

**Title of meeting:** Traffic and Transportation Decision Meeting

**Date of meeting:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Subject:** Speed and Casualty Reduction Measures 2020/21 budget

**Report by:** Tristan Samuels - Director of Regeneration

**Wards affected:** Drayton and Farlington/St Thomas

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report:**

- 1.1 To consider the locations suggested for speed reduction measures as part of the speed reduction LTP 2020/21 programme that was agreed in December 2020.

**2. Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation:**

- 2.1 **Approves the spend from the Speed Reduction Measure budget of speed reduction measures at the junctions of Dysart/Mansvid/Tredegar Avenue, the junction of Havant Road and Farlington Avenue and Castle Road between Kings Road and Hambrook Road.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 In 2019, a total of 1,752 reported road deaths road in Great Britain, a similar number to the 1,783 deaths reported in 2018. This figure is also similar to the level of fatalities seen since 2012 which followed a period of substantial reduction in fatalities from 2006-2010. There were 25, 945 seriously injured casualties and 153, 158 slightly injured casualties. This is 5% lower than in 2018 and is the lowest level since 1979 when this statistical series with current definitions and detail began.
- 3.2 Local authorities have various statutory duties under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 related to road safety, including taking steps to reduce and prevent accidents, promoting road safety, and securing the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians.

- 3.3 The Speed Reduction Measures budget allocated within the LTP 3 funding 2020-21 will address those statutory duties.

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

##### **Junction of Dysart/Mansvid/Tregaron Avenue**

- 4.1 'Give Way' and 'Crossroads ahead' signage on the junctions of Dysart/Mansvid/Tregaron Avenue. The purpose of this proposed action is to increase the visibility of the Tregaron Avenue junction to drivers travelling along Mansvid and Dysart Avenue alongside the existing road markings.
- 4.2 There is an emerging issue at this junction, there have been 4 incidents since 2019 where vehicles have failed to give way when emerging from Dysart Avenue. One of these resulted in serious injury to a pedestrian.
- 4.3 The speed limit for these roads is 20mph. A hand held speed survey was carried out in March 2020 over 3 hours which recorded 204 cars, the average speed was 23.4mph and the v85 speed was 27mph. The V85 or mean speed is the speed at or below 85% of the vehicles travel and is one of the most commonly used measures of actual speed. The speed range was 14mph - 39mph.

##### **Junction of Havant Road and Lower Farlington Road**

- 4.4 Anti-skid surfacing adjacent to the pedestrian crossing on Havant Road at the junction of Farlington Avenue. The purpose of this proposed action is to assist vehicles to slow to a stop at the pedestrian crossing immediately prior to the junction.
- 4.5 There have been reports to the Drayton and Farlington ward councillors that this pedestrian crossing is the subject of frequent near misses as vehicles overshoot the Stop Lines for the signalised junction and encroach onto the pedestrian crossing.
- 4.6 There has been 1 accident resulting in serious injury to a pedestrian at the site in July 2019.

##### **Castle Road between Kings Road and junction of Hambrook Street**

- 4.7 Two speed cushions to be located between the junctions of Kings Road and Hambrook Street. Under the DfT Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 awarded to Portsmouth City Council in May 2020 was an allocation to close the southern part of Castle Road between Hambrook Street and Western Parade. This scheme is currently under development to become a permanent scheme. Prior to this scheme, the council received correspondence from residents in the northern section of Castle Road - Kings Road to St Edwards Road there was a high incidence of vehicles speeding along the road.

4.8 The speed limit for this road is 20 mph. A fixed box speed survey was carried out in September 2019 between 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> which recorded 15,040 vehicles, the average speed was 22mph and the v85 speed was 28mph. the speed range was 5-39mph.

4.9 It is anticipated that these 2 schemes will complement each other when installed, the speed cushions will ensure average vehicle speed is reduced along the northern section of the road when approaching the southern section of the road that is closed and the alternative route.

**5. Integrated impact assessment**  
Attached

**6. Legal implications**

6.1 The measures proposed within the recommendation are within the Council's statutory powers and duties in relation to traffic management and the management, maintenance and improvement of highways for which it is the responsible authority.

**7. Director of Finance's comments**

7.1 The speed reduction measures set out in this report are estimated to cost in the region of £42,000. The cost of the scheme will be funded from the Speed Reduction allocation within the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan Capital allocation.

7.2 A full financial appraisal will be completed before any of the work is commenced to ensure the budget is sufficient to cover the cost of the works.

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**Appendices:**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/  
rejected by ..... on .....

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