



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Programme Committee**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Monday, 20 March 2023 at 4.00 pm

Present: Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
E W Fitzgerald
M Jones
F D O'Brien
T M White

Councillor(s)
R Fogarty
H Lawson
S Pritchard

Councillor(s)
V A Holland
W G Lewis
M S Tribe

Statutory Co-opted Member(s)

Beth Allender Elizabeth Lee

Councillor Co-opted Member(s)

C A Holley P R Hood-Williams

Officer(s)

Matthew Bowyer	Group Leader, Highways & Transportation
Stuart Davies	Head of Highways & Transportation
Alan Ferris	Road Safety Manager
Brij Madahar	Scrutiny Team Leader
Debbie Smith	Deputy Chief Legal Officer
Mark Wade	Interim Director of Place
Samantha Woon	Democratic Services Officer

Also present

Councillor A Stevens, Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure.

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Co-opted Members: S M Jones and L R Jones

94 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interest.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

95 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips.

In accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, no declarations of Whipped Votes or Party Whips were declared.

96 Public Question Time.

There were no public questions.

97 Pre-Decision Scrutiny: National 20 Mph Default Speed Limit Including Consideration of the Exemptions Process.

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure introduced the Cabinet report which advises Members on the proposal to make the national default speed limit on restricted roads 20mph and detailed those roads which will be exempt and remain at 30mph.

The report detailed the consultation process to be followed and the approach taken in respect of implementation of the requirement, with the reduction in the default speed limit coming into effect on 17 September 2023.

The Road Safety Manager detailed the implementation of the National 20mph rollout and exemption process.

Committee questioning and discussion focussed on the following:

- Funding – Officers to provide a detailed breakdown of the cost of implementation for which Welsh Government funding is sought.
- Compliance and enforcement issues.
- The importance of retaining existing road signage/markings that are consistent with the new speed limit, particularly around schools, as a reminder about the limit and to reinforce the message about the speed reduction.
- The extent of public communication necessary and the role of the Council in ensuring the successful implementation.
- Engagement with Local Councillors.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure, and officers present, for information provided, including technical advice, and assisting the Committee's discussion of the report.

Resolved that the Chair attend Cabinet on 23 March, 2023 to reflect the views of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 4.47 pm

Chair