

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 May 2022

Call-in – 20mph Speed Limits Task and Finish Group Recommendations

Recommendation

That Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the call-in request.

1. Key Issues/Background

- 1.1. On 12 April 2022, Cabinet considered the recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group reviewing the implementation of 20mph speed limits. A copy of the report to Cabinet is attached as Appendix A.
- 1.2. The minutes of the Cabinet meeting are attached as Appendix B. Cabinet resolved:
 - That Cabinet:
 1. Supports the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on 20mph speed limits as set out in paragraph 4.8 of the report;
 2. Asks that all Members be informed of the options for using their Delegated Highways Budgets to fund speed limits and engineering measures designed to reduce speed, the potential availability of the Community Action Fund, the preferred approach of targeting specific locations, the criteria for 20 mph speed limits and what evidence is required to support a proposed 20 mph speed limit; and
 3. Asks the Strategic Director for Communities to monitor the use of Members' Delegated Highways Budgets for 20 mph limits and report back to the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in February 2023.
- 1.3. Following the publication of the decision it was called in by Councillors Jonathan Chilvers, Bill Gifford, Tracey Drew and Will Roberts. The reasons for the call-in were given as:
 - 1.3.1. The evidence from a wide range of other local authorities and studies on the experience of implementing 20mph limits was not properly considered or published in the report.

- 1.3.2. The desk based exercise on New Arley and Kenilworth was not published as part of the report and was not summarised accurately.
- 1.3.3. The report runs contrary to the Council Plan by not being consistent with:
 - i) a 'community powered Warwickshire approach' (p17)
 - ii) 'making it easier to make more sustainable journeys using cycling, walking or public transport' (p11)
 - iii) the commitment to residents to 'be safe and feel safe' (p10) and to 'live in a safe environment that is connected to your community' (p16)
- 1.4. A full response will be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee by officers at the meeting.
- 1.5. The Task and Finish Group was convened following a motion at full council. Its remit was to consider the evidence, cost, impact and/or benefit of 20mph speed limits in residential areas including schools and other sites of wider interest across Warwickshire.
- 1.6. The Group considered options for advisory signage and what would benefit schools in particular. It engaged with the Police and considered information about the likely costs and benefits of specimen blanket schemes in areas of New Arley and Kenilworth.
- 1.7. The Group concluded that a blanket approach offered little benefit
- 1.8. The procedure for call in is set out in Standing Order 13. Having considered the call-in request, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may (i) refer the matter back to the decision maker for reconsideration setting out in writing the nature of its concerns or (ii) decide to take no action.
- 1.9. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the matter and decide whether to return the matter to Cabinet for reconsideration with an explanation of its concerns or to take no action (with or without comment) in which case Cabinet's decision will be implemented with immediate effect.

2.0 Environmental Implications

The environmental implications relating to the original decision that is the subject of this call in are covered in the report of 12 April 2022.

3.0 Financial Implications

The financial implications relating to the original decision that is the subject of this call in are covered in the report of 12 April 2022.

4.0 Appendices

Appendix A – Cabinet Report

Appendix B - Cabinet Minutes for the Report subject to call in

5.0 Background papers

5.1 Call In request

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