

Amendment to the Liberal Democrat Motion

To be moved by Councillor Goodwin

Seconded by Councillor Ibrahim

~~Delete~~

Insert

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- More than half of all accident casualties occur on roads with 30mph limits.
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- Reducing speed limits on residential roads has been found to reduce air pollution, the incidents of accidents, and the numbers of fatalities and serious injuries that result.
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Council further recognises that:

- Covid-19 and the challenges that have come with building back from it demonstrate that one of our key concerns must be to address all aspects of public health.
- This should include lowering the default speed of motor vehicles on residential roads to reduce the danger they pose to residents and the pollution they emit.
- Such a measure should be comprehensive and cover all residential roads in the Council Area – unless ~~doing so would not be appropriate there are specific and unique exceptions that necessitate a faster speed limit.~~

Council therefore resolves ~~to~~:

- ~~To~~ establish an all-group working party to seek to implement a Council-wide 20mph speed limit on residential roads as soon as ~~practical subject to consultation and cost analysis possible~~. This should include identifying roads where the lower speed limit may not be appropriate and exploring enforcement measures such as average speed cameras, ~~in locations determined by TfGM criteria and current national guidelines~~, and Community Speedwatch initiatives.
- ~~Ask the Chief Executive to write to the leaders of~~ That the all-group working party works ~~with~~ all other Councils in the region that haven't already implemented 20mph speed limits as the default in their authority area ~~as part of the GM wide Vision Zero. and to write to Highways England requesting that speeds are reduced on sections of the motorway network in our Council area to tackle pollution.~~

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