

North Chichester County Local Committee

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Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders 2018/19

Report by Director of Highways and Transport and
Head of Highways Operations

Ref No:
NC04 (18/19)

Key Decision:
No

Part I

**Electoral
Divisions:**
All in CLC area

Executive Summary

Community requests for Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) that cost under £3,000 to implement are considered annually by County Local Committees (CLCs). More complex TROs are considered for progression as a Community Highways Scheme and so fall outside the process.

The TRO Requests received since July 2017 have been assessed and scored and the results are attached for the CLC to consider and prioritise in line with the Cabinet Member Report for Traffic Regulation Orders – Assessment and Implementation Process (see link in Background Papers) for progression in the 2019/20 works programme.

Recommendation

That the Committee reviews the proposals and agrees to progress the highest scoring TRO from the list attached at Appendix A, subject to any adjustments made at the meeting.

Proposals

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are legal orders that support enforceable restrictions and movements on the public highway. For the purposes of this report the term TRO includes speed limits, parking controls, and moving offences such as width restrictions and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) restrictions.
- 1.2 TROs are generated from four sources including:
- County Local Committees (requests from members of the public)
 - 3rd party / developer schemes
 - Highway improvement schemes through the Integrated Works Programme (IWP) – traffic calming, school safety, etc.)
 - Parking schemes in partnership with District & Borough Councils.

This report deals with County Local Committee TROs only.

- 1.3 The framework for assessing TROs was approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport in March 2016. In summary, the framework assesses TROs against four criteria: Safety, Traffic Conditions, Environment & Economy and People which give the acronym STEP. A new assessment framework was considered necessary to align with the County Council's corporate priorities and the increasing demand for TROs across the county. Full details of the criteria can be found in the Cabinet Member Decision report:

http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/ds/edd/ht/ht14_15-16.pdf

- 1.4 Following a review of County Local Committees (CLC) in 2016/17 the number of CLCs reduced from 14 to 11. Therefore the TROs have been reallocated as detailed in the table below. There has been no reduction in the number of TROs.

CLC and Number of Members	No of TROs
Adur (6 Members)	2
Worthing (9 Members)	3
Joint Eastern Arun Area (6 Members)	2
Joint Western Arun Area (7 Members)	2
North Chichester (4 Members)	1
South Chichester (7 Members)	2
Crawley (9 Members)	3
Chanctonbury (4 Members)	1
North Horsham (8 Members)	3
North Mid Sussex (5 Members)	1
Central & South Mid Sussex (8 Members)	3
NEXT TOP Scoring TRO County Wide	15
Total TROs (Indicative)	38

- 1.5 Appendix A lists the TROs identified as being viable for progression, and from which the CLC will prioritise its allocation for progression.

2. **Proposal**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the list of TRO requests and, subject to any desired changes, to approve the applicable quota as a programme of work to be initiated over the coming year and delivered in the 2019/20 works programme.
- 2.2 The CLC is requested to progress the highest scoring TRO within the CLC area. Whilst there is scope to progress a lower scoring TRO as a preference, sound justification should be provided for doing so as this will be at the expense of a request that is considered by officers to be a higher priority.
- 2.3 Should a CLC not select their full allocation (see 1.4 above), any outstanding requests can be considered at the subsequent CLC meeting.

- 2.4 Any TROs not selected as the highest priorities for CLCs may be considered on a priority basis for progression on a county-wide basis at the Cabinet Members discretion.
- 2.5 In accordance with the report detailed in the background papers, the list in Appendix A details all the CLC requests that have been received in the last year (July 2017 – July 2018) as well as those that were available to be selected in the 2017 round of TROs. The seventh column in Appendix A has five options:
 - 2.5.1 **Selected** – This option is allocated by officers once a TRO has been selected by the CLC for processing / implementation.
 - 2.5.2 **Approved 18** – This means the TRO has been received this year and is available to be selected by the CLC. If not selected this will be available for selection next year.
 - 2.5.3 **Approved 17** – This means the TRO has been received last year and is available to be selected by the CLC. This option will not be available for selection next year.
 - 2.5.4 **In progress** – Officers have received a request. The request has not been rejected but has not yet demonstrated all the necessary criteria to allow it to be selected and work is being undertaken to achieve this. This option is not available to be selected by the CLC
 - 2.5.5 **Rejected** – Officers have received a request, however it has not achieved all the necessary criteria to allow it to be selected and no further work is being undertaken to achieve this. This option is not available to be selected by the CLC.

3. **Resources**

- 3.1 The proposals contribute to the County Council's objectives for transport and present the most effective way of meeting community needs and resolving the growing demand for TROs within the resources available.
- 3.2 Section 1.4 of this report confirms the CLCs can choose up to a maximum of 23 TROs. The maximum allowable cost of a TRO requested through this community process is £3,000. Hence the proposals by the CLCs could potentially cost £69,000. However, many of the requests such as dDouble Yellow Line Parking Restrictions have a low implantation value - £600 so it is currently anticipated that the CLC requests will be managed within the £50,000 budgeted within the Highways Capital Budget.

Factors taken into account

4. **Consultation**

- 4.1 Individual member support has been gained for each proposal and reasonable local community support has been demonstrated. As with any TRO, wider consultation will be carried out in the usual way as each of the TRO requests is processed.

5. **Risk Management Implications**

- 5.1 The higher the priority score, the greater the potential benefit to the communities who use West Sussex Highways. Should the CLC not select the top scoring TROs consideration should be given if this could expose the county council to any risk if challenged.

6. **Other Options Considered**

- 6.1 The proposals must also pass a feasibility test and STEP assessment undertaken by WSCC Officers and reasonably supported by the public as well as the local member. Given this, the attached list of schemes represents the most viable options for consideration for prioritisation. Hence no further options are considered.

7. **Equality Duty**

- 7.1 This report is seeking the consideration of schemes for prioritisation and does not have direct implications under the Equality Act, though it should be noted that it is unlawful to prioritise a scheme which discriminates against people with protected characteristics. The schemes chosen by the CLC for progression will be individually assessed under the Equality Act as they are developed further.

8. **Social Value**

- 8.1 The proposed approach allows for the community via the CLC to progress and deliver their concerns through a consistent route to enable social, economic or environmental benefits to the County.

9. **Crime and Disorder Act Implications**

- 9.1 There are no identifiable Crime and Disorder Act implications associated with the process of choosing the forthcoming CLC TRO priorities. Any schemes formally proposed will have further appropriate considerations with regards to crime and disorder, which will include consultation with the police and other key stakeholders.

10. **Human Rights Act Implications**

- 10.1 There are no Human Rights Act implications associated with the process of choosing the forthcoming CLC TRO priorities.

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Appendices

Appendix A – TRO Priority List

Background Papers

http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/ds/edd/ht/ht14_15-16.pdf