

**ANGUS COUNCIL
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 29 AUGUST 2017
20MPH RESTRICTED ROADS - CONSULTATION
REPORT BY HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

ABSTRACT

This report provides information on a consultation by Mark Ruskell MSP in relation to the introduction of 20mph restricted roads.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the content of the consultation;
- (ii) agree to the attached comments in **Appendix 2** as the Council's response to the consultation and that these comments be submitted to the Mark Ruskell MSP.

2 ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant.
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 'Restricted roads' are defined in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as roads on which there is provided a system of street lighting furnished by lamps placed not more than 185 metres apart. In Scotland this relates to 'C' class or unclassified road only. (i.e. not 'A' and 'B' class roads).

3.2 Under Section 81 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it is unlawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a restricted road at a speed in exceeding 30mph.

3.3 Mark Ruskell MSP has launched a consultation on a proposal for a Bill to replace the above 30mph default speed limit on restricted roads with a default 20mph speed limit.

3.4 The consultation document, attached as **Appendix 1**, sets out the background in relation to the link between road safety/road traffic injuries to traffic speed. It also sets what it sees as the main benefits of speed reduction such as road safety, health, etc.

3.4 The consultation document seeks comments by all parties on these proposals.

4 CURRENT POSITION

4.1 **Appendix 2** contains a recommended response to the questions asked in the consultation document for Committee's approval.

5 PROPOSALS

5.1 If Committee are in agreement the comments on the consultation document set out in Appendix 2 shall be submitted to Mark Ruskell MSP.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director of Resources, Head of Corporate, Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the local Police Commander of Tayside Division were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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List of Appendices

**Appendix 1 - Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph Limit)
(Scotland) Bill**

Appendix 2 - Consultation response.