

Action from ED&I Committee 15.11.22	
Agenda Item:	4. Written Questions – Road Safety Measures Roseisle
Responsible Officer:	Nicola Moss
Information Sought:	Response:
Head of service agreed to circulate speed indicator devices policy to Members. Agreed to discuss improved road signage further with the team.	<p>Speed Indicator Devices - See attached.</p> <p>The current road signage has been reviewed and was done so in January when the complaint regarding the vehicle leaving the road at the crossroads was received. The signage is compliant with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions. This information has previously been imparted through responses to complaints and was re-iterated during the meeting at Roseisle Hall on 10 October.</p> <p>One of the residents at the meeting asked if the settlement signage on the B9013 could be made more prominent (e.g. like at Marypark on the A95 which is subject to a 60mph speed limit and therefore warrants more prominent signage). Any changes to the settlement signs would be considered when we have the results of the speed survey on the B9013 and if required would be subject to there being sufficient space within the roadside verge to safely accommodate enhanced signage.</p>

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COMMUNITY PURCHASE OF VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS)

Prior to any purchase of VAS council officers will investigate the speeding concerns raised by the community and determine if there is any evidence of speeding. If, after investigation, the officers find that there is no evidence of speeding or speed related accidents, and the community expresses an interest in exploring the purchase of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), then the below process will be followed:

1. Identify location

When considering purchasing VAS a suitable location will have to be found. There are specific criteria that must be met before siting the sign (Chapter 4 of the Traffic Signs Manual refers). Council officers will meet with representatives of the community group on site to discuss the location identified and provide advice on suitability.

If the location is not suitable, officers will work with the community group to identify an appropriate location, including suggesting an alternative location on the same stretch of road.

Where an appropriate location cannot be identified, e.g. locations where there is insufficient road verge width, the community group will be advised of anything they can do to overcome the constraint e.g. purchase land to site the sign.

If, in the unlikely event a location cannot be agreed upon, then no sign will be erected.

2. Suitable power supply, cost estimate and maintenance

On agreement of location, officers will further investigate the availability of power supplies for the signage and provide a cost estimate for works and materials required to erect the sign and an estimate for the current cost of the signage from suppliers.

The cost of the signs and equipment is approximately £3,500. An initial cost estimate for installing the VAS can range depending on whether existing street furniture can be utilised. The signs can be solar powered which would remove any costs associated with providing a power supply. If new street furniture is required, for a solar powered VAS the likely installation cost would be around £400. Signs requiring a wired connection are likely to cost more than this.

There is a requirement to inspect and calibrate signs annually. The annual cost of providing an inspection and calibration of a community purchased VAS would be £75 per sign. This can be billed annually, or as a single 10-year contribution at the time of purchase (10 years being the average asset life of a VAS).

Other maintenance costs would be invoiced to the community group on an 'as-incurred' basis at straight cost recovery (parts and time). This would be agreed in advance on an estimated basis.

If the community group did not wish to pay to repair the VAS it would be removed and stored for use by the Council as spare parts. If the community group failed to pay for a repair that had been agreed in principle then the asset would be removed and taken into Council ownership.

3. Purchase of the VAS

Where a community group decides to purchase a VAS, then the following process will apply:

- a. An agreement for the purchase and installation of the signs, along with covering the costs of the future maintenance of the signs will be entered into. Payment for the purchase and installation of the signs will be made following a quote from the council and prior to the council installing the equipment.
- b. The Council will procure, install and maintain the sign as agreed.
- c. When the sign reaches its life expiry, which would be approximately 10 years, the community group will decide whether they wish to replace the VAS.
- d. If the community group decides to replace the VAS then the process will be reviewed and repeated
- e. If the community decides not to replace the VAS then it will removed and disposed of/used for spare parts.