

Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse (D&SVA) Scrutiny Committee 24th November 2021

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D&SVA – The Safer West Sussex Partnership

- SWSP Strategic Priority
- The partnership response is co-ordinated through the West Sussex DS&VA steering group
- The steering group brings together statutory and voluntary sector stakeholders.
- The D&SVA Strategic Framework, co produced with East Sussex and Brighton and Hove in 2020 drives the partnership work to reduce DSVA across the county



D&SVA – The Safer West Sussex Partnership

- Strategic responsibility for the partnership response to D&SVA and the new statutory duties under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 sits within the Community Safety and Wellbeing service
- Sussex Domestic Abuse Partnership - a multi-agency approach to delivering improvements for victims, survivors and witnesses of domestic abuse accessing services in Sussex. All agencies play a crucial role in ensuring survivor voice is at the centre of service delivery.



What does this mean for West Sussex?

West Sussex offers a variety of differing support options for victim's and their children – from early intervention, work with children and young people to perpetrator intervention and behavioral change programmes, alongside victim support services.

- Domestic abuse is a shared responsibility
- Early intervention is key to cultural and societal change
- Committed to improving our service offer for 'hidden' victims and the most vulnerable in our communities



Service Delivery -WORTH

There has been a significant increase in referrals to all DA services in West Sussex in 2021 including the high risk service

- WORTH services are currently working with 697 people who have been assessed as high risk of further harm.
- 368 of those people have children, and of the total amount of children recorded on active cases, 751 are on child protection plans
- 96% of people engaging with WORTH are female, 2% LGBT, 74% White British and 17% stated that they had a disability
- 89% Felt safer on exit from the service and 78% felt their overall wellbeing had improved.



Service Delivery - Partnership

Our third sector partners delivering DA services all report to be at, or over capacity in supporting clients at medium risk, or with recovery.

- Since the Connect pilot began in 2018, the service has worked with 452 adults and 235 children
- My sisters House women's Centre report to have offered a service to just under 1000 women in 2021, 75% of clients have domestic abuse as their primary support need.
- Safe in Sussex have delivered the Freedom Programme to 363 women from April 2020-March 2021



Next Steps

Work is underway to build capacity across the range of services currently being delivered. A number of services have benefitted from MOJ COVID capacity funding, and additional MOJ funding for specialist roles and services.

- £1.175 million for domestic abuse and sexual violence services to manage impact of COVID
- £1.220 million for DA and stalking perpetrator programme
- 135k for 3 additional complex needs Sexual Violence Advisors
- £2.6 million for domestic abuse and sexual violence advisors to support those with protected characteristics (Ethnic minority communities, LGBTQ+ and older people)

Next Steps – Service provision

- Launching first in Country of a partnership with Hourglass to provide a DA service for older people in Pan Sussex
- Delivering the first Pan Sussex Harmful practices ‘by and for’ service for victim and survivors of FGM and other practices provided by Hersana
- Launching partnership with LGBT Switchboard to provide an innovative ‘by and for’ DA service for LGBT+ community focused on Brighton but available Sussex wide
- Enhancing the IDVA numbers in existing commissioned services by 8 FTE
- Providing dedicated IDVA support for children
- Launching IDVA outreach to Eastern European Community in West Sussex
- Increasing ISVA FTE by 4 to support rape and sexual violence support

Raising The Profile

Domestic Abuse is everybody's business

Raising the profile of domestic abuse within our communities, alongside support services and perpetrator interventions has been critical in ensuring that all victim/survivors know how to access services at the time that it's needed. Activity has included

- Webinars and briefings
- Digital campaigns
- In person campaigns
- Partnership activity
- Refuse vehicles



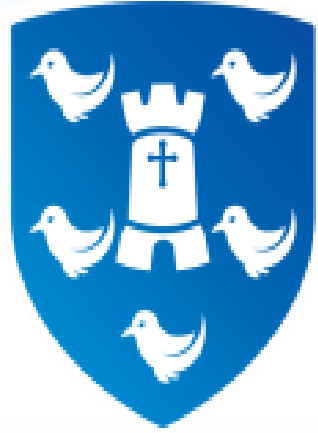
“I’M IN MY 70s, THE POLICE CAME AND TOLD ME ABOUT REFUGES. I SAID ‘NO, I’VE LIVED MY LIFE.’ HE TOLD ME THAT I WAS WORTH IT, THAT MY LIFE MEANT SOMETHING”

WORTH domestic abuse services are open 09:00 - 17:00 Monday to Friday for help, support and advice



Monday - Friday 0330 222 8181

**Talk to us. We can help
#YOUARENOTALONE**



Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



**SUSSEX
PERPETRATOR
INTERVENTION
PROGRAMME**

What do we do?

- Statutory duty to provide victim support services on PCC
- Annual grant provided to support this work average £1.9million a year but seek further funds to do more
- Victim services span spectrum of crimes (fraud, hate crime, DA, SV, stalking)
- Also support wider landscape such as perpetrator work for DA,SV and stalking crimes
- Support policy and developments in this area and manage Safe Space Sussex directory
www.safespacesussex.org.uk
- Increased focus on needs of supporting vulnerable particularly with recent high profile events, new legislation (DA Bill) and reviews indicating areas of concern (Rape Review, HMICFRS DA Review, HMICFRS VAWG review due September 2021)



COVID Funds (£1.175 million)

- Enable virtual offers to be made in the early stages on pandemic with many charities without technology options
- Used by victim support services to increase case work offer so could support more during these times
- Provide smaller charities with funds that they lost as a result of lack of fundraising opportunities
- Enable physical spaces to be adapted to be COVID secure and offer much needed face to face support to re-start

Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme

£1.220 million

High Harm Serial Perpetrator Programme:

- Cohort selected through proactive use of police information, referrals from other policing teams and external.
- Multi-agency team – better equipped to address multiple complex needs.
- Embedded Police Officer Offender Managers provides capability to proactively manage perpetrators who choose not to engage.
- Perpetrator programme based on Building Better Relationships programme.

Cranstoun Perpetrator Programme:

- Referrals from MARAC / Partners or Self-referral.
- Engagement in programme with consent of perp.
- To date, majority are self-referrals.
- 'Men & Masculinities' intervention is a 24 week rolling programme of online and face-to-face sessions, designed to raise awareness of themselves and their relationships.

Stalking Intervention Programme (First in Country)

- High Risk stalkers, referred into programme as a condition of their Stalking Protection Order.
- Compulsive and Obsessive Behaviours Intervention (COBI) delivered by SEETEC Justice.
- Victim advocacy / support by Veritas Justice



Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme

High Harm Serial Perpetrator Programme:

94 assessed for the programme (92 male, 2 female)

56 accepted

47 of these working with mental health

46 of these working with drug and alcohol

4 engaged in behaviour change

62 victims associated and supported

Cranstoun Perpetrator Programme:

123 Referrals (95 West Sussex, 12 East Sussex, 13 Brighton)

All referrals coercive control/emotional abuse and 40% physical abuse

66% engage regular with sessions

Stalking Intervention Programme COBI

4 mandated to programme since start

11 SPO's with mandate in awaiting court



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Complex Needs Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVA's) (£135k)

- Rape and sexual assault cases are always very challenging. Local services identified a need to focus on victims and survivors with complex needs such as mental health and housing concerns to ensure that they can be supported holistically.
- The waiting lists for ISVA services were long and providing additional posts to support those needing more intensive support has reduced the waiting times





Trauma Training £290k

- VRU funds awarded from Home Office
- Working with partners Safe in Sussex and Brighton Oasis to train 5500 Sussex frontline staff including all front line Police
- Sessions now available to book via learning gateways (WSCC & BHCC) or if you want a bespoke session for your organisation this can be arranged directly but aimed at those likely to interact with those who have experienced trauma



VAWG Safer Streets 3 £977k

- **Primary bid**

‘Healthy Relationships’ schools sessions, Bystander to upstander sessions focusing on supporting attendees to feel more confident in recognising and challenging unacceptable and misogynistic behaviour, funding for street pastors/angel schemes, ‘Do the right thing’ campaign addressing men’s and boys’ behaviour, aiming to challenge the current narrative and help bring about change, recruitment of 3 x VAWG Community Navigators for 12 months to support all VAWG campaign activity in Sussex, including supporting and training community safe spaces for the Sussex Safe Spaces App currently in development and purchase of eight, re-deployable CCTV units to be used across the county in areas which have been identified as of concern

- **Secondary bid**

- Hastings: Alexandra Park – improvements to be made including lighting, CCTV, signage, Eastbourne: Gildredge Park – additional lighting., Angmering: Mayflower Park – additional lighting, Brighton: War Memorial, Old Steine & Pavilion Gardens – installation of additional lighting and CCTV.



Safe Space Sussex App £45k

In Sussex the most common violent offence reported to the Police by women and girls is public fear, alarm and distress. Those most likely to be victims are under 34 years old and 58% of the offenders are unknown to the victim.

Consultation with the public and local VAWG groups has overwhelmingly suggested that a local app to provide details of safe places that is overseen by a trusted authority would be welcome. These groups have been involved in the development of this partnership approach. The App will:

- App for android and ios platforms – free on stores*
- Function to identify and pinpoint on a map available safe spaces close to location of the phone user at any one time*
- Facility for auto microphone and camera turn on function if activated for evidence capture*



Safe Space Sussex App

- *Function to send an auto SMS to a pre defined contact with GPS location if the same function as above is activated*
- *Function to report directly to Sussex Police via email for non-emergency matters (or with evidence captured)*
- *Information and guidance on how to report to Sussex Police and directory of support services based on www.safespacesussex.org.uk*

There are existing safety apps available such as Holly Guard that provides some of the functionality of this such as auto-text and GPS function. However, this is not available for free and requires users to pay for the service and the application is not linked to actual safe spaces in a given location. Similarly, there are other safe places schemes but none combine a real time overview 24 hours a day of where can be accessed in a given location.

Your story. Our journey.

Supporting people who have had an unwanted sexual experience.



Lifecentre support

We provide a range of support services but, vitally, every care journey is tailored to the individual. We offer our help to people of all ages and backgrounds, creating environments and conversations where they feel safe.

Our support includes:

- counselling for survivors of all ages and genders
- counselling for the close supporters of survivors
- play therapy for those under the age of 11
- a free telephone and text helpline
- Online resources, an NHS approved wellbeing app and legal advice.



Impact

Impact of unwanted sexual experience:

Many of the people that we support are facing significant trauma and complex mental health difficulties. The impact of sexual abuse and trauma are devastating, of the clients we met in in 2020 we found:

- 65% had self-harmed
- 64% had experienced suicidal thoughts and 21% had attempted suicide
- 50% were or had been depressed
- 38% had a history of or were facing mental health issues
- 19% an eating problem
- 20% were facing drug and/or alcohol related issues.

Our counsellors:

People can access our counselling support in person (in Chichester, Worthing or Crawley) or remotely (online, email or over the phone).

Should counselling precede a trial in court, pre-trial therapy is offered.

All of our counsellors:

- are qualified with a minimum of a Diploma in Counselling
- are experienced with at least two years' post qualification experience
- are affiliated to an approved professional body
- receive monthly professional supervision
- receive ongoing continuous professional development.

This is to make sure that they provide the best possible care.

Referrals

2020 we had a total of 710 referrals for counselling

74% of these were from adults and 26% of these referrals were from under 18s. We delivered a total of 4,412 counselling sessions in 2020.

Genders	Referrers	%
83% female	Self-referral	39%
15% male	Social care	14%
2% transgender	Health Services	13%
	Police	9%

In the first 10 months of 2021, we have received 807 referrals for counselling, a 31% increase on the same time period last year.



Impact

In 2020 we found

11 – 18 years

81% coping better emotionally

80% depression levels have improved

87% levels of self-confidence have improved

83% coping better at home or in education

87% having fewer suicidal thoughts

83% evidencing improved relationships

77% self-harm levels improved

96% feel safer

100% benefited from counselling

Adults

62% improvement in overall client experience of depression

59% improvement in overall client experience of self esteem issues

63% improvement in client experience of trauma/abuse

61% improvement in overall client experience of anxiety

73% improvement in overall client experience of problems with addiction

56% improvement of overall client experience of eating disorders

33% improvement of overall client experience of work/academic problems

HEARD ON THE JOURNEY

“Someone listened to me and understood me for once.
Talking to someone has helped me. I now go out with
friends as I have learnt that he cannot ruin my life
anymore.”



How to access support



1. Take the first step

Download and fill out our referral form or ring [01243 786349](tel:01243786349) to speak to one of our client support officers. We will process your referral and get back to you as soon as possible.

2. Start the conversation

Attend an initial assessment with one of our counsellors. They will work with you to decide which support service is the best fit and which topic areas you would like to focus on. There is a chance you will be directed towards our helplines, in the likely instance that counselling is appropriate, you will be asked to sign an agreement contract.

3. Receive our support weekly

Attend up to 18 sessions with one of our counsellors. Sessions typically last one hour.

How to access the helplines:



Our helplines provide specialist support by specially trained volunteers

Our telephone helpline – 0808 802 0808

Phone lines are open Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30p.m – 10:00p.m. Calls to our helpline are free from landlines and mobile phones within the UK and do not appear on itemised bills.

Our text helpline – 07717 989 022

The text helpline is open for two hours at varying times every Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Future plans:

We aim to continue to provide high quality services to those who have had an unwanted sexual experience and their close supporters.

We also aim to:

- Make sure our services are available and accessible to those who need them, regardless of age, gender or any protected characteristic
- Grow to meet the growing need
- Diversify our services to meet our clients' needs
- Continue to develop our training offer to partners and local organisations; particularly schools, colleges and universities.



HEARD ON THE JOURNEY

“It’s only Lifecentre that has kept me alive this year – you are the only ones who have believed me!”





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2030 Energy Strategy

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Energy Services

24 November 2021

Strategic Objectives

- To support the Climate Change strategy
- To minimise consumption and maximise efficiency in the estate
- To generate renewable energy on our own estate
- To promote equity and social value
- To be an exemplar to, and facilitator for, other organisations

Background

- Previous strategy agreed in 2016 prioritised action on:
 - Sustainable energy generation
 - Reducing emissions of CO2 from corporate estate
 - Supporting action on fuel poverty in county
 - Developing commercial energy services within county

Climate Change Strategy

- Commitment 1 (a): We will be a net carbon zero organisation by 2030
- Commitment 1(c): We will increase the amount of renewable energy used and generated in West Sussex
- Commitment 3 (a): We will use resources efficiently and economically
- Commitment 4 (c): We will encourage sustainable businesses
- Commitment 5 (e): We will challenge and support others to follow our example
- Commitment 5 (f): We will work in partnership to find innovative solutions and collaborative ways of working to tackle climate change.

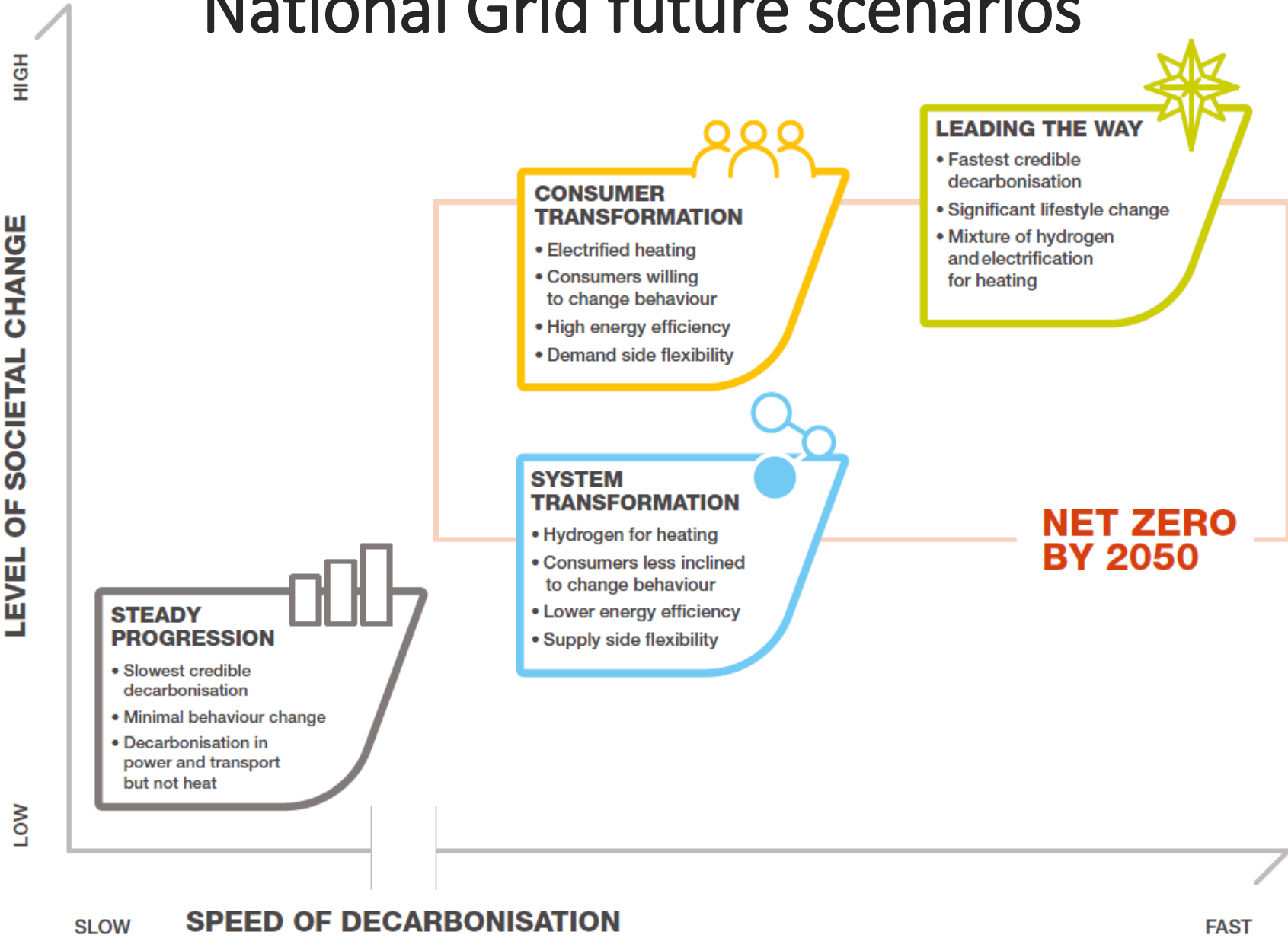
Council Plan

- Overarching priority of action on climate change
- Outcome 1: Resetting and rebooting the local economy
 - (15) Enterprises supported to start, revive, innovate and grow
- Outcome 5: A sustainable economy that adapts to climate change
 - (22) Equivalent tonnes (te) of CO2 emissions from WSCC activities

2030 Energy Strategy

- Priority areas will be:
 - Sustainable energy generation
 - Reducing emissions of CO2 from corporate estate
 - Social Value from Energy (inc. fuel poverty & commercial services)
 - Local Energy Resilience
- Sustainable income generation, savings and cost avoidance

National Grid future scenarios



Future Scenarios			2020	By 2025	By 2030	By 2035	By 2040	By 2045	By 2050	Maximum potential by 2050
Emissions	78% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions vs. 1990 levels ¹	497 MtCO ₂ e				CT LW	ST			103% reduction (-28 MtCO ₂ e) LW
Transport	Sale of petrol and diesel cars and vans banned ²	1.6 mil. petrol and diesel cars and vans sold (COVID-19 impacted)		CT LW		ST	SP			37.4 mil. battery electric cars and vans on the road SP
	Zero tailpipe emissions for all new cars ²	7% of cars sold (COVID-19 impacted)				CT LW ST	SP			~0 petrol or diesel cars (including hybrids) remaining on the road CT ST LW
	Exceeds 1GW of total vehicle-to-grid (V2G) capacity	N/A		CT LW			ST	SP		39 GW LW
Heating	600,000 heat pumps installed per year ³	<30,000	LW	CT			ST	SP		1,700,000 CT
	4 in 5 homes using a primary heat source other than a natural gas boiler	1 in 5					LW	CT ST		100% CT ST LW
Natural Gas	Gas grid connection for new homes ends ⁴	>60%	CT LW			ST				0% LW
Electricity Generation	80% of GB generation output from renewables	50%	CT LW	ST SP						94% LW
	Offshore wind installation reaches 40 GW ³	10.5 GW		CT LW	ST		SP			113 GW CT
	Carbon intensity of electricity net negative ⁵	155g CO ₂ /kWh				CT LW ST				-55g CO ₂ /kWh ST
	First Carbon Capture Usage and Storage (CCUS) power station ³	0		CT LW ST	SP					26 CCUS power stations ST
Hydrogen	5 GW of hydrogen production capacity ³	<1 GW		LW	ST		CT	SP		74 GW ST
Flexibility	10 GW or more of electrolysis capacity	<1 GW				LW	CT ST			58 GW ⁶ LW
	Exceeds 20 GW electricity storage technologies (excluding V2G)	4 GW				CT LW		ST	SP	43 GW LW
	I&C electricity demand side response exceeds 2.5 GW	1.3 GW	CT LW	ST				SP		16.0 GW CT

2030 Energy Strategy

- Developing new capabilities
 - Collaboration
 - Data Management
 - Innovation
- Developing new areas of focus
 - Emissions from areas within council influence (i.e. transport)
 - Supporting Community Energy / Local Energy Communities
 - Partnership working – Local Energy Transition Hub

Next steps

- Adoption of Strategy
- Development of action plan
- Public consultation
- Communities, Highways and Environment Select Committee
- Key Decision to adopt action plan

Review of Community Traffic Regulation Orders

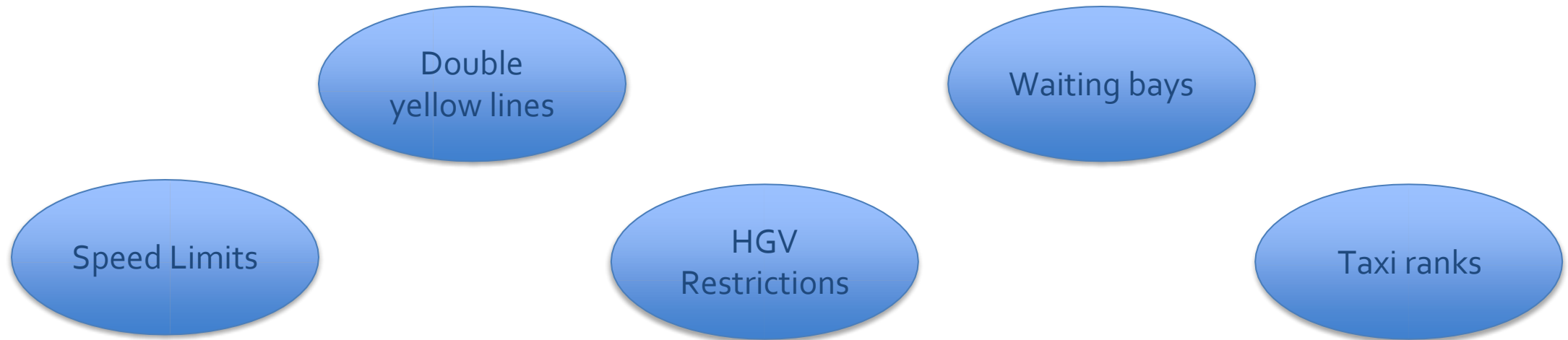
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What are we covering today?

- What is a Community TRO and what isn't a Community TRO
- How Community TROs are assessed, prioritised and delivered now
- Scope of review
- Emerging recommendations
- Feedback

What is a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)?

A legal order that supports the enforceable restrictions and movements on the public highway



What is a Community TRO?

A Community TRO is:

- Non complex
- Non contentious
- Less than £3,000 to deliver

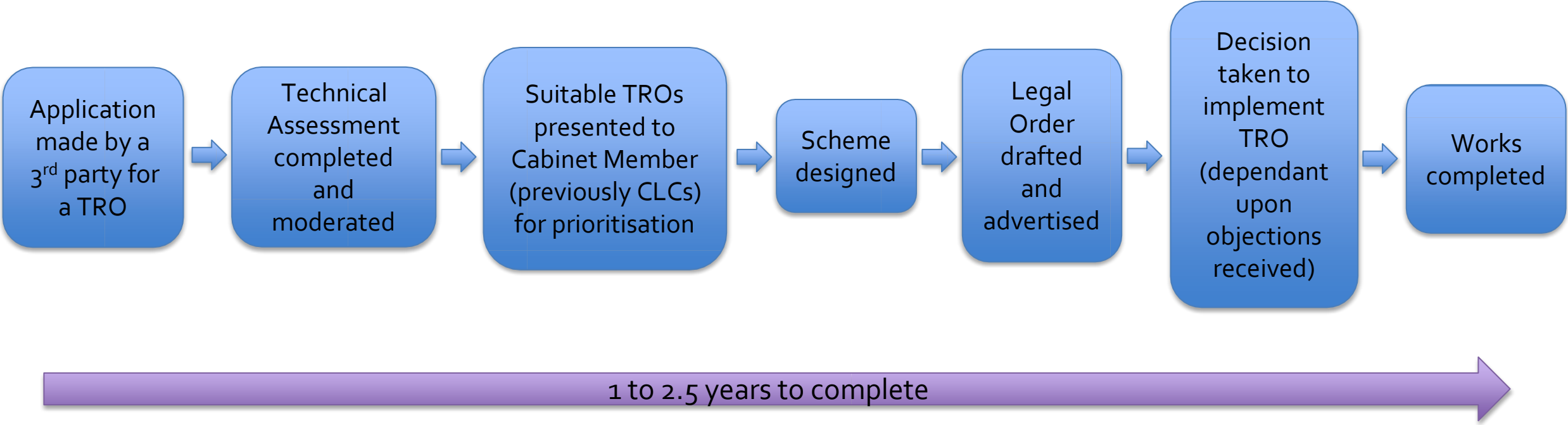
For example, junction protection and short sections of speed limits

A Community TRO is not:

- A suite of TROs
- A scheme with infrastructure improvements
- A scheme that covers more than one or two roads
- A parking scheme

There are other programmes to deliver these sort of works

How are Community TROs processed in West Sussex?



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Scope of the Review



- **Governance** – alternative options to the current annual programme.
- **Delivery Models** – how TROs could be delivered more swiftly.
- **Assessment Framework** – what aspects should be considered when assessing applications.
- **Guidance and information** – how to ensure people understand the processes and way decisions are made about Community TROs

Emerging recommendations – Governance

Six month programme

- Applications evaluated through an Assessment Framework
- All applications received over the past six months (that meet the threshold score) included in next six month programme
- Biannual Cabinet Member decision to approve forward programme of works
- Director or Cabinet Member approval to proceed required if TROs receive objections at the formal consultation stage

Rolling programme

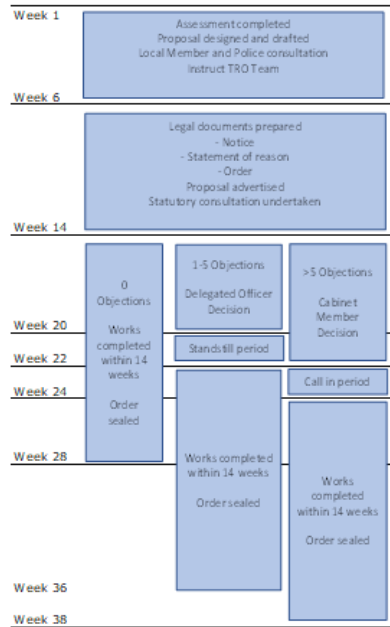
- Applications evaluated through an Assessment Framework
- Applications that meet the threshold score delivered
- Director or Cabinet Member approval to proceed required if TROs receive objections at the formal consultation stage

Emerging recommendations - Governance

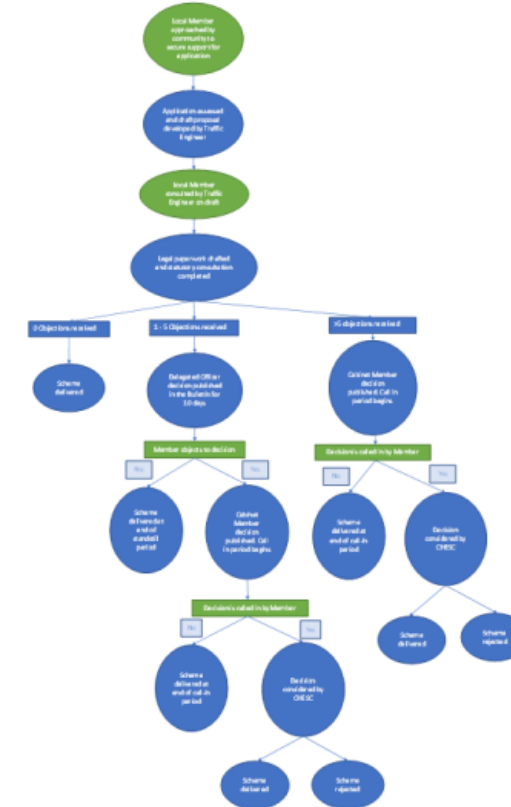
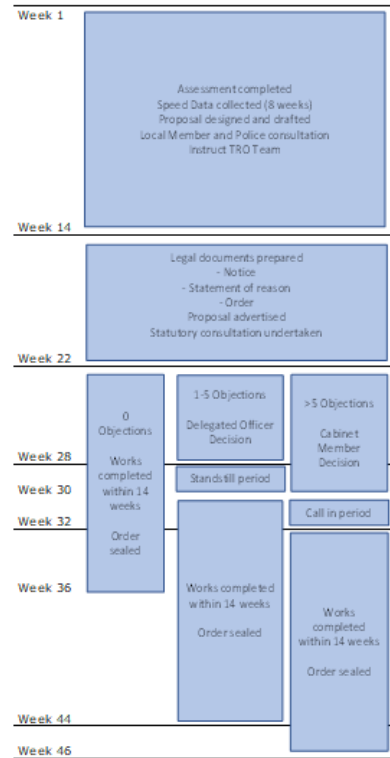
	Six-month programme	Rolling Programme
Staff resourcing (programme governance)	Increased demand due to requirement for Cabinet Member report biannually rather than annually	Reduced demand as only one decision to delegate authority to Director required
Staff resourcing (delivery of TRO)	No change	No change
Timescales for delivery (currently 1 – 2.5 years)	12-16 months	7-11 months
Local Member consultation	No change	No change
Opportunity for wider County Councillor involvement	Cabinet Member decision call -in	None, unless TRO receives objections and requires Director (1 to 5) or Cabinet Member (>5) decision to proceed

Emerging recommendations – Delivery options

Parking TROs



Speed TROs



Emerging recommendations – Delivery options

- Reduced timescales associated with rolling and six month programmes
- Dependant upon
 - Nature of TRO request – parking or speeding
 - Number of objections received when advertised
- Rolling programme – 7 to 11 months
- Six month programme – 12 to 15 months
- Additional resource required to deliver existing 2022/23 programme

Emerging recommendation - Assessment

Safety

Accident Data

Reports of incidents

People

Positive and negative impacts

Level of stakeholder support

Access

To services

From services

Congestion

Displacement

Cost

Funding available from 3rd parties

Ongoing maintenance

Environment

Impact on surrounding areas

Opportunities to increase sustainable travel

Emerging recommendations – Guidance

- Aspiration to have one way to apply for a change on the highway
- Webpages
 - Flow diagrams
 - Timescales
 - Real examples
- Applicants will not need to understand the technicalities

Your thoughts, experiences and questions

- Programme options; the six-month programme or rolling programme?
- Number of objections a TRO should receive before it is referred back to the Cabinet Member for a decision.
- New timeframes for delivering a Community TRO.
- Investment required to implement a new approach.
- Areas covered in the new Assessment
- Information that would be helpful to provide stakeholders

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