

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Wide-Area 20mph Update to CCC P&C Committee: Feb 23

Since December's P&C committee meeting, the Planning Officer, Anna Whitty has established from Mike Thomas, Area Highways Manager, WSCC:

1. That, due to the complexity of a City Wide-Default, we should proceed with Community Highways Scheme rather than a Road Traffic Order.
2. That County Councillor support will be required.
3. That community engagement and the collection of public opinion must be carried out

We know, also, that any such scheme will be subject to finance arrangements being in place. The cost and how this might be agreed is not yet clear. However, Wide-Area schemes are not overly complicated by the need for extensive road engineering. Speed Bumps, for example are not only not advised, they are advised against. Low cost signage and education is preferred.

With regards to public engagement, Adrian Berendt from the Charity 20s Plenty for Us, has offered to guide the process of engaging with the public and collecting the necessary data. There would be a need for in-house officer support to run this, but the charity's methods are tried, tested and available to us.

We need

1. Involvement and/or approval of County Councillors
2. To map the roads for inclusion, exclusion, and any needing more than signs, lines and education.
3. To establish the costs and funding streams
4. To engage the public with information about how and why 20mph is beneficial and how it will affect people's lives. Offer the public a method of providing their feedback and expressing views on other road safety ideas, like crossing, pavements etc.
5. To collate the evidence for the Planning Officer for submission with the Community Highways Scheme.

I ask this committee for permission to take this forward, by inviting all interested City Councillors, the four County Councillors, Mike Thomas and Adrian Berendt, to an initial discussion, to establish more clarity about WSCC expectations, and to recruit members to the Working Group necessary to take the process forward to a successful implementation.

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