

**QUESTION(S) FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
**Wednesday, 13 July 2016**

**1. QUESTION FROM MR P ALLAN**  
**Re: 20 mph Speed Limits**

I have been told that DCC's speed limit policy is based solely on collision data, in line with Government guidance. The Department for Transport's current guidance specifies other factors to be considered: road function; mix of road users; road geometry; engineering and environment; actual traffic speeds. I therefore ask Cabinet to explain why current DCC speed limit policy is not in line with existing DfT guidance?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES**

*I believe Mr Allan attended the recent Place Scrutiny Committee when this matter was discussed and the policy was explained. That discussion led to the reference to Cabinet considered earlier in this meeting.*

*However, for the sake of clarity, County Council Policy on Local Speed Limits is not based solely on collision data. The policy takes account of all of the factors in DfT's Guidance, for example the policy includes for the following criteria:*

- Significant vulnerable road user activity,*
- Measured traffic speed,*
- Density of dwellings fronting a road,*
- The strategic function of a road,*
- The distance between communities.*

*The County Council's policy is therefore in line with DfT guidance and as was explained at the Scrutiny Committee, when DfT publishes its study findings on 20mph speed limits or when it issues revised Guidance on setting local speed limits, Officers will review existing County Council policy and if necessary, prepare recommendations for Cabinet to consider on policy revisions.*