

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION**  
**by**  
**COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHYL DAVIES**  
**(PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGHWAYS, RECYCLING & ASSETS)**  
**MARCH 2019**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

**SUBJECT:** Modification of Speed Limit Orders relating to various county roads in Newtown as a consequence of the Newtown Bypass

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Summary**

1.1 The attached Statement of Reasons at Appendix A sets out the reasons for Powys County Council, seeking to introduce modifications to the existing speed limits along Pool Road, Kerry Road, Dolfor Road and Llanidloes Road within the town of Newtown, which are necessary as a result of the construction of Newtown Bypass.

**2. Proposal**

2.1 The proposed Order essentially seeks to modify the speed limits along the above mentioned roads in accordance with the approved Newtown Bypass plans. These roads all became the responsibility of Powys County Council upon the opening of the Newtown Bypass.

2.2 The existing Traffic Regulation Orders which would be revoked as part of the proposed new Order are attached at Appendix B for reference.

2.3 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order is attached at Appendix C for reference.

2.4 Those sections of the above mentioned county roads which are not referred to within the schedules of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, but are illuminated by a system of street lighting will retain their existing "restricted road" status as defined in Section 81 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (i.e. being subject to a 30 mph speed limit).

**3. Options Considered / Available**

3.1 There are no other available options in this particular instance.

**4. Impact Assessment**

4.1 Is an impact assessment required? No

**5. Corporate Improvement Plan**

5.1 Powys County Council has engaged with the town council and the police to publicise the proposal and invite comments/observations. The proposal will implement the appropriate speed limits in accordance with the approved bypass scheme, which are compliant with the Welsh Government's guidance document for setting local speed limits in Wales. The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways within Powys and for residents and visitors to access residential properties and local facilities.

**6. Local Members**

6.1 All the local members for the affected communities of Newtown and Llandinam have been consulted on the proposal. Cllrs D Rowlands, J Jones and N Morrison have expressed support for the proposal, and no objections have been received from the other members. The proposal will not have a significant wider effect on local members in other wards.

6.2 The proposal is supported by Dyfed-Powys Police.

**7. Other Front Line Services**

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? No

**8. Communications**

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

Communications Comment: The report is of public interest and requires use of news release and appropriate social media to publicise the decision.

**9. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

9.1 Legal – Appears appropriately drafted and well-reasoned.

9.2 Finance – The Finance Manager Environment and Resources notes the contents of the report; the works will be funded from with the current revenue budget of the service.

**10. Scrutiny**

Has this report been scrutinised? No

### 11. Data Protection

If the proposal involves the processing of personal data, then the Data Protection Officer must be consulted and their comments set out below. N/A

### 12. Statutory Officers

12.1 The Section 151 Officer notes the comments made by Finance.

12.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) commented as follows :  
“I note the legal comments and have nothing to add to the report.”

### 13. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest, he/she should declare it, complete the relevant notification form and refer the matter to Cabinet for decision.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order set out in Appendix C to the report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the prohibition of driving Order set out in Appendix C to the report in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.	To introduce the necessary speed limit orders which are required as a result of the construction of the Newtown Bypass.

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>	N/A		
<b>Within Policy:</b>	Y / N	<b>Within Budget:</b>	Y / N

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	Cllr Mark Barnes (Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West) Cllr Joy Jones (Newtown East) Cllr Neil Morrison (Newtown South) Cllr Daniel Rowlands (Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North) Cllr David Selby (Newtown Central) Cllr Karl Lewis (Llandinam)
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	Chris Lloyd
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	As soon as possible

<b>Is a review of the impact of the decision required?</b>	<b>Y / N</b>
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**Background Papers used to prepare Report:**

- **Statement of Reasons (Appendix A)**
- **Existing Traffic Regulation Orders (Appendix B)**
- **Draft Traffic Regulation Order and plans (Appendix C)**