

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

3 September 2024

**Executive Response to the Final Report of the
Speed Limit Assessment Task Group**

Purpose of the report

1. To present the response of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene, and Flooding to the Final Report of the Speed Limit Assessment Task Group.

Background

2. On 18 July 2024 the Environment Select Committee endorsed the Final Report of the Task Group.
3. The Committee resolved to refer the following Task Group’s recommendations to the relevant Cabinet member for response at the Committee’s next meeting on 3 September 2024.

Executive response to the Task Group’s recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene, and Flooding:

Recommendation 1	Develops a publicly available policy statement covering speed assessments, including: a) The purpose of speed assessments b) Alternatives to a full assessment c) How to initiate an assessment d) The criteria and guidance used to make an assessment e) The assessment process (data collection, analysis, feasibility, consultation, implementation, and monitoring) f) The decision-making procedure		
Executive response	August 2024	Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
A policy will be developed.		Adoption of new policy	
Target date		Implementation date	

January 2025	January 2025
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Recommendation 2	Provides guidance on the types of information to be submitted with a speed assessment request.		
Executive response	August 2024	Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
A policy will be developed. An appendix will be included which details the expected information to be included within the request.		Adoption of new policy.	
Target date		Implementation date	
January 2025		January 2025	

Recommendation 3	Ensures that the ‘Local concerns’ section and an analysis of all DfT assessment criteria of the speed assessment report is always published with the final assessment reports and is completed fully.		
Executive response	August 2024	Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
The current version of recommendation reports already includes this and will continue to be included. The provision of Recommendation 2 will assist with the report detailing a response to “Local Concerns”.			
Target date		Implementation date	
Aug 2024		Aug 2024	

Recommendation 4	Provides the full traffic survey data with each speed assessment report.		
Executive response	August 2024	Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
The recommendations report will be amended to incorporate the publication of data collected during the assessment process			
Target date		Implementation date	
September 2024		September 2024	

Recommendation 5	Issues guidance to LHFIGs regarding alternatives to undertaking a speed assessment.		
Executive response	Aug 2024	Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
A policy will be developed. An appendix will be included which details the expected information to be included within the request.			
Target date		Implementation date	
January 2025		January 2025	

Recommendation 6	Creates an open, evidence-based appeals process for challenging speed assessment outcomes.		
Executive response	Aug 24	Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
To discuss with Cabinet Member for Highways, Streetscene & Flooding the process by which appeals can be considered. Determination of appeals will need to be undertaken by the Cabinet Member. The process will be included in the updated Policy as an Appendix.			
Target date		Implementation date	
January 2025		January 2025	

Recommendation 7	Reports on progress with implementing the recommendations to the Environment Select Committee in January 2025.		
Executive response	Aug 24	Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
A report on progress will be provided to the Environmental Select Committee in January 2025.			
Target date		Implementation date	
January 2025		January 2025	

4. At its meeting on 18 July 2024, the Environment Select Committee added a further recommendation, below, recommendation eight. This was to ensure that it is clear where assessments have been undertaken and when, and what the outcome was.

Recommendation 8	Completed speed assessments are mapped/collated and published		
Executive response	Aug 2024	Partially Accept	
Action		Success criteria	
The methodology by which this recommendation is actioned requires further consideration by officers to determine the feasibility of the request.			
Target date		Implementation date	
August 2025		August 2025	

Proposal

5. To note the executive response to the Final Report of the **Speed Limit Assessment Task Group**.

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