

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC22/25

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	20 th July 2022
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Report Title:-	Traffic Speed Devices
Wards Affected:-	All Saints, Avondale-Grange, Brambleside, Wicksteed and St Michaels

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for increasing the number of speed devices and installing posts to mount the devices on.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that

- a) additional posts for the two existing cameras be acquired at an approximate cost of £2200, and that the community infrastructure fund meet those costs which can't be accommodated from the speed devices budget.
- b) Quotes be obtained for the work agreed

Members' views on the acquisition of a third camera in this financial year be deferred until the item next on the agenda – Community Infrastructure Fund- is considered.

3. Information

- 3.1. At its meeting on 14th April, this committee agreed to purchase solar panels to power the two speed devices it owns, and these were acquired shortly after. Both devices are fixed to lamp-posts under the terms of the Council's highways licence, in Rockingham Rd and Stamford Rd. Committee accepted that this meant that the cameras became much less mobile, and agreed that they would stay in their current locations on a more permanent basis. They therefore endorsed the idea of acquiring more speed devices in due course for other parts of town.

- 3.2. Balfour Beattie, which owns the lamp-posts in the county, have however concluded that the combined weight of the devices and the solar panels is too great for the lamp-posts to bear and furthermore, that the lamp-posts cannot be economically strengthened to address that. The proposed solution is for dedicated posts to be erected in proximity to the current locations and to that end, a site meeting was held with the highways authority contractor in July, which identified the best locations for both cameras, close to where they currently are.
- 3.3. In addition, a site in Pytchley Rd was also identified as a location for a speed device, next to the parking layby on the eastern side of the road (heading south).
- 3.4 In respect of the other arterial roads into Kettering
- S106 funding will provide devices on Deeble Rd
 - there is already a device on Northampton Rd
 - Rothwell Rd is already busy enough to naturally prevent speeding at most times of the day
 - most of Barton Rd after Wicksteed Park is outside the Town Council's area.
- 3.5. The Council's existing licence will need to be amended to allow it to mount cameras outside the original consent area of All Saints, Avondale Grange and Pipers Hill.
- 3.6. Posts can be erected with the highway authority's consent either by the highway authority's agents or through licensed third parties. It is proposed that three quotes, including that of the highway authority, are sought, to put the posts up, erect the devices on them and connect the solar panels.

4. Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1. The Council has engaged with Kier WSP, NNC and Balfour Beattie.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 After the purchase of the solar panels, the Council has £1136 in its budget for speed devices.
- 5.2. The cost of a dedicated post for each camera is approximately £1100 including installation.
- 5.3. As mentioned in a separate report on this agenda, it would be possible to allocate part of the community infrastructure fund to paying for the second post and one new, solar panelled, camera and post – total cost £5450, if members so wished. If the decision is only to mount the existing cameras on dedicated posts then the approximate extra cost of £1100 can also be met from the community infrastructure fund.

6. Policy Implications

Policy 4 of the Corporate Plan says *The Council will support measures to improve public safety, road safety, and the safety of the night time economy in Kettering.*

Background papers

Email correspondence with Kier

Report to F&G Ctte 14th April 2022

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