

REQUEST FOR A 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE B8046 WESTFIELD ROAD, THE B792 SLACKEND AND CATHLAW LANE IN TORPHICHEN

The Chair advised that Councillor Stuart Borrowman was in attendance and wished to take part in this item.

The Governance Manager advised that Councillor Borrowman could attend the meeting for this item as a local ward councillor with an interest in the item under the terms of Standing Order 38.

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services informing members of the outcome of the recent investigation work carried out in relation to a deputation which had been remitted to the Environment PDSP from the West Lothian Council meeting on 26 January 2021. The deputation had sought for the existing 40mph speed limits on the B8047 Westfield Road, the B792 Slackend and Cathlaw Lane to be reduced to 30mph.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approve that there was no justification for the reduction of the existing 40mph speed limits on the B8047 Westfield Road, the B792 Slackend and Cathlaw Lane in Torphichen at this time. These routes would continue to be monitored through the council's annual Accident Investigation and Prevention programme.

Motion

"Council Executive notes the advice by officers but remains concerned that the risks to the safety of the community are serious enough that they nevertheless require to be considered in more detail and with fuller knowledge of the legal and financial issues involved.

Council Executive instructs officers to bring a report to the next meeting of Council Executive setting out the statutory procedures and rules in relation to changing speed limits at these locations, on both an immediate temporary basis and a permanent basis, the likely costs and timescales involved in both cases, whether there is a budget available to fund any such works and the impact on the existing accident reduction programme previously agreed by committee."

- Moved by Councillor Andrew McGuire and seconded by Councillor Tom Conn.

Amendment

"At Full Council on 29th September 2020 it was agreed that the Council will monitor the impact of temporary speed restrictions by method of accident statistics, traffic convictions and complaints and not just on accident data, and for this method to be used in future instead of the 'no serious accidents being recorded'.

It has recently come to light that the method of just using accident data to introduce speed reduction measures is failing with this strategy being one

of the few Council strategies that is in the 'red', the latest figures having a target of 43 serious accidents but a figure of 69 recorded.

This is failing the people of West Lothian.

Therefore, Council Executive agrees:

To review the request for a 30mph speed limit on the B8046, and by using all data, accidents, police interventions and complaints by the public bring back to Full Council this information for Council to make a decision."

- Moved by Councillor Damian Doran-Timson and seconded by Councillor Charles Kennedy.

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows:

Motion

Amendment

Harry Cartmill

Alison Adamson

Tom Conn

Frank Anderson

Lawrence Fitzpatrick

Damian Doran-Timson

Andrew McGuire

Chris Horne

Cathy Muldoon

Carl John

George Paul

Charles Kennedy

Kirsteen Sullivan

Decision

Following a vote, the motion was successful by 7 votes to 6 and it was agreed accordingly.