

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 21 June 2021	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/21.6.21/6	Executive (Councillors A. Western, Adshead, Freeman, Hynes, Patel, Ross and Slater.)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

20 M.P.H. SPEED LIMITS AND ZONES

1. That the background information relative to the evaluation of 20mph streets and zones in recent years be noted.
2. That approval be given to the prioritisation of 20mph schemes with the matrix that has been developed as included in Appendix A to the report.
3. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place for future approval of 20mph streets in conjunction with the Executive Member for Environment and Regulatory Services where the request or needs meet the prioritisation criteria which includes improving safety in and around school streets.
4. That the funding allocated this current financial year by TfGM for safety around school streets to contribute towards this priority be noted.
5. That it be noted that there is currently no capital allocation in 2021/22 for 20mph streets or zones but that a bid will be put forward for consideration in 2022/23 following a review of applications and streets that meet the criteria for consideration that has been developed.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Whilst there is no clear evidence to predict the overall success of 20mph, they do assist in reducing speeds and subsequently reducing casualty severity. Community support is key to the success, as schemes with community support achieve better compliance. As well as road safety benefits, it is important to highlight the contribution that 20mph zones may have in increasing physical activity, such as walking and cycling. Prioritisation of potential schemes using the matrix that identifies school streets, speed and casualties as factors is recommended in that it considers locations where the greatest benefits can be determined. A bid for allocation of funds into the next years' capital program will be put forward and if successful a list of approved schemes will be published on the Council's website. Full consultation with the residents will be undertaken and schemes will only be implemented where there is clear support from the residents and the local councillors. A bid will be submitted via TFGM to fund 5 school Streets.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Implementing wholesale 20mph zones across Trafford without an application and prioritisation process would be unaffordable and unsustainable to implement, enforce and maintain. The other alternative is to stay with the current speed limits; however, this option is seen as not supporting other initiatives as outlined in the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

Wednesday, 30 June 2021

(Decision can be implemented on the next working day, unless called in).

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Wednesday, 23 June 2021

RECORDED BY:

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