

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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| Committee: | Policy and Resources Select Committee |
| Date: | 21 January 2022 |
| Title: | Approval of Working Group |
| Report From: | Chief Executive |

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Policy and Resources Select Committee to fulfil its role of coordinating scrutiny. The Policy and Resources Select Committee is asked to approve the initiation of working groups and sub committees by the other Select Committees in accordance with Paragraph 1.1.Chapter 3 Part 3 of the County Council's Constitution.

Recommendation

2. That the Policy and Resources Select Committee supports the proposed 20mph Speed Limit Policy Review Task and Finish Working Group to be undertaken by the Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Select Committee.

Economy, Transport and Environment Task and Finish Working Group: 20mph Speed Limit Policy

3. At the ETE Select Committee held on 18 November 2021, the Select Committee resolved to investigate a task and finish working group regarding review of the current 20mph speed limits across the County and to consider whether the current Hampshire policy for 20mph limits and zones, that was set in 2018 to prioritise limited funding and resources towards reducing casualties, remains appropriate and aligns with other key policy aims in relation to the County Councils emerging transport approach and our climate change response. If agreed, this working group will be formally established at the 27 January 2022 ETE Select Committee meeting.

Consultation and Equalities

4. No consultation has been required.
5. An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken as required when any service changes are being proposed. This report is only regarding initiating a piece of review work and therefore is not proposing any changes, therefore no impact is expected as a result of this report.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

6. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

7. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

The carbon mitigation tool and climate change adaptation tools were not applicable on this occasion because the decision relates to a programme that is strategic/administrative in nature.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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| Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity: | no |
| People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives: | no |
| People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment: | no |
| People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities: | no |
| This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because: | |
| It is a requirement of the Constitution that the Policy & Resources Select Committee agrees the appointment of working groups for the other Select Committees. | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | |
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| Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents | |
| The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.) | |
| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken as required when any service changes are being proposed. This report is only regarding initiating a piece of review work and therefore is not proposing any changes, therefore no impact is expected as a result of this report.