

REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

16 April 2013

The meeting commenced at 9.15 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond (Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Councillors: Jim Ainslie, Kevin Cranney, George Morris, Peter Jackson and
Robbie Payne

Officers: Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Mike Blair, Highways, Traffic and Transport Manager
Rachael White, Democratic Services Officer

70. Proposed 20mph Speed Zones *(Assistant Director – Transportation and Engineering)*

Type of decision

Non Key Decision

Purpose of report

To seek approval for the implementation of 20mph zones in various locations, following positive public consultation.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

In 2011 Cabinet agreed, following consultation, that the town-wide '20's Plenty' approach would not be implemented in Hartlepool however, estates and self-contained areas could be evaluated on a local basis where there was support from residents and businesses. It was suggested that the following locations be approved for the implementation of 20mph zones:

Dalton Piercy and Elwick Villages:-

Consultation took place following requests from Ward Councillors to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph due to concerns regarding vehicles using the villages when travelling to and from the A19. Consultation letters

were delivered to residents and business in the villages in January 2013 and consultation proved to be positive with 89% of Dalton Piercy's responses and 84% of Elwick Village's responses in favour of the proposal.

Granville Avenue/ Tunstall Avenue Area:-

Consultation provided residents with different road safety options of road humps, 20mph speed limit, or vehicle activated signs. Out of the 200 letters sent out, 114 responses were received and the 20mph speed limit was the favoured option. It was proposed to introduce this on Granville Avenue, Tunstall Avenue, North Drive, South Drive and Elm Grove.

Lightfoot Crescent:-

During the recent roadworks at Easington Road/Throston Grange Lane roundabout, a significant number of motorists had opted to use Lightfoot Crescent despite this not being the signed diversion route. An accident had taken place during this period which resulted in a boundary wall being demolished. From the 21 letters sent out, 8 responses were received with the majority in favour of the 20mph limit.

Mulgrave Road:-

Consultation took place in January following requests from Ward Councillors and the local residents' group. Results showed that from 42 letters sent out only 7 responses were received with 6 in favour of the proposal.

The schemes would be funded from existing Local Transport Plan budgets and the estimated total cost of all locations would be £3000.

The Portfolio Holder queried whether the public had been made aware that the police would not be enforcing the proposed changes to the speed limit during the consultation. The Highways, Traffic and Transport Manager advised that he was not aware that the letters mentioned this aspect of the implementation of the reduced speed limit. He also advised that Northumbria Police were starting to enforce 20mph speed limits and it was thought that this might filter over to Cleveland Police. In response to questioning, the Highways, Traffic and Transport Manager reported that existing signs would be altered and new signs would be implemented if necessary.

Decision

The implementation of 20mph zones using signage only in various locations was approved.

71. Ward Member Budgets 2012/2013 (Update) *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

Type of decision

For information

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the current position for 2012/2013 in relation to Ward Member Budgets.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods reported that town wide; £107,432 had been approved to date out of a total allocation of £181,500 in 2012/13 for approximately 65 projects and/or schemes. A variety of projects had been funded with a number currently under development by Ward Councillors, in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Management Team. There had been no unapproved schemes in 2012/13. In February 2013, Council approved the allocation of £165,000 for 2013/14 for Ward Members Budgets, equating to £5,000 per Elected Member. Any underspend from 2012/13 would also be carried forward by each individual Ward Councillor for use in the new financial year.

Decision

The contents of the report were noted.

The meeting concluded at 9.34am.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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