they are now well publicised and have had no detrimental impacts.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 It would be possible to introduce further Residential 20mph Speed Limits along similar lines to the pilots, but based on the findings of the pilots review, this would be an inefficient use of resources in reducing accident and injury rates across the county, and would involve making exceptions to the Traffic Management policy agreed in 2016.

3.2 It would be possible to abandon the existing pilot schemes. However, since the evaluation and review has found that these schemes have no detrimental impact, this option is not recommended.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: 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 Rob Humby	