

## **Report of the Cabinet Member Highway Management**

### **1. Introduction**

I have been asked to report by Councillor Connett, as follows:

- (a) 'on the Council's plans to adopt 20mph zones around Devon's schools and the priority the Council's traffic enforcement team place on safety around schools' and*  
*(b) 'on progress the Council's highways contractor has made in catching up with previously delayed work'.*

### **2. 20 mph zones**

There are no current proposals to adopt any new approach to 20's at schools. However, officers are reviewing our approach to speed limits via a Scrutiny Task Group and this review will look at the application of speed limits by other Local Authorities and the forthcoming Department for Transport report on 20's.

Complaints and intelligence on parking issues are reviewed and prioritised by our parking enforcement team and the locations included in our programme of attendances at schools.

### **3. Progress on previously delayed work**

In February of this year we informed Members that a number of our contractors were advising that we would need to defer 80 schemes totalling £800k from the 17/18 programme to this current financial year. This was due to a combination of issues including the challenge of mobilisation in the first year of the new Term Maintenance Contract, the impact of the two snow events, prioritising revenue spend over capital and conflicting pressures on design resources.

The risk of managing these deferred works is the ongoing impact and delay on the 18/19 programme. As such we have prioritised the delivery of these schemes without affecting the existing programme in the early part of the financial year, particularly the preparation of footways for future slurry sealing and patching ahead of surface dressing.

There are a number of schemes that have been further impacted by other constraints such as school terms, other planned works and there is one site that now has scaffold erected on the highway. As of 6<sup>th</sup> July two thirds of the deferred schemes have been completed and we expect the list to be substantially completed by late summer.

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Cabinet Member for Highway Management