

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

**DECISION NO:**

13/00063

**For publication**

**Subject: Updated Policy for 20mph limits and zones on Kent County Council's roads**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, I agree to an updated Policy for 20mph limits and zones which will :-

- (i) implement 20mph schemes where there is clear justification in terms of achieving casualty reduction as part of the on-going programme of Casualty Reduction Schemes.
- (ii) identify locations for 20mph schemes which will assist with delivering targets set out in Kent's Joint Health and Well Being Strategy.
- (iii) enable any schemes that cannot be justified in terms of road safety or public health benefits but are locally important to be funded via the local County Councillors Member Highway Fund. All schemes must meet implementation criteria as set out in DfT Circular 01/2013.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Evidence shows the benefits of 20mph schemes in terms of casualty reduction, but they can also help with tackling public health issues such as obesity and asthma by encouraging more walking and cycling. They can also help people move around more safely and independently improving accessibility for the elderly, vulnerable road users and disabled people.

The proposed policy promotes a cost effective way of achieving casualty reduction and assisting with delivering targets set out in Kent's Joint Health and Well Being Strategy.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

To be entered after the meeting and considered by the Cabinet Member when taking the decision.

**Any alternatives considered:**

The two alternatives considered were (1) not adopting a new policy and continuing as existing by only funding 20mph schemes where there is clear justification in terms of achieving casualty reduction or (2) blanket provision of 20mph limits and / or zones in all residential areas.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

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