

“Call-in” from Meeting of Cabinet on Tuesday 27 August 2013: 20 MPH Speed Limit in Lasswade Village and Polton Road, Lasswade

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1 Background

This report advises of a “call-in” of a Cabinet decision from its meeting on 27 August 2013. A copy of the “call-in” is shown at Annex 1.

The “call-in” relates to the Cabinet’s decision concerning the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Lasswade village. A copy of the report which was considered by Cabinet is shown at Annex 2.

The Cabinet agreed:-

- “(a) That Lasswade Village and Polton Road not be subject to a 20mph speed limit until a strategic implementation process had been agreed; and*
- (b) That the Director, Resources bring forward a report detailing a comprehensive strategy for the introduction of 20mph zones across Midlothian.”*

Under the “call-in” procedure the Cabinet’s decision in relation to the “called-in” item is frozen pending resolution through the process described at paragraph (h) of the “call-in” procedure, a copy of which is shown at Annex 3.

2 “Call-in” Procedure

In terms of the “call-in” procedure, after having considered the “called-in” business, the Performance, Scrutiny and Audit Committee must decide only in accordance with one of the following two options:-

- (i) **Option 1** - To note the Cabinet's decision. (This will have the effect of immediately unfreezing the “called-in” decision); or
- (ii) **Option 2** - To make specific recommendation(s) back to the Cabinet on the “called-in” item. Such recommendation(s) shall be reported to the next available Cabinet meeting without the need for prior publication or approval of the Performance, Scrutiny and Audit Committee minutes. Where the Cabinet declines to accept any or all of these, the matter shall continue to be frozen and referred *simpliciter* by the Director, Corporate Resources to the full Midlothian Council for determination. Should he deem it appropriate, the Director may call Special Council and/or Cabinet meetings to facilitate the determination of the matter.

3 Recommendation

The Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the “called-in” business and agree in terms of either Option 1 or 2 above.

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