

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING:	Communities, Transport & Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	17th July 2017
TITLE:	Review of 20mph limits
WARD:	All
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 In 2016 the Panel asked if a review could be undertaken into how the 20mph speed limits across the district are performing. The attached report contains details of traffic speeds and injury accident data across these speed limits and conclusions as to their overall impact based on the information currently available.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to:

- 2.1 Comment on the findings and conclusion of the report to help inform the Council's future approach to the use of speed limits.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 Changes to speed limits are considered for funding under the Capital Transport Improvement Programme.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Sections 81 to 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 provide the Council with powers to impose or revoke speed limits.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 See attached report "Setting Local Speed Limits. A review of recent installations of 20mph area schemes (signage only)."

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 Under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 the Council has a duty to promote road safety, undertake accident studies and take appropriate measures to prevent accidents. Speed limits are considered to be part of a range of measures for improving safety. It is important that speed limits are used appropriately to ensure consistency across the district and the rest of the country in order to maintain driver compliance.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 None. This review was limited to an assessment of the data held by the Council and consideration of national guidance related to the setting of speed limits.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	None
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