

Priority List for the Introduction of 20 mph Zones in Residential Areas

The City of Edinburgh Council

29 April 2004

Purpose of Report

- 1 To refer to the Council the decision of the Environmental Quality Scrutiny Panel on the proposal for the Priority List for the Introduction of 20 MPH Zones in Residential Areas which has been called up to the Council in terms of Standing Order 58(5).

Main Report

- 2 The Executive of the Council on 15 January 2004 had approved a number of recommendations regarding the implementation of 20 mph zones in appropriate residential areas.
- 3 This item was called-in to the Environmental Quality Scrutiny Panel on 4 February 2004 for:
 - i) Further scrutiny of the proposals.
 - ii) Full scrutiny of the process of assessment and implementation of this project
- 4 Councillor Gilchrist and Councillor Mackintosh were heard as lead contact for the call-ins.
- 5 In addition the Panel also heard from Councillor Burns (Executive Member for Transport and Public Realm), Keith Rimmer and Barry Cross (City Development Department).
- 6 The Scrutiny Panel having considered the report by the Director of City Development together with the additional comment agreed:-
 - i) to continue consideration of the matter at the request of the Executive Member for Transport and Public Realm (Councillor Burns). A more detailed report in two months to be submitted to the Executive of the Council and the Scrutiny Panel on the

rationale and methodology used to prioritise the appropriate residential areas for mandatory 20 mph zones.

- ii) that the Director of City Development give a presentation to the Panel in two months time on the methodology used in compiling the prioritised list as detailed in the Appendix to the Director's report.
- 7 The Scrutiny Panel on 31 March 2004 received a presentation by the Director of City Development on the Priority List for the introduction of 20 mph zones in residential areas and also a further report on the matter.
- 8 The Scrutiny Panel also heard Councillors Gilchrist and Mackintosh and a deputation from Allan Murray on behalf of Merchiston Park Neighbourhood Watch Committee.
- 9 Councillor Burns (Executive Member for Transport and Public Realm), Keith Rimmer and Barry Cross and Duncan Fraser (City Development) responded to comments made at the meeting.
- 10 Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Murray moved that the Panel let the following decisions of the Executive of 13 January 2004 be implemented
- 1) approve the method used to prioritise residential areas for the introduction of mandatory 20 mph zones.
 - 2) approve the priority list for the further introduction of mandatory 20 mph zones in 2005-2006.
 - 3) note that the allocation of £2 million for the financial year 2005/2006 would reduce speeds in 430 streets.
 - 4) discharge the outstanding remit from the Council Executive meeting of 19 December 2000 to report on the phased extension of 20 mph areas within the city centre.
 - 5) note that the Director of City Development undertook to address the description of entry no 5 in appendix 1A to better describe the areas affected.

subject to the Director of City Development undertaking consultations with Local Development Committees, Community Councils and other relevant bodies prior to the implementation of any Traffic Regulation Order.

- 11 Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Tritton, moved as an amendment:
- i) let decisions 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Executive of 13 January 2004 be implemented.
 - ii) To recommend to the Executive that decision 2 be amended to read "To approve for consultation with LDCs, Community Councils and other appropriate bodies the Priority List for the further introduction of mandatory 20 mph zones in 2005-2006, with a report on the outcome being submitted to the Executive of the Council for approval of the finalised list prior to the implementation of works and the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders."

12 **Voting**

For the motion - 3 votes
For the amendment - 5 votes

- 13 **The requisite number of members having so required, the Panel's decision was called up to the Council in terms of Standing Order 58(5).**

Recommendation

- 14 To consider the recommendation of the Scrutiny Panel as detailed in paragraph 11 above.

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Convener, Environmental Quality Scrutiny Panel

Appendices	None.
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Wards affected	
Background Papers	Executive of the Council 13 January 2004 (item 14); Executive of the Council 14 August 2004 (item 11); and report no E/393/03-04/CD by the Director of City Development and report EQ/11/03-04/CD by the Director of City Development.