

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 13 November 2012

BY: Executive Director (Services for Communities)

SUBJECT: Road Traffic regulation Act, 1984 Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – 20mph Speed Limits – Hallhill Area, Dunbar

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to commence the statutory approval necessary to promote an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit the driving of motor vehicles in excess of 20mph within the specified area.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approve the initiation of the statutory procedure necessary to make the Order in accordance with 'The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 and such amendments that are in force.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 East Lothian Council as Local Roads and Traffic Authority is responsible for the setting of speed limits on the local road network. All mandatory speed limits (other than national limits) are made by speed limit order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
- 3.2 The East Lothian Council Plan 2012-17 identifies the introduction of measures to reduce speeding as a key action to grow our communities. The introduction of 20mph limits should assist with meeting this objective.
- 3.3 East Lothian Council has been working with Sustaining Dunbar (a local development trust set up to promote sustainability) - primarily encouraging walking and cycling but also actively engaging with the local community promoting the ethos of a 20mph limit.

- 3.4 Sustaining Dunbar is a member of '20 is plenty for us' - a campaign for the reduction of lower vehicle speeds nationally.
- 3.5 Subject to successful 'buy-in' by the community the Experimental Order will come into effect on 1st April 2013 for a period of 18 months. Speeds will be recorded before during and after to establish the Order's effectiveness. A follow-up report will be submitted to Cabinet on conclusion of the trial for members' consideration in respect of making the Order permanent.
- 3.6 The Experimental Order will cover all roads south of the East Coast Main Line west of Spott road with the exception of Kellie Road.
- 3.7 Preliminary discussions with Lothian and Borders Police indicates no significant objection to making of this Order.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 These proposals are expected to contribute towards *Providing a Safer Environment* - a key priority for East Lothian Council.
- 4.2 These proposals are expected to contribute towards East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement Outcome 9 – East Lothian roads will be safer for all users.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – All costs involved in the consultation, advertising, design, staff time and implementation associated with the making of this Order can be accommodated within the 2012-13 Transportation Road Network revenue budget.
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other – None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Speed Limit Review and Proposed Speed Limit Policy 9th November 2010

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