

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee: 2 August 2006

Subject: 20 mph Speed limits around schools and safer routes to school Projects 2006/2007

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** To seek Committee approval to undertake the attached list of schemes which will be funded from the associated Scottish Executive grant.

2. Background

- 2.1** In December 2003 the Scottish Executive announced that the Scottish local authorities were to receive a funding boost over two years (2004/2005 and 2005/2006) for 20 mph Speed limits around schools and for safer routes to school projects. A further announcement in November 2004 extended this funding for a further 2 years.
- 2.2** This extra funding has enabled the Council to further develop and introduce a wide variety of projects including the ongoing introduction of 20 mph speed limits with associated traffic calming measures around all schools with the aim of improving pedestrian safety.
- 2.3** The Scottish Executive has previously allocated £101,000 for years 2003/2004, £220,000 for years 2004/2005 and £220,000 for 2005/2006. The allocation for years 2006/2007 will be £204,000.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The Scottish Executive and the Council are committed to cutting the number of deaths and injuries on our roads and targets have been set to halve the number of children killed or seriously injured by 2010.
- 3.2** Currently the Council is on target to achieve this and this further year of additional funding amounting to £204,000 will assist in helping to deliver the target for 2010.
- 3.3** The programme for the financial year 2006/2007 is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no Personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The programme will be met fully from the Scottish Executive's allocated capital funding.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1** The Committee is invited to approve the projects detailed in appendix 1.

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Wards Affected: All

Appendix 1: Programme of works for financial year 2006/7

Background Papers: None

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