

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE,  
25 AUGUST 2003**

**REPORT ON: 20-MPH SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 489-2003**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the Scottish Government's commitment to install 20-mph speed limits around schools.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Committee

- i Note the commitment by the Scottish Executive to introduce 20 mph speed limits around all schools in Scotland;
- ii Note Dundee City Council's involvement through the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) in this process; and
- iii Requests that the Director of Planning and Transportation allocates sufficient staff time to undertake site survey of existing schools and those proposed through the PPP.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications at this time, however, a considerable amount of staff time will be required in information gathering.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The introduction of 20-mph speed limits around schools is aimed at promoting a safer environment that will encourage children to walk and cycle to school.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The introduction of 20-mph speed limits around schools is aimed at promoting safety for some of the most vulnerable road users – child pedestrians, thus ensuring that the local road network meets the transport needs of all road users.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

6.1 The government have issued a partnership document setting out the terms of their agreement to work together in the government of Scotland. The document was published on 15 May 2003 and is entitled "A Partnership for a Better Scotland: Partnership Agreement".

6.2 A Partnership for a Better Scotland: Partnership Agreement contains a number of high level commitments for transport including the following:

- We will protect the environment and improve road safety by introducing 20-mph speed zones around schools and safer routes to school for walking and cycling.

6.3 The Scottish Executive are taking forward this commitment to introduce 20 mph speed limits around all schools in Scotland and have enlisted the Road Safety and Traffic Management Working Group of the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) to help determine the scope, likely cost and timescale involved to achieve this aim throughout Scotland.

6.4 Both the Director of Planning and Transportation and the Head of Transportation are members of SCOTS and will use their offices to ensure that Dundee's interest in implementing 20 mph speed zones around all schools are promoted.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 A Partnership for a Better Scotland: Partnership Agreement, Scottish Executive, May 2003.

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