

Agenda Item No. 7(r)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**20 September 2018**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICE (HIGHWAYS,  
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE)**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet approval not to undertake a review of the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) service and to maintain the current arrangements which were agreed by Cabinet in July 2015.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

**Background**

In February 2018, Council approved proposals to make £12.4m of savings in the current financial year 2018-19. These included saving £300,000 from a review of the School Crossing Patrol Service in 2018-19, subject to public consultation and equality analysis processes.

As part of this review process, and to help the Council explore a number of options, on 7 March 2018 the Council wrote to all schools and parish/town councils, where a SCP currently operates, to ask if they would be willing to fund their SCP or help to find alternative sources of funding such as local businesses, sponsorship or fundraising. A follow up letter, to remind those schools, parish and town councils who had not responded to the original letter, was sent on 15 May 2018.

The total number of responses received was disappointing, with a total of five schools and four parish/town councils expressing an interest in providing funding for their SCP. A total of 132 schools and 51 parish/town councils either confirmed they were not in a position to provide funding for their specific site or did not respond to the letters.

The Council would like to express its appreciation to those schools and parish/town councils who expressed an interest in funding their sites, however, in light of the overall poor response to the Council's request, it is recommended that the Council does not undertake a review of the service at this time.

The service was last reviewed in July 2015 and the current service will therefore continue in accordance with the Cabinet decision of July 2015 (Minute No. 242/15 refers).

(3) **Financial Considerations** The £300,000 savings identified for the 2018-19 financial year only have been found from the Economy, Transport and Environment Department's reserves. Officers have been requested to identify alternative revenue saving options for the £300,000 for 2019-20 onwards as part of the overall Departmental savings programme.

### **Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in this report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Richard Lovell , extension 38192.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet:

7.1 Agrees not to undertake a review of the School Crossing Patrol service and to maintain current levels of the School Crossing Patrol service in line with the decision taken by Cabinet in July 2015 (Minute No. 242/15 refers).

7.2 Requests the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment to identify alternative ways of delivering the £300,000 saving originally allocated to the School Crossing Patrol service for 2019-20 onwards, as part of the overall departmental savings programme.

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