WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: 20MPH TRIAL AREAS

Notice is hereby given that , Cabinet Member for City Management and Customer Services, Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Parking, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

To approve the implementation of 20mph trial areas/streets in proximity to schools in the city.

Summary of Decision

That the Cabinet Members approve the implementation of 20mph trial areas/streets in proximity to schools in the City to protect this vulnerable group, that these trials are carefully monitored and the impacts analysed and that the trials are expanded to other areas where there has been a history of speed-related accidents.

There is growing interest and use of 20mph (30km/h) speed limits across the UK and in London in particular. In London 25% of all roads are now subject to a 20mph speed limit and within the Central London Congestion Charging Zone (i.e. Inner Ring Road) 50% of all roads are subject to a 20mph limit. Westminster is one of only two central London Boroughs that do not have most roads subject to 20mph limits. 20mph areas/streets can have a positive impact on all road users but particularly the more vulnerable such as children, the elderly, powered two wheeler drivers and cyclists.

Westminster's draft Walking Strategy, which is currently out to public consultation, recommends that the council considers the potential for a pilot 20mph area/zone. This Cabinet Members' report seeks approval for the implementation of 20mph trial areas/streets in proximity to schools in the City and for 20mph streets in areas that have a history of speed related accidents. These trials will be carefully monitored and the impacts analysed. For example, we will introduce vehicle activated signs to collate data on speeding issues with a view to looking at other measures to control and enforce against speeding in conjunction with the Police.

Reasons for Decision

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