

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	27 January 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Task and Finish Working Group Proposal
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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#### **Purpose of this Report**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee to consider establishing a Task and Finish Working Group to examine the 20mph Speed Limit Policy.

#### **Recommendations**

**(Providing it is approved by the Policy & Resources Select Committee on the 21 January 2022)**

2. To initiate a Task and Finish Working Group to review the current 20mph speed limits across the County on the basis of the attached proposed Terms of Reference.
3. To appoint members to the Task and Finish Working Group in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

#### **Contextual Information**

4. At County Council on 4 November 2021, the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment announced proposals for an officer-led review of the County Council's 20mph Speed Limit Policy and approach. The Select Committee have since been formally requested to consider whether the policy remains appropriate and aligns with other key policy aims in relation to the County Councils emerging transport approach and climate change response.
5. A Select Committee may establish a Task and Finish Working Group to provide advice on a specific matter within that Committee's remit for a fixed

period of time. The Policy and Resources Select Committee has been notified of the Task and Finish Working Group in accordance with its co-ordinating role, set out in the County Council's Constitution and an update will be able to be provided at the meeting as to whether it is in support of it being established. It is normal practice that a Task and Finish Working Group's role and remit be set out in Terms of Reference and accordingly a proposed Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Working Group is attached to this report at Appendix A.

### **Consultation and Equalities**

6. No consultation has been required.
7. An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken as required when any service changes are being proposed. This report is only regarding initiating a piece of review work and therefore is not proposing any changes, therefore no impact is expected as a result of this report.

### **Climate Change Impact Assessment**

8. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
9. **Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.**  
The carbon mitigation tool and climate change adaptation tools were not applicable on this occasion because the decision relates to a programme that is strategic/administrative in nature.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	no

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

<b>Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents</b>	
<p>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.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

The proposals in this report relate to the establishment of a Task and Finish Working Group to advise the Culture and Communities Select Committee. It is not anticipated that this will have any direct impact on equalities. Any subsequent recommendations of the Select Committee being considered by the relevant Executive Member would be subject to a specific equalities impact assessment.