

To: City Executive Board

Date: 26th November 2008

Item No:

Report of: Head of Community Housing and Community Development

Title of Report: 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS FOR OXFORD

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To advise the City Executive Board of the request from the South East Area Committee for the City Executive Board to support the proposal from the County Council to introduce 20 mph speed limits in the City, and to advise the County Council accordingly.

Key decision? No

Executive lead member: Councillor Colin Cook

Report Approved by:

Finance: Andy Collett

Legal: Jeremy Thomas

Policy Framework: Improve the environment, economy and quality of life.

Recommendation(s):

The City Executive Board is recommended to:

1. support the implementation of 20 mph speed limits in Oxford City
2. advise the County Council of its support for 20 mph speed limits.

1. BACKGROUND

The County Council has been carrying out consultation on proposals to introduce 20 mph speed limits in the City. The Cabinet member for transport, County Councillor Ian Hudspeth has been attending area committees and other community meetings to present the proposals, and to hear directly feedback from local people.

On 30th June 2008 Council resolved as follows:

"This Council urges the County Council to bring in a 20mph limit as soon as possible across the whole City including the arterial roads but excluding the ring road."

On 13th October 2008 officers responded to the County Council consultation, with the endorsement of the Leader of the Council and the City Executive Board member for city development. The letter explained the advantages of introducing 20mph zones in the City and reiterated the Council's support for this initiative.

On 13 October 2008 the South East Area Committee discussed the proposed introduction of 20 mph limits in its area and the recommendation is set out below:

- (1) Thank County Councillor Ian Hudspeth and Jeff Barrell (Oxfordshire County Council) for their attendance and useful contributions to the meeting;*
- (2) Note all points made;*
- (3) Express support for 20mph zones in Oxford to both Oxfordshire County Council and the City Executive Board.*

2. COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL

The detail of the 20 mph proposal is contained within the attached County Council report, but overall it is proposed that the following should become 20mph limits:

- all unclassified unnumbered residential roads within the City
- the majority of unnumbered distributor roads, with a small number of exceptions
- some sections of the A and B numbered road , particularly within the central area.

The informal consultation process will be complete by the time of this meeting, and the decision on whether to proceed to formal consultation will have been taken by the Cabinet Member Councillor Ian Hudspeth. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

If the decision is made to proceed to formal consultation, reports will be prepared for a Cabinet decision in March 2009, with implementation of 20 mph limits, if approved, in July 2009.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Executive Board is recommended to:

1. support the implementation of 20 mph speed limits in Oxford City;
2. advise the County Council of its support for 20 mph limits in the City.

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Background papers:

County Council report to Cabinet Member for Transport – 17th July 2008

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Dear Peter,

20 M.P.H. Zones

I write to bring to your attention the following Motion recently adopted at a meeting of full Council:-

“This Council urges the County Council to bring into force a 20 m.p.h. limit as soon as possible across the whole City including the arterial roads but excluding the ring road”.

I know that since the Motion was adopted the Head of Transport, Environment and Economy at your Council has written a consultation report on the subject. This is currently “doing the rounds” of our Area Committees. Doubtless the outcome of the consultation will be reported to us in due course. However, I would be grateful, if you could pass to your technical officer colleagues, and to the appropriate Cabinet Member, the terms of the Motion that the City Council has adopted.

Yours sincerely,

William Reed
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