



NOTICE OF MEETING

Scrutiny Review - 20 mph Speed Limit

MONDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 2010 at 10:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22 8LE

MEMBERS: Councillors Basu, Bull (Chair), Newton and Weber

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **URGENT BUSINESS**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

4. **MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 2)**

To agree the minutes of the meeting of 4 October 2010 (attached).

5. 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

1. To receive evidence from the following:

- The Police Service on their view of the feasibility of a borough default 20 mph speed limit on residential roads;
- The Urban Environment directorate on current Council policy in relation to 20 mph speed limits,

2. To report on progress with the review.

6. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

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**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW - 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT
MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2010**

Councillors: Bull (Chair), Newton and Weber

Apologies: Councillor Basu

LC1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor Basu.

LC2. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

LC3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

LC4. DRAFT SCOPE/TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Panel noted that the final report of the independent interim evaluation of the implementation of 20 mph speed limits in Portsmouth had been published and had reported an average reduction in mean speeds on all roads of 1.3 mph. Road casualties had reduced by 22%. This compared to a reduction in casualty figures of around 14% in comparable areas during the same period. The conclusion of the report was that early figures had suggested that the implementation of the 20 mph speed limit had been associated with reductions in road casualty numbers.

Members of the Panel requested specific information on the impact of lower speed levels on emissions.

The Panel requested that the terms of reference be amended as follows:

“To consider:

- the feasibility of the introduction of a default borough wide 20 mph speed limit for suitable residential streets and, in particular, whether reductions in traffic speeds and casualty figures are likely to be achieved without the need for physical calming measures and enforced by signage alone;
- whether a time limited pilot scheme *in a suitable town centre location* should be set up to test the potential effectiveness of such a scheme”.

It was noted that Islington was also undertaking a scrutiny review on 20 mph speed limits. Contact had been made with relevant officers there and it was proposed that, where there were shared issues and agendas, possible collaboration be explored.

AGREED:

1. That the scope and terms of reference for the review, as amended, be approved and recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. That future meetings of the Panel be scheduled as follows:

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MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2010**

- Monday 18 October at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday 15 November at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday 13 December at 10:45
- Monday 17 January at 10:00 a.m.

LC5. 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS

It was noted that the officer from Urban Environment who had been scheduled to present to the Committee was unwell and therefore unable to attend. It was agreed that the presentation would be postponed and added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Gideon Bull
Chair