

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	17 January 2012
Title:	A and B Road Speed Limit Review
Reference:	3513
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the findings of the 'A' and 'B' road speed limit review process be noted.
- b) That approval be given to implement the proposed main programme of speed limit changes, subject to the completion of normal consultation and statutory consent procedures in each case, and providing appropriate resources confirmed in the approved Capital Programme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Department of Transport (DfT) Circular 01/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits' required all Highway Authorities to carry out a review of the speed limits on all their 'A' and 'B' class roads by the end of 2011.
- 2.2. The overall aim of the review is to provide route consistency throughout the County to ensure that the traffic management regime for a road provides the driver with clear messages about the appropriate speed and driving style to be adopted. The benefit of such an approach should contribute towards casualty reductions county-wide. This links with the Corporate Strategy priority of making Hampshire safer and more secure for all.
- 2.3. The output of the speed limit review process is a set of proposed speed limit changes. The formulation of these proposals has been heavily evidence led by means of the collation and consideration of traffic speed data, accident data and other factors such as the level of roadside development in relation to the County Council's policy for setting local speed limits.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The option of do nothing was considered to be unacceptable as it would not have met the Department of Transport's (DfT) Circular 01/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits' requirement for Highway Authorities to carry out a review of the speed limits on all their 'A' and 'B' class roads by the end of 2011.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

I have received a number of representations from elected Members and others on different schemes within the A and B Roads Review report, and I have carefully considered these as well as the report itself in reaching my conclusions to approve the programme. It is particularly important that everyone is aware that this programme approval does not remove the need for each scheme to go through our normal processes, including local consultation, before anything is implemented.

Approved by:

Date:

17 January 2012

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor M J Kendal**

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