

**The Highland Council**  
**Sutherland County Committee**

**24 May 2016**

Agenda Item	<b>9.</b>
Report No	<b>SCC/ 14/16</b>

**Sutherland Traffic Order Programme**

**Report by Director of Community Services**

**Summary**

This report updates Members with regard to Traffic Order Programme for Sutherland Roads

**1. Background**

- 1.1 Traffic Regulation Orders are required to allow regulatory road signs and road markings to be enforced. These orders are typically associated with parking restrictions, speed limits and one way roads.

**2. Outstanding Traffic Orders**

- 2.1 There are currently three outstanding traffic orders being progressed in Sutherland. These are detailed as follows:

- Bonar Bridge 30mph Speed Limit Extension;
- Edderton Speed Limit Reduction; and
- Amended Disabled Persons Parking Provision Order.

- 3.2 Bonar Bridge 30mph Speed Limit Extension was started in 2008 and requires further work to enable it to be progressed. A review will shortly be commenced and the order is expected to be completed this financial year.

- 3.3 Following community concerns, on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 The Sutherland County Committee approved the reduction of existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph on the A836 through Edderton.

- 3.4 An Amended Disabled Persons Parking Provision Order is required to allow the enforcement of the on street disabled bays. This order is programmed to be completed in 2018/19.

- 3.5 The number of disabled motorists applying for a disabled parking place varies at any one time. As a result this order needs to be amended over a regular period.

#### **4. Traffic Order Programme**

- 4.1 Community Services is committed to implementing the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) Scheme across the Highland Council area. This requires all the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) to be reviewed and amended as required to ensure that the parking restrictions are consistent and enforceable.
- 4.2 A draft application has already been made to Transport Scotland to authorise the DPE across The Highland Council. Remedial works to both signing and road marking has already started and will continue throughout 2016.
- 4.3 On conclusion of the DPE Scheme, a prioritised list of all other outstanding traffic orders will be prepared.

#### **5. Elphin Residents' Speeding Concerns**

- 5.1 Elphin residents have expressed concern over motorists speeding on the A835 through the village.
- 5.2 Community Services recognise Elphin residents' concerns over speeding and have undertaken traffic surveys. A speed indication display sign ('smiley face') will be provided to help educate motorists and lower speeds. The results, both before and after the sign is provided, will be reported together with a recommendation.

#### **6. Implications**

- 6.1 A prioritised programme will be compiled for all TRO's within The Highland Council area.
- 6.2 This report has no impact on equality, Gaelic, climate change / Carbon Clever considerations. However, there may be rural considerations where the lower road usage levels and distances between communities reduce the opportunity to maximize the impact of investment decisions when compared to more densely populated area /roads with greater usage levels.
- 6.3 All work will be managed within budget allocations from a resource perspective with the Council delivering its legal responsibilities.

#### **Recommendation**

Members are invited to note the updated situation with regard to Traffic Orders.

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