

**20 MPH speed Limit in Lasswade Village and Polton Road, Lasswade
Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to bring to the Council's attention, recommendations from the Cabinet in relation to the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in Midlothian.

2 Background

2.1 On 27 August 2013, the Cabinet considered a report by the Director, Resources, on the possible introduction of 20 MPH speed limits. 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.”*

2.2 The Cabinet's decision was subsequently called in by the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee on the following grounds:-

“The undersigned wish to call in the whole decision of Cabinet Meeting on Tuesday 27 August in relation to Item 15: Introduction of 20mph Zones Strategy. The reason being we do not think it appropriate to delay the implementation in Lasswade Village and Polton Road for the time it will take for a strategic implementation process to be agreed. “

The effect of a call-in, is to freeze the Cabinet's decision until the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee's consideration of the issue and the consideration of any recommendations made by the Committee to the Cabinet. The call-in was considered by the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee on 3 September 2013 when the Committee agreed, as follows:-

- (a) That the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Lasswade Village and Polton Road, Lasswade, be introduced, without undue delay, as a pilot project; and*
- (b) That additional pilot projects introducing 20mph speed limits be introduced at the following locations;-*

- *Penicuik town centre between Peebles Road and Beeslack and including Angle Park*
- *Danderhall Village;*
- *Gorebridge in the area between the two existing primary schools;*
- *Mayfield in the Blackcot/Waverley housing estate; and*
- *Bilston village.”*

Accordingly the Cabinet at its meeting on 8 October 2013, having considered the terms of the “Call In” agreed to reject the recommendations of the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee and thereby refer the matter to Council for determination.

3 Report Implications

There are no implications arising from this report which were not previously addressed in the report submitted to the Cabinet on 27 August 2013.

4 Recommendations

Council is invited to note the content of this report.

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