

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

VICTORIA WAY, WOKING, SPEED LIMIT DECISION REVIEW

(i) Details of decision

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity did not agree the recommendations included within the report and agreed to implement the Woking Joint Committee's decision that the speed limit on Victoria Way be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

(ii) Reasons for decision

This matter has been referred from the Joint Committee of Woking and Surrey County Council Members following a decision to refuse a reduction in speed on Victoria Way due to the Area Highways Manager opposing the recommendation. It therefore requires a Cabinet Member decision.

It directly relates to the Surrey 'Setting Local Speed Limits' – a County policy. As part of the policy under step 6 – if the Area Manager or the Police Safety Officer do not support the request it requires a decision by a Cabinet Member.

The Deputy Leader noted the report to the Joint Committee on 28 June by Louisa Calam, on attachment from Surrey to Woking.

The issue is to improve transport facilities and access to the town centre within a high quality, urban environment as part of the major public realm improvements to Guildford Town Centre.

Previously, lists of TROs in Woking Town Centre were brought to the March Woking Joint Committee. Following a number of planning applications, as a Joint Committee it has delegated authority to issue the TROs through Members and officers of the Committee, however, this proposed speed reduction did not form part of the original planning application regarding these improvements which then negates the delegated authority to the Joint Committee. Comments by the Area Manager indicate strong disagreement to this proposal.

Speed data was examined from 2012 covering the whole of Victoria Way and there is further data available only from ToysRus towards the railway bridge from 2016. The 85th percentile speeds range from 25.3 to 33.3mph. The threshold indicated in the policy means that if the existing mean speeds are below the threshold then the Council will allow a changed only lower speed limits without supporting measures. The police were consulted on this matter and agree that mean speeds are within the parameters allowed in the policy for this change to a 30mph limit.

The Deputy Leader has noted that the proposed reduction is supported by the Surrey Road Safety Team.

The Deputy Leader further noted that should the speed limit be reduced to 30mph all existing repeater signs would have to be removed which could influence people to increase their speed on this dual carriageway. However, the new bus lane being introduced shortly will also lead to a lower speed of transit along the A320.

All costs are to be met by Woking Borough Council and whilst a consultation hasn't taken place specifically on this item the Deputy Leader believes that all requisite considerations have been made. Following the implementation there will be a requirement to review the speeds of the vehicles on the A320 along Victoria Way and that information will be brought back to the Joint Committee.

It will also reduce the number of speed restrictions from the Six Crossroads roundabout to the 'Brook House' roundabout from a conglomeration of speed instructions which go from 50 to 40mph and then on to 30mph.

In light of these considerations, the Deputy Leader's felt it was appropriate to agree the request that the speed on Victoria Way be reduced from 40 to 30mph.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

The Deputy Leader took this decision on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Highways.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None

Decision taken by:

- (i) Name:** John Furey
- (ii) Portfolio:** Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity

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