

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 8

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Report of the 20 mph Speed Limits/Zones Scrutiny Panel

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Report of: Director of Strategy and Governance

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The issue of 20 mph speed limits/zones was referred to scrutiny as it was considered a matter that required in-depth analysis and consideration.
- 1.2 The report of the 20mph speed limits/zones scrutiny panel is presented here for approval by the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That members:

- 2.1 Endorse the scrutiny panel's report.
- 2.2 Agree to refer the report recommendations to the council's Executive and to the appropriate partner organisations.
- 2.3 To add monitoring of outcomes of agreed recommendations, to the Committee's work plan.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The scrutiny panel comprised Councillor Pete West (Chairman)

Councillors Jayne Bennett, Gill Mitchell, David Watkins and Geoffrey Wells

- 3.2 Over a period of around 6 months the panel spoke with representatives from a wide range of organisations to gather evidence and opinion on 20 mph speed limits/zones.
- 3.3 The recommendations of this review are based on the evidence heard and the opinions put forward by experts in this field and residents.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Officers have been consulted on the findings of the scrutiny review

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The financial implications of adopting the scrutiny panel's recommendations will be considered by the Council's Executive alongside the relevant budgets.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Committee has the necessary power to agree the panel's recommendations. It then falls to the Executive and other bodies to whom the recommendations are directed to decide what action, if any, to take in response.

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Other than road safety benefits there are indications that slower speeds increase community ties and may help to prevent social isolation so increasing residents' quality of life. Additionally, there are key health benefits which 20 mph speed limits/zones help to achieve; less transport-related air pollution and noise from traffic will benefit residents' health, and potential mental health benefits will arise due to the reductions in accident related traumas.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The recommendations made in this report are in line with the council's priorities in protecting the environment and reducing inequality.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Report of the 20mph speed limits/zones scrutiny Panel, Volume 1.

Background Documents:

1. The Panel report Volume 2 contains the evidence presented to the scrutiny Panel.

