

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee

Date of Committee 28th March 2007

Report Title Speed Management Strategy

Summary At its meeting on 18th January, Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft report of a Speed Management Strategy for the County. After consideration, the Committee requested that the views of Area Committees should be invited on the draft report and Speed Management Strategy and related matters. This report invites such views.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers None.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

Other Committees Environment Overview and Scrutiny
18th January 2007.
All Area Committees March 2007.

Local Member(s)
(With brief comments, if appropriate)

Other Elected Members

Cabinet Member
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Chief Executive

Legal I Marriott – comments noted and incorporated.

- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
28th June 2007.
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee - 28th March 2007

Speed Management Strategy

**Report of the Strategic Director for
Environment and Economy**

Recommendation

That the comments made by the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee on the draft Speed Management Strategy be submitted to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1. Introduction and Progress to Date

- 1.1 For some time now, work has been under way to produce a draft Speed Management Strategy for the Council to consider.
- 1.2 Members will recall that a workshop/seminar was held at the Pump Rooms in Leamington Spa in September 2006, at which many of the issues which involve the problems of speed on the road were discussed.
- 1.3 This workshop followed the publication in August 2006 of the Department for Transport (DfT) guidance entitled 'Circular 1/2006 Setting Local Speed Limits'.
- 1.4 Following consideration of the report and draft Speed Management Strategy by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18th January, the Committee resolved that the report and draft Strategy should be circulated unchanged to all five Area Committees for their consideration and comment. This document is attached as **Appendix A**. The draft Strategy would then be returned to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for amendment as necessary, before submitting the Strategy to Cabinet for approval.

2. Action by Area Committees

- 2.1 At this stage, it is the intention to seek the views of Members through the Area Committees, on the various draft policies in the Strategy, a number of which involve new funding issues. It is proposed that the detailed consideration of individual schemes, including alterations to speed limits, will be carried out at a later date, and will be reported to Area Committees following investigation.
- 2.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked that Members should be circulated with the proposed criteria for determining the relative priorities to be given to

implementing speed limits on different routes (or sections of routes). Although the detailed criteria will be developed as the initial investigations proceed, it is suggested that the criteria for determining the relative priorities would be based on safety issues and community concerns. Officers will report on the relative safety priorities in terms of number of injury accidents per unit length. Members (through Area Committees) will be asked to judge the relative priorities in terms of community concerns. Area Committee's views are invited on this approach.

- 2.3 Associated matters relevant to the Speed Management Strategy on which the views of Members are sought can be found at paragraphs 2.4, 4.5 and 5.2 of the report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4 The views of Area Committee on each of the draft Policies in the Speed Management Strategy, SMS 1 to SMS 14, are also requested.

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