

CABINET

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SPEED INDICATION DEVICES (SIDS)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport, and the Environment

Strategic Aim:	A Special Place	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP/140723	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the additional costs of £80,100 as set out in the report for the supply and installation of new upgraded Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) across the county over a three-year period

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks Cabinet approval of the additional cost for the supply and installation of new upgraded Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) across the county over a three-year period.
- 1.2 All 69 existing SIDs will be replaced with upgraded units, including supply and installation, which both offer clearer messaging and have the addition facility of speed data logging equipment.

2. BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The previous cabinet report of 21st December 2021 approved the procurement and installation of 69 SIDs at a cost of £350,000. This price was the suggested cost at the time.
- 2.2 The procurement exercise identified that the price of materials and inflation has significantly increased over the last 18 months. Therefore, an additional sum of £80,100 is required to cover the increase of material/ inflation of £41,000 and capitalisation of salary costs of £39,100. The new cost of the work is £430,100.
- 2.3 The work will replace all 69 existing SIDs with upgraded units, including supply and installation. The new devices offer clearer messaging and have speed data logging equipment. Each SID will have data logging equipment which will record the number of vehicles and speed of vehicles.
- 2.4 Given the scale of this county wide asset replacement, the programme will be spread over three financial years, including a 5 year warranty on each device. The first 23 SIDs that are not currently working are proposed to be replaced in the first tranche this financial year 2023/24, followed by 23 in 2024/25 and 23 in 2025/26.
- 2.5 The phased approach will mean that after the warranty period expires, all devices will not need to be maintained at the same time, spreading the cost over years going forward.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 There is no need for any further consultation associated with the request for approval for the additional funding for the supply and installation of new upgraded Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) across the county over a three year period.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Do nothing and let more SIDs fail and cost the authority additional revenue funding to keep maintained.
- 4.2 Approve the additional funding to allow for the full replacement of the existing SIDs with the latest technology using Capital Integrated Transport available budget, which can also detect and record both vehicle numbers and speeds included 5 year guarantee period.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The previous cabinet report of 21st December 2021 approved spend of £350,000 for the procurement and installation of all SIDs. This price was the suggested cost at the time.
- 5.2 Following the procurement process, it was found that the price of materials and inflation has significantly increased cost over the last 18 months.

- 5.3 An additional sum of £80,100 includes the increase of material/ inflation of £41,000 and also capitalisation salary costs of £39,100 to the previously approved £350,000. There is a new total of £430,100 to cover these costs.
- 5.4 A total additional sum of £80,100 is sought to cover these costs.
- 5.5 This work is funded from Department for Transport (DfT) Integrated Transport Capital grant allocation.

6. LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Council has a duty under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980, to maintain the Highway in such a state as to be safe and fit for the ordinary traffic that may reasonably be expected to use it. The Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) are part of the Councils strategy to help compliance of speed limits through communities and also meets strategic aims.

7. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed because there are no risks/issues to the rights and freedoms of natural persons.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment screening has not been undertaken and there are no adverse effects due to this policy.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The replaced SIDs will help to achieve driver compliance with speed limits and reduce speeding through our communities.

10. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Failure to deliver a sustainable replacement programme for SIDs will lead to a decline in the quality of the road safety messaging throughout Rutland, leading to lower adherence to speed limits in general.
- 10.2 Driver notifications and recordings of speed and vehicle number data will inform future decision making.

11. ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Environmental implication.
- 11.2 Compliance with speed limits will reduce speeding through communities, making them safer and lower speeds consume less fuel, which will ultimately optimise the carbon reduction measures. Implementing environmental best practice where practicable throughout the contract.

12. CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 For the reasons set out in the report, it is recommended that Cabinet:
- 12.2 Acknowledge the commitments within the report.
- 12.3 Approve the additional cost for the installation of new upgraded Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) across the county over a three-year period.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.

14. APPENDICES

- 14.1 No Appendices

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