



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC24/009

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	19 th June 2024
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Report Title:-	Speed Devices
Wards Affected:-	All Saints, Avondale Grange, Ise, Pipers Hill, St Peters, William Knibb

1. Purpose of Report

To seek members' views about the need for and location of a fourth speed device

2. Recommendations

Members' views are requested

3. Information

3.1. The Council has budgeted for a fourth speed device in this financial year. Members are asked if they wish to proceed with a new device this year and if they have a preferred location.

3.2. The Council has three speed devices it has provided to date

- Pytchley Rd
- Stamford Rd
- Rockingham Rd

In addition, NNC has a device on Northampton Rd and will shortly have a device on Deeble Rd. There is an older device on Warkton Lane between Deeble Rd and Barton rd.

3.3. During the budget consultation last November, the following locations were proposed by consultees

- Windmill Avenue

- Mill Rd, “where people fly over the speed bumps”
- St Mary’s Rd
- Gipsy Lane
- Northfield Avenue
- Next to all schools
- Kingsley Avenue

3.4. Members have suggested

- Windmill Avenue
- Thurstan Drive

3.5. The police have suggested Weekley Glebe Rd.

3.6. There has also been a request to consider Warkton Lane, where there is already a device which is deemed by some to be ineffective.

3.7. There is no hard evidence about the impact speed devices have on traffic speeds and there is no main road in Kettering which has an overwhelmingly poor safety record. Kier have agreed to look at their accident statistics to see if any locality warrants a speed device. If available, this will be reported verbally at the meeting.

4. Consultation and Engagement

Consultation took place as part of the budget consultation above late November. It may be a further consultation is necessary to widen out the consultation.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

5.1. The budget includes £3500 for a new, solar powered device, which will now be tight. If necessary, the community infrastructure fund can supplement this budget.

5.2. In order to provide a new device the Council will need to

- Amend its S 50 licence through North Northamptonshire Council to get approval for a new location
- Procure a device through quotations – they are usually built to order
- Employ an approved contractor to erect a pole
- Notify nearby residents.

In 2022/23, this all took a considerable length of time, so a new device is unlikely to be in place much before the year end.

6. Climate change implications

Speed devices can help slow down traffic speeds, leading to safer streets and less fuel consumption.

7. Policy Implications

The Council's policy is to support measures to improve public safety, road safety, and the safety of the night time economy in Kettering. To that end, the corporate plan says that the Council will install a new device in 2024, in a location deemed to be the highest priority.

Background Papers

Budget consultation results

Email from police May 2024

Email correspondence with two councillors and a member of the public.

