

**NORTH DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 1 DECEMBER 2010**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Hurst Road, Coseley, Road Safety Investigation: Interim Report in Response to Petition**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To brief the Area Committee on an investigation into the possible future Local Safety Scheme in Hurst Road, Coseley.

**Background**

2. On 15 September 2010, a petition was presented to North Dudley Area Committee.

3. The petitioners requested that consideration be given to the possible future introduction of traffic management measures in Hurst Road, Coseley, between Paul Street / Childs Avenue and Upper Ettingshall Road / Ettingshall Road.

4. An investigation has commenced, and should be completed in March 2011. The investigation will consist of a twelve hour pedestrian and vehicle count in the vicinity of the existing school crossing patrol site in Hurst Road near to Childs Avenue, to ascertain difficulties experienced by pedestrians.

5. The investigation will also involve an assessment of personal injury accidents over the previous three years, in order to assess the justification for the road's inclusion in a future year's annual Local Safety Scheme programme.

6. In the near future, officers will work with the Council's police partners to consider possible future joint actions.

7. Traffic and Road Safety officers have made arrangements to meet the main petitioner at her home in March 2011, with Ward Members, to discuss the outcome of the investigations and possible future actions.

8. **Sustainable Transport**

The contents of this report support the Council's Transport Policy by considering measures which could contribute to improved highway and pedestrian safety to the benefit of the local community.

## **Finance**

9. The implementation of proposals outlined within this report can be funded under the respective budget heads of the approved 2009/2010 Highways Minor Works Capital Programme.

## **Law**

10. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under powers contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

11. Traffic signs are provided under powers contained in Section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, subject to regulations made by the Secretary of State for Transport.

12. The Council is empowered to improve highways under Section 62 of the Highways Act 1980.

13. Guardrails may be provided under Section 66 of the Highways Act 1990.

14. Pedestrian crossing facilities are provided under powers contained in Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, subject to Regulations made by the Secretary of State.

15. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

16. The traffic Calming Act 1992 amends the Highway Act 1980 to allow works to be carried out to promote safety and to preserve or improve the environment.

17. The Highways Act 1980, as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 requires the installation of road humps to be advertised on-street and in the local newspaper for objections.

## **Equality Impact**

18. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy whilst also seeking to introduce measures that will be of direct benefit to children and some of the most vulnerable road users in the community including young children, the elderly, pedestrians, and those with impaired mobility.

19. The Council's Road Safety and Travel Awareness Officers liaise directly with School's Council's, which includes representatives from the schoolchildren themselves, in the preparation of School Travel Plans and the identification of measures that could be introduced as part of a Safer Routes to School initiative.

## **Recommendation**

20. That the Area Committee note the contents of this report.



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