
ROAD TRAFFIC SPEEDS – ISLAY AND JURA

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Speed Limits on the Local Road Network are governed by legislation and guidance which are summarised in the proposed policy document. The legislation and guidance have been established to regularise speed limits across the country to provide consistency of approach.
- 1.2 The speed of vehicles can be an emotive issue for communities that often generates intense local concern and debate. This can be due to the perception of what is an appropriate safe speed which can often differ greatly between, for example; drivers, pedestrians and pedal cyclists, many of whom live and work in the community.
- 1.3 A request has been received through Members for the consideration of alterations to speed limits at four locations, these being Ballygrant, Bruichladdich, Keills on Islay and Craighouse, Jura. Police Scotland have also indicated that there may be issues with drivers driving inappropriately from time to time.
- 1.4 To allow background data to be gathered, Traffic Data Units (TDU) will be used at the above locations. These units will provide what is known as a classified vehicle count, including speeds of all vehicles. This information will be shared with Police Scotland to determine the most appropriate course of action. In an island setting such as Islay, we would generally seek to be sensitive to the high amenity landscape and limit any hard engineering or signage which could detract from the visual appearance of the locations.
- 1.5 It is recommended that Members endorse the report and the actions proposed.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report details requests received for consideration of existing speed limits at three locations on Islay and one on Jura.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members endorse the report and the actions proposed.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The Council has in place a policy relating to road speed. This policy can be found at the following link: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s115787/Appendix%201%20Road%20Speed%20Policy.pdf>.
- 4.2 In order to allow background information to be gathered which can then be used to objectively consider any issues and potential solutions, TDUs will be used to gather classified vehicle counts. The data gathered from these units will also include vehicle speed. This can be used to determine if any action either through engineering, enforcement or education is required. The results from the traffic surveys will be discussed with Police Scotland's Road Policing Unit and appropriate and proportionate solutions considered. Any proposals for changes would need to comply with the Council's existing policy in relation to road speed.
- 4.3 It is anticipated that the data will be gathered over the course of the summer with a report coming back to the area committee late autumn/winter. The report will set out any recommendations that are determined from the information collected.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This report details requests received for consideration of existing speed limits at three locations on Islay and one on Jura. Speed and traffic data will be gathered and analysed over the course of the summer with a further report coming back to Members in late autumn/winter.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	Road Speed Limit Policy Framework January 2017
6.2	Financial	Currently no financial pressures identified
6.3	Legal	None known
6.4	HR	None known
6.5	Equalities	None known
6.6	Risk	None known
6.7	Customer Services	None known

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