

Report to: Executive Cabinet Member
Environmental Services

Date: 16 October 2017

Report of: Director of Place

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Report Title: Speed Warning Signs Update

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Recommendation:

Having considered the current position, the Director of Place recommends the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services:

- (a) Delegate authority to the Director of Place to undertake procurement of Speed Warning Signs in order to replace the existing signs.
- (b) Delegate authority to the Director of Place to award the contract following the procurement process.
- (c) Delegate authority to the Borough Solicitor to carry out all the necessary legal formalities.

Decision:

**Background
Doc(s):**

Signed:

Leader / Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

Summary:

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Background information

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2. This report seeks approval for the invitation of tenders for the provision of vehicular activated speed warning signs

Current Position

3. It is approved to utilise the funding available in 4 separate areas:
 - The continued rollout of 20 mph speed limits on residential roads across the borough
 - The provision of advisory 20 mph speed limits on main roads in the vicinity of schools
 - The provision of new zebra crossings at suitable locations in the vicinity of schools
 - The provision of Driver Feedback Signs (DFS) on the general highway network across the borough
4. Works to implement the advisory 20mph speed limits on main roads in the vicinity of schools is now complete. Approximately 60 schools now have high-visibility backing boards complete with amber flashing lights.
5. 15 locations have been identified for the establishment of new zebra crossings. Development of the proposals including statutory consultation, with completion anticipated before the end of March 2018.
6. The Council currently has approximately 60 electronic signs that are in various stages of dilapidation. In majority of cases, the signs have reached the end of their product life cycle and is not possible to restore them to their working condition.
7. It is proposed to carry out a review of the current sign positioning, in consultation with Ward members.
8. There is no current purchase arrangement in place for the procurement of the proposed new signs.

Proposals

9. It is intended to remove all existing electronic warning signs.
10. It is intended to allocate and award up to 2 speed warning signs to address local issues with sites to be agreed with Ward Members.
11. It is intended to implement 21 speed warning signs to be erected on the strategic highway network (See appendix A)
12. Advances in technology will enable officers to interrogate traffic data remotely. This will make the recovery of data less resource intensive.

Financial Position

13. The implementation of the poles and power supply can be undertaken using existing procurement frameworks at an estimated cost of £80,000
14. It is proposed to procure approximately 60 signs, including installation and data recovery at an estimated cost of £300,000

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