



Provision of Highway Signs

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KEY ISSUE

To give an update on the provision of all highway signs.

SUMMARY

This report to the Local Committee outlines issues regarding the provision of privately funded and County funded highway signs in Tandridge. The report provides details of the current criteria and policies in place for provision of such signs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to support the current policy for the provision of all highway signs in Tandridge.

1 **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1.1 The County Council provides a number of highway signs to control, warn, guide, regulate and inform road users. The signs include:

- Regulatory Signs
- Warning Signs
- Directional Signs
- Signs for services and tourist facilities
- Pedestrian and Cyclists related signs
- Village Gateway Signs

2 **ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

2.1 All highway signs placed must conform to national regulations titled Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. These regulations stipulate the size, colour and type of signs for use on public highways.

2.2 The Department for Transport (DfT) have produced “The Traffic Signs Manual” which is divided into 8 individual chapters. These chapters give both specific and general advice and these together with Local Transport Note 1/94 and the documentation listed in the bibliography cover most situations. Other signs may be authorised by the DfT through the Government Office (Transport) for South East Region (GOSE).

3 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 All highway signs regardless of funding, County or private funded, must conform to national regulations. Private funding may be welcomed to support the provision of signs for highway purposes.

4 **CONCLUSION**

4.1 County policy states that all highway signs, including County and privately funded signs, must comply with national regulations. It is recommended that all highway signs be provided only in accordance with this policy.

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