

Report to: Road Issues Scrutiny Panel

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Report of: Head of Highway Management

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Report Title: **A Comparison of Bolton's Calming Assessment and Prioritisation System with alternative systems in other Greater Manchester authorities**

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Purpose:

To inform Scrutiny Panel of the traffic calming assessments used in Greater Manchester by neighbouring Authorities and how these compared to Bolton's.

Recommendations:

Panel is requested to note the report

Decision:

Background Doc(s):

None

INTRODUCTION

- 1) The Panel requested that enquiries be made into how the other 9 districts in Greater Manchester assessed traffic calming requests or indeed whether requests were assessed at all.
- 2) To date 7 of the Greater Manchester Authorities have replied to requests for details on how they assess requests for traffic calming.
- 3) In summary systems similar to Bolton's CAPS but with minor variations to what is scored or how scores are attained are used by Oldham, Salford and Trafford. Bury also use an assessment system, based on Bolton's old PACTS assessment package that was superseded by CAPS. Rochdale use a simple process involving accident numbers and casualty types while Manchester do not formally assess traffic calming requests and will deal with any request as they would any general road safety issue. Wigan are going to adopt a CAPS style system to allow requests to be assessed and prioritised.
- 4) Details are given below.

5) TRAFFIC CALMING REQUEST ASSESSMENT TOOLS

District	Assessment System
BURY	Bury have an old assessment system based loosely on Bolton's old PACTS scoring system. Used sparingly and primarily for environmental traffic calming assessments.
BOLTON	CAPS version 2 in use following CAPS Version 1 and PACTS. Max score 100
MANCHESTER	Individual requests are not formally assessed. Each request must meet the corporate aims (casualty reduction, congestion, mobility etc). Each possible scheme is compared to others for funding based on these aims.
OLDHAM	Similar system to CAPS. Some features and scoring areas are not replicated (e.g. Deprivation Index) but there are some new ones assessed (e.g. distance from the frontage to the highway).
ROCHDALE	Basic scoring of accidents and casualties. Any schemes currently then compete for wider funding. Short term options can be implemented.
SALFORD	Similar system to CAPS. Some features scored slightly differently and some scoring areas are not replicated (e.g. Deprivation Index) but there are some new ones assessed (e.g. multiple casualties). Max score 100
STOCKPORT	No reply
TAMESIDE	No reply
TRAFFORD	Similar system to CAPS.
WIGAN	Similar system to CAPS to be developed and introduced.

RECOMMENDATION

- 6) The Panel is recommended to note this report