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TEMPORARY SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE SITE ELIGIBILITY AND DEPLOYMENT CRITERIA

Purpose of Report

1. To review the eligibility and deployment criteria for the use of temporary Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) on the highway network in Wiltshire and to recommend the adoption of revised criteria.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The proposal meets two of the priorities of the Council's Business Plan. These priorities being:

Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them

Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe

Background

3. Following the cancellation of the Council funded temporary SID programme in December 2014 due to funding cutbacks, requests have been received asking that Town and Parish Councils be permitted to take on the responsibility for the deployment of SIDs. The revised criteria identify a methodology that allows Town and Parish Councils to proceed on this basis. The Town and Parish Councils will be responsible for the administration and co-ordination of SID activities in their area and may choose to do so independently of, or in co-operation with, others.
4. The proposed methodology is designed to be cost neutral to the Council as all costs associated with the deployment, maintenance, and administration will have to be borne by the Town and Parish Councils.

Main Considerations for the Council

5. The Wiltshire Practice Note at **Appendix 1** sets out the proposed revised eligibility and deployment criteria to be used for temporary SIDs. It also includes a list of frequently asked questions and answers.

Safeguarding Considerations

6. There are no safeguarding implications.

Public Health Implications

7. There are no public health implications.

Corporate Procurement Implications

8. None.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

9. If implemented, the proposals will contribute to reducing casualties and making Wiltshire's roads safer.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

10. There are considered to be no equalities impacts.

Risk Assessment

11. There is no risk to the Council.

Financial Implications

12. The proposed deployment, maintenance and administration methodology is designed to be cost neutral to the Council. Initial site assessment costs (metrocounts) will continue to be paid for by the Council.

Legal Implications

13. The requirement for Town and Parish Councils to only employ suitably accredited Contractors with public liability insurance exceeding £5 million is considered adequate to ensure that legal requirements are met. This aspect will be kept under review to ensure compliance.

Options Considered

14. To:
- (i) Adopt the revised criteria.
 - (ii) Not adopt the revised criteria.

Reason for Proposal

15. SIDs have proved to be an effective and popular means of raising awareness of vehicle speeds. The revised criterion allows SID deployment to continue in response to requests from local communities whilst being cost neutral to the Council.

Proposal

16. That the revised eligibility and deployment criteria for temporary Speed Indicator Devices be adopted.

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None