

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** Purchase and Management of a Mobile Speed Indication Device (SID) by Area Committees for use in each one of their committee areas

**Report to:** (a) All Area Committees

**Date:** 10-14 July 2017

**Report of:** (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

**Key Decision:** (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

**Summary:**

This report is part of the Executive's continued Stockport wide response to road safety around schools, with the purpose of ensuring our children are safe walking to and from school. Some wards have already invested in the purchase and management of a Mobile Speed Indication Device. To that extent, where it has not already been facilitated, Area Committees are requested to consider their role in promoting road safety around schools and to indicate if this is an option they would like to pursue.

**Recommendation(s):**

The Area Committees are asked to consider the Corporate Director's report and decide what action they wish to take with regards to the purchase / erection / management of a SID sign for the exclusive use within their own area.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): (d)  
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): (e)

There are none.

Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business':** (f) **~~YES~~ / NO** (please circle)

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

**Purchase and Management of a Mobile Speed Indication Device (SID) by Area Committees for use in each one of their committee areas**

**Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 In October 2015, Traffic Services purchased 4 mobile speed signs (Speed Indication Devices or SIDs) to be used across the Borough to assess traffic speeds and remind drivers who are exceeding the speed limit to “slow down”.
- 1.2 This Report highlights the costs of purchasing and managing the upkeep of a Speed Indicator Device (SID)

**2. INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Council receives many requests to manage the speed of vehicles across the Borough. There are a number of tools available to address these requests; these include speed limits, traffic calming, safety cameras (commonly referred to as “speed cameras”), traffic policing and Vehicle Activated Signs / Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs).
- 2.2 Traffic Services recently purchased four Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to help to satisfy some of these requests. A SID is a mobile illuminated sign which displays and records the speed of each vehicle that passes. They are designed to discourage drivers from speeding and protect other road users. They cannot identify vehicles and are not designed to record speeding offences but may be used to identify particular routes for further speed reduction measures such as speed enforcement.
- 2.3 They are mounted on lamp columns or temporary poles for a short period of time. The locations used are based on several factors such as collision data and community concerns. Passing vehicle speeds are displayed in green at or below the prevailing speed limit, speeds above the limit are shown in red. Very high speeds are not displayed to discourage irresponsible driving but are still recorded.
- 2.4 Speed indicator devices record the approach speed of every vehicle that passes the device, (irrespective of whether that vehicle exceeds the speed limit or not). They do not take images or make a record of a vehicle’s registration number.
- 2.5 Since taking delivery in October 2015, Traffic Services has received many public and member requests to utilise the four signs. They are proving to be a very useful addition to the speed management tool kit. The costs for managing the four existing SIDs are covered within the present road safety budget.
- 2.6 The supply, erection, supervision and management of additional signs purchased for use exclusively by individual wards would need to be funded through each specific ward budget.

- 2.7 To date two wards and one area committee have purchased signs. Traffic Services is concerned that if a large number of wards purchase signs, resources for servicing and maintaining them will become stretched. Additionally, they will become such a familiar sight on the highway network that their impact will be diminished. Therefore it is recommended that any further signs are bought on an Area Committee basis with costs shared between ward budgets. The signs would be rotated between the wards on an equal time basis.

### **3. FUNDING**

- 3.1 Where possible signs can be positioned on lamp columns. Where there are no suitable lamp columns, signs are fitted to temporary poles. Currently it costs £100 for one SID to be erected to and removed from a lamp column and £300 to erect a SID on a temporary pole. The £300 cost also includes taking down the SID / pole and reinstating the footway / verge.

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
Cost of Sign	£2786.50	NA	NA
Officer Time	£462.50	£462.50*	£462.50*
Erecting/Removing/Relocating SIDS (subject to suitable lighting columns being Available, based on 10 locations a year)	£1000	£1000	£1000
2 x Spare batteries @£269.17 each (RECOMMENDED – batteries have a life of approx. 2 weeks so require changing every fortnight)	£538.34	NA	NA
Extend sign warranty (OPTIONAL)	Free	£475	£475
Yearly totals	£4787.34	£1937.50*	£1937.50*

\*does not include any possible increase in staff or SSK costs

### **4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 The Area Committees are asked to consider the Corporate Director's report and decide what action they wish to take with regards to the purchase / erection / management of a SID sign for the exclusive use within its own committee area

#### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

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