

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 9th September 2015

Subject: Road Casualty Reduction and 20mph Speed Limits in Leeds

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report explains the information to be presented to the Scrutiny Board (City Development). On the 17th of June 2015 the Scrutiny Board (City Development) considered performance information presented on the reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the city's roads. The board resolved that this should be discussed in further detail to understand why target reductions are not being met. The Board also acknowledged that further work is also required to conclude the inquiry into 20mph area wide speed limits in Leeds. A significant amount of evidence was gathered by the predecessor Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) in 2014/15.

Recommendations

2. The Scrutiny Board (City Development) is requested to:
 - Note the Road Safety priority of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and any further supplementary information provided
 - Consider the content of this report and the report of the Director of City Development and make recommendations as deemed appropriate regarding road casualty reduction.
 - Consider the background information provided with regard to previous inquiry sessions on 20pmh zones in Leeds, in addition to information and advice presented at this meeting and formulate a view on the most appropriate approach for Leeds.

1 Background information

- 1.1 On the 17th of June 2015 the Scrutiny Board (City Development) considered performance information presented regarding the reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the city's roads. The board resolved that this should be discussed in further detail to understand why target reductions are not being met.
- 1.2 The Board also acknowledged that further work is also required to conclude the inquiry into 20mph speed limits in Leeds. A significant amount of evidence was gathered by the predecessor board Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) in 2014/15. Reports submitted to the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) on the 18th of November 2014 and 17th March 2015 and minutes of both meetings are provided to inform the Scrutiny Board (City Development) of the consideration undertaken to date. The deputation to Council regarding the 20's Plenty Campaign is also provided. For clarity this background information is printed on green paper in this agenda pack.

2 Main issues

2.1 Road Casualty Reduction

- 2.1.1 Information relating to Road Casualty Reduction and Initiatives is detailed in the report of the Director of City Development.
- 2.1.2 The West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2013- 2018 identifies Improved Road Safety as a priority of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. An update position is detailed in the extract from the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner draft Annual Report 2014/15. (Appendix A).
- 2.1.3 In October 2014 the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner held a round table discussion on Road Safety at Leeds Civic Hall. This aimed to bring together relevant partners to discuss how they could work better together to improve road safety across the district, and to talk about the issues that were raised by the public as part of the Police and Crime Commissioners 'listening to you' consultation events. The desired outcome of the meeting was to identify what can be done by working together to tackle high priority road safety issues. The outcome of this meeting has been requested for the information of the Scrutiny Board (City Development) once received it will be circulated as late supplementary information.

2.2 20mph Speed Limits in Leeds

- 2.2.1 In March 2014, the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) considered a request for Scrutiny from the Executive Board relating to a deputation originally presented to Council in November 2013 by the 20's Plenty for Us campaign group.
- 2.2.2 The deputation was considered by the Executive Board in February 2014. The Executive Board endorsed the continuation of the council's existing approach to the roll out of 20mph zones, encouraged ongoing partnership working to promote the benefits of 20mph speed limits and referred the matter to the Scrutiny Board for further consideration.

2.2.3 The Scrutiny Board agree to accept the request, undertaking work in November 2014 and March 2015. The reports submitted to these meetings and the minutes are attached as background information and to aid the Scrutiny Board (City Development) in formulating a view on the most appropriate approach for Leeds. At the March meeting the Scrutiny Board requested further information relating to the effectiveness of schemes in other cities, the potential for piloting a blanket approach in a specific area of the city and potential sources of partnership funding, locality investment and public health investment. The Board considered that this information was required in order to formulate a view on whether a 20mph area wide policy for Leeds is appropriate and can be resourced. The report of the Director of City Development, 9th of September 2015 and information presented at the meeting will respond to this request.

3. Corporate Considerations - Consultation and Engagement, Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration, Resources and Value for Money

3.1 Details of any consultation, impact on equality areas and significant resource and financial implications will be referenced in the report of the Director of City Development and background reports.

4 Recommendations

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5 Background documents¹

- 8 November 2014 – The provision of 20mph Speed Limits in Leeds reports and minutes of Scrutiny (Sustainable Economy and Culture)
- 17 March 2015 - The provision of 20mph Speed Limits in Leeds reports and minutes of Scrutiny (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information.