

**POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION**  
**Island Wide Speed Review Briefing Note**  
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### **Background and Introduction**

A range of approaches were adopted in 2019 to manage Highway improvements in order to meet the Isle of Wight Council's duty to ensure the expeditious and safe movement of people, services and goods on the highway, and to manage the unprecedented level of requests for changes to the network received since the commencement of the Highways PFI Contract. One of the significant concerns is speeding vehicles on the network and the impact on local communities. As a result, an 'Island Wide Strategic Speed Review' is to be commissioned via Island Roads as the Council's Highways Service Provider, to which this briefing note relates.

### **Scope**

The initial scope of the review was to address concerns reported by the community that due to the investment from the Highways PFI in improving road conditions, that this may have resulted in increased speed of travel. As such there was initially an increasing demand for implementing lower traffic speeds on a piecemeal approach without a full consideration of the wider consequences.

Accordingly, to regularise speed standards across the Island, a strategic speed review, using guidance provided by the Department for Transport, was agreed to run alongside the first Island Wide Traffic Regulation Order Review, focusing on the requests received for changes to speed limits recorded via the Highways Safety and Improvement Register (HSIR). The Speed Review is being undertaken via Island Roads based on guidance contained within [Department for Transport \(DfT\) Circular 1/2013](#) and the framework set out in the [Isle of Wight Council's adopted speed limit policy](#).

Subsequently the scope of review has been widened, with a second phase of traffic surveys being commissioned, to ensure sufficient traffic sampling surveys have been undertaken so that all current speed limits on the Island can be considered, and not just those which have been the subject of previous concerns or requests raised via the HSIR.

## Timescales

Stage	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Speed Review Phase 1	October 2021		
Speed Review Phase 2		October 2022	
Review of Reports		March 2023	
Commencement of Works			April 2023

## Finance

The necessary funding of both phases of the review and capital for some initial schemes are being funded through use of DfT funding received.

Phase 1 & 2 Surveys and final report	- £92k
Capital Works	- £250k

## Next Steps

Phase 1 of the review has now been completed and Phase 2 has since been commissioned via Island Roads. As per the timescales outlined above, Phase 2 is due to be completed and the final report presented to Highways CMT by October 2022. Following this the recommendations of the report shall be reviewed, and a programme of works developed.

It should be noted that it is not likely that the current funding allocation of £250k will be sufficient to implement all recommended speed limit schemes, i.e. 20 mph schemes, due to the costs associated with the installation of the necessary measures to manage traffic speeds at the new limits. However, based upon the recommendations from the final reports and initial cost estimates, a prioritised list of the schemes will be created from which a delivery programme will be developed. Once produced the reports will be used to inform future capital investment and bids in the future to secure the funding to deliver further recommended schemes.