

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	27 January 2022
Title:	Moving Traffic Enforcement Powers
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the principle of the County Council undertaking civil enforcement of moving traffic restrictions, utilising new powers available to highway authorities under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Chief Executive, the Head of Legal Services and the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment to undertake all necessary steps to prepare and submit a formal application to the Department for Transport to secure the relevant new powers.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the first tranche of enforcement schemes, as detailed within this report, aimed at enhancing highway safety or helping to reduce congestion of the County Council maintained highway network.
- 1.4. That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment authorises development of a policy for future enforcement schemes, based on the findings of the first tranche of enforcement schemes, to be approved at a future Decision Day.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The contravention of highway restrictions can compromise road safety and cause traffic congestion, including delays to public transport and emergency vehicles.
- 2.2. The enforcement of moving traffic restrictions, such as banned turns and yellow box markings, is a relatively low priority for the police. Enforcement of problematic moving traffic restrictions by the County Council would reduce the demand for police enforcement whilst enhancing safety and helping to reduce traffic congestion.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Continued reliance on police enforcement. This option is discounted due to increased pressure on limited police resources, coupled with the resource intensive nature of traffic enforcement.
- 3.2. Extending the scope of the current district agencies for parking enforcement, to enable the various district and borough councils to undertake enforcement of moving traffic offences in their areas on the County Council's behalf. This option is rejected as this is a county wide service that needs to be delivered consistently across Hampshire and is therefore more effectively and efficiently delivered as a single county wide service by the County Council.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

27 January 2022

**Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**