

WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM

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20 MPH SPEED LIMITS

REPORT OF HEAD OF MAJOR PROJECTS

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WTF180 – 20MPH SPEED LIMITS – 12 September 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report updates the Forum on progress in implementing 20mph speed limits within the Town.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be noted.

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### DETAIL:

#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Over the last year work has been ongoing to consult with residents in the areas of Stanmore, Highcliffe and Winnall regarding the implementation of 20mph speed limits, with Hampshire County Council taking the lead in Stanmore and the City Council co-ordinating efforts in Highcliffe and Winnall.
- 1.2 Whilst showing clear support for a scheme to be implemented in Stanmore there was some concern at County level regarding the number of responses received; however evidence presented to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment showed that this appears to be typical for this area with other consultation exercises generating similar response rates which is likely to be attributed to the high level of student accommodation and Homes of Multiple Occupation (HMOs).
- 1.3 Therefore, on 23 July 2013 approval was given by the Executive Member for the Stanmore scheme to proceed to implementation and for Winchester City Council to proceed with the Highcliffe and Winnall schemes under the agency agreement with Hampshire County Council.
- 1.4 The Highcliffe and Winnall schemes will now proceed in the same way as any other Traffic Regulation Order and will be advertised for public comment in the autumn.
- 1.5 In addition to this work Hampshire County Council has also secured funding of £150,000 through the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) to implement a 20mph scheme in the Winchester City Centre area. The City Council have therefore adopted this as a Major Project and under the County's instruction have drawn up a scheme focussed on the historic City Centre 'core' with an extension in to Hyde as the geography of that area supports it's inclusion.
- 1.6 Costings for the scheme have been estimated at £90,000 and detailed designs have now been drawn up. In order to maximise the full LSTF spend Hampshire County Council are planning to reallocate the remaining funding to two other road improvement schemes within the City Centre area (Romsey Road/Stanmore Lane junction and Stoney Lane crossing).

- 1.7 A consultation will commence in the autumn which will include mailshots, advertisements and a public exhibition about the proposals. The project team aim to have this scheme implemented by July 2014.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN (RELEVANCE TO):

- 2.1 There are links to safe and secure communities and high quality environment objectives.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 The costs of delivering the Highcliffe and Winnall schemes will be met by funding from the Traffic Management budget and the Town Forum (the Town Account has a brought forward 2013/14 budget of £4,156).
- 3.2 The costs of delivering the City Centre scheme will be fully met by the LSTF allocation. This money is being held by Hampshire County Council specifically for this scheme.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 Public and stakeholder opinion on the City Centre scheme has not yet been sought.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

None