

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

WESTBURY AREA BOARD 19 April 2012

Speed Indicator Device Allocation 2012/13

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain the Board's agreement to the Speed Indicator Device (SID) allocation programme for 2012/13.

Introduction:

SIDs are proven to be effective in reducing the speed of traffic through villages when deployed for short periods. Their effectiveness is increased when used in conjunction with an active Community Speedwatch scheme signalling to drivers that speeding is not acceptable.

From April responsibility for fixing the SID deployment programme is devolved to Area Boards.

SID allocation:

Best practice is that a SID should not be deployed to a particular site for more than 14 days at a time. It is also recommended that it does not return to the same site within 12 weeks so that it remains effective.

A SID should only be placed at a site that meets the criteria (see Appendix) and has had a metrocount to test the speed of vehicles.

Where a metrocount has provided data for a site that meets the criteria for speedwatch the Area Board encourages the local community to set up a speedwatch scheme.

After analysing the sites that have received a SID in the past, there were four historical sites that are still of community concern therefore remain in the highways SID deployment programme.

The deployment of SIDS has been considered by the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and it is felt that Community Speedwatch sites should be included in the rotation. Any site which does not meet the criteria for Community Speedwatch should not be considered.

Whilst the Cabinet Member for Highways has delegated the decision on where to deploy SID devices to Area Boards he has asked that they should take into consideration that adding more sites to the list means that the ones that meet the criteria will have to wait longer for the SID to return to those sites.

The Westbury community area currently has four sites which meet the highways set criteria and a further 11 sites that carry out community speed watch. CATG is proposing the schedule over the page.

Recommendation:

1. To agree the SID allocation programme for 2012/13 (proposed schedule attached)

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