

ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY)
COMMITTEE

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT POLICY TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Role and Purpose of the Task and Finish Working Group

The 20 mph Speed Limit Policy Task and Finish Working Group is a working group of the Economy, Transport and Environment Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee and is appointed in accordance with the Constitution of Hampshire County Council.

The Economy, Transport and Environment Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee has established a Task and Finish Working Group to support the ETE Department led review of 20 mph Speed Limit restriction policy and approach, as commissioned by the Executive Lead Member for Economy Transport and Environment. The Task and Finish Working Group will review the casualty and road safety impacts of 20mph speed limits. However, in response to the Climate Emergency, and in support of the emerging LTP4 policy approach, the primary driver will be to evaluate the potential impact of reduced speed limits in appropriate areas on air quality and carbon emissions, as well as their potential for encouraging greater levels of walking and cycling.

2. Membership

The 20 mph Speed Limit Task and Finish Working Group shall comprise up to eight members of the Economy, Transport and Environment Select (Overview and Scrutiny) appointed on a cross-party basis by the Committee. The quorum of a Working Group meeting shall be three members. The Task and Finish Working Group shall appoint its own Chairman from amongst its membership at its first meeting.

3. Scope

The scope of the work of the Task and Finish Working Group will be to provide a political forum to support the ETE review of current County Council policy with respect to 20 mph speed limit restrictions, which was implemented following the findings of a report on the Residential 20 Pilot Programme to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment in June 2018.

The Task and Finish Group review will consider the following elements:

- An updated appraisal of the County Council's Residential 20 Pilot Programme

- The findings of the Department for Transport's national 20 mph research study of 2018
- Other Authorities' approach to 20 mph limits and zones
- Evidence relating to the relationship between 20 mph speed limits, 'place making' considerations and increased take up of walking and cycling
- Update on Hampshire road traffic casualty data;
- Evidence of any relationship between the introduction of 20 mph speed limits and changes in air quality and carbon emissions;
- National guidance on setting 20mph speed limits
- Local Transport Plan 4 policy aims and the role of 20mph speed limits
- The compliance and effectiveness of 20mph speed limits
- Complementary measures to improve the compliance/effectiveness of 20mph speed limits
- Hampshire Constabulary view including Police enforcement and community speed watch
- The County Council's Community Funded Initiative for Traffic Measures
- 20's plenty and advisory school 20mph speed limit signs
- Resource and Asset Management implications

The Task and Finish Working Group may wish to invite witnesses as part of the research and shall conclude once the necessary research and investigations into the policy have been completed. Supporting the ETE Department Review, instigated at the request of the Executive Member, this will be timed to inform the finalisation and adoption of the Local Transport Plan in Autumn 2022.

The Task and Finish Working Group shall report to the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee on completion. The Task and Finish Working Group may make recommendations to the Select Committee within its remit.

4. Meeting arrangements

Meetings of the Task and Finish Working Group shall take place as required by agreement with the Chairman of the Task and Finish Working Group.

Meetings shall normally be held remotely via Teams, and be supported by officers from Economy, Transport and Environment and Law and Governance as required.