

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****12 MARCH 1998****VARIATION OF SPEED LIMITS AT WESTMUIR****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This report deals with proposals to vary the speed limit in Westmuir.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit in Westmuir to 30 mph.

2 DETAILS

As a result of local concerns a proposal to change the existing 50 mph speed limit to 40 mph was approved at Committee in 1997. After further discussions with Tayside Police it has been agreed that in this case there is some merit in having a 30 mph limit at Westmuir.

Although the current Scottish Office criteria favour a 40 mph proposal there is scope within the guidelines for a relaxation where it is considered appropriate to protect village life. In addition, and to improve compliance with the proposed speed limit, Westmuir will be added to the list of villages to be considered for village gateway treatment. This proposal which would be implemented at the same time as the speed limit change will be the subject of a further Committee Report.

3 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals is £200 which will be met from the 1998/99 Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £20 per annum and this will require to be provided for in future years Revenue Budgets.

4 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

5 **CONCLUSION**

The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order is necessary to implement this proposal.

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No 646/97 - Roads Committee - 5 June 1997 -(1997-98 Village Gateway Programme).

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