

Perceived speeding problems in residential areas

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting on 21 January 2009 the following Motion was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Banwait in relation to concerns about speeding vehicles.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts, that Council recognises the concerns of many of our citizens about speeding vehicles in their areas.

There are renewed calls for support for action to deal not only with speed problems but problems of the perception of speed.

Council therefore requests the Council Cabinet to ensure that traffic management officers examine ways of addressing neighbourhood based perceptions and present a report on effective traffic management methods that will meet residents' aspirations.

- 1.2 The motion was reported to cabinet on 17 February 2009 and this report sets out the planned action in 2009/10 to start to address the concerns contained in the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the elements of the 2009/10 Highways and Transport programme, approved by Cabinet on 17 March 2009, that relate to addressing the problems and perceptions of vehicle speeds.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 At its meeting on 17 March 2009, Cabinet approved the 2009/10 Highways and Transport Works Programme. Within this programme, various schemes were approved under the Local Safety and Accessibility element of the long term transport strategy.

- 3.2 These schemes include:
- **Speed management review** - To address circular 01/06 A & B road speed limit review
 - **Traffic Management/Speed Management Policies** - review and development of other policies including 20 mph zones, Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) policy, traffic calming policy. Development of policy/strategy guidance document. Links to speeding issues raised by a number of wards.
- 3.3 Both projects will be delivered during 2009/10, with progress being reported on a regular basis to the Highways and Transport Programme Board.
- 3.4 The **Speed Management Review** project is required by Government and must be completed by March 2010. This project will review speed limits on all A and B class roads in the city and recommendations will be made for changes where appropriate. The review will take into account a range of factors including accident records, surveyed vehicle speeds, the nature of the properties along the road and the overall geometry of the road layout.
- 3.5 Any changes to speed limits will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport and approved by the Assistant Director, Highways and Transport under Delegated Powers.
- 3.6 The review and development of **Traffic Management and Speed Management Policies** will be undertaken to ensure we have a consistent approach to the delivery of measures that address speed problems. As part of the development of these policies we will specifically look at the issues raised in the Council Motion to examine ways of addressing neighbourhood based perceptions of vehicles speeding in their areas. The policies will enable us to assess the suitability of measures such as vehicle activated signs and other physical measures, but in a prioritised way that ensures we tackle the most severe problems first.

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Background papers:	None
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 Financial resource has been allocated under item LS&AI 1.3 Strategy Development of the 2009/10 Highways and Transport Work Programme to investigate the issues raised in the Motion and to develop and implement a policy which will identify an appropriate suite of measures.

Legal

- 2.1 None

Personnel

- 3.1 The work will be undertaken by existing staff resources within the Highways and Transport Division.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Addressing problems caused by speeding vehicles, and reducing the adverse perception of vehicle speeds, will help address concerns about road safety and will encourage walking and cycling, especially in residential areas and to local neighbourhood and district centres.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The elements of the 2009/10 Highways and Transport programme work towards the Council's 2009-12 priorities and associated outcomes of:
- making us proud of our neighbourhoods
 - creating a 21st Century City Centre
 - leading Derby towards a better environment
 - helping us all to be healthy and active
 - giving you excellent services and value for money.