WILTSHIRE COUNCIL   ITEM ??

SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
(11 APRIL 2012)

Speed Indicator Device Allocation 2012/13

Purpose of the Report

1. To delegate responsibility for future discussions and decisions on the allocation of the SID to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Community Area Transport Group.

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 can 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.

The Area Board currently has 15 sites eligible for a SID, and at the present time each site is used in turn on a rolling schedule. In order to change the SID deployment programme in the future, this proposal will delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Community Area Transport Group to ensure the ability to take immediate action.

Recommendation:

1. To delegate responsibility for future discussions and decisions on the allocation of the SIDs to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Community Area Transport Group.

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