WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services (Land and Environmental Services)

Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee: 4 April 2007

Subject: 20 MPH Speed Limits around Schools and Safer Routes to School Projects 2007/2008

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 the purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee 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 funding over two years 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 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 school, with the aim of improving pedestrian safety.

2.3 The Scottish Executive has previously allocated £101,000 for years 2003/2004, £220,000 for year 2004/2005, £220,000 for 2005/2006 and £240,000 for 2006/2007. The allocation for year 2007/2008 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 injures 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 2007/2008 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. This is the final year of confirmed funding for this work.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There has been no risk analysis undertaken for this work.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The Council has been funded for 4 years to introduce safety measures at and near schools. This is a key part of our actions to improve pedestrian safety on our roads. The funding for 2007/2008 is the final year of the current award from the Scottish Executive.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the undertaking of the projects detailed in appendix 1.

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Appendix: Programme of works for financial year 2007/2008

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All