

## THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

INVERNESS CITY COMMITTEE – 8 June 2009

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### Inverness City Centre 20mph Speed Limits

#### Report by Director of Transport, Environmental & Community Services

##### **SUMMARY**

This report outlines the need for 20mph speed limits in the core Inverness City Centre streets and recommends that officers proceed to public advertisement of the speed limit Order.

This report supports the Programme of the Highland Council “Strengthening the Highlands” to work with the Scottish Government to improve road safety, including the use of more mandatory 20 mph speed limits, and the SOA 2 Local Outcome 11, healthy life expectancy is improved especially for the most disadvantaged.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The implementation of the Inverness City Centre Streetscape and Transportation Project has created an upgraded streetscape environment in the city centre where the objective is to encourage greater access for pedestrians and cyclists and make these vulnerable road users feel safer as they go about their daily business.
- 1.2 The streetscape investment has introduced shared surfaces in streets which are also vehicular traffic thoroughfares. It is accepted practice in this type of situation to introduce 20 mph speed limits in order to encourage greater vehicle discipline. Discussions at the City Centre Streetscape and Traffic Management Stakeholder meetings have indicated that this type of measure would be supported.

## **2. 20 mph Speed Limits**

- 2.1 20 mph speed limits should be introduced in the following streets in order to create a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists:
  - Union Street
  - Drummond Street
  - Baron Taylor’s Street
  - Church Street
  - Post Office Avenue
  - Fraser Street
  - Queensgate
  - Ness Walk from Ness Bridge to the Cathedral
- 2.2 The speed limits will be introduced in accordance with normal procedures which involve consulting statutory authorities and emergency services prior to public advertisement and consideration of objections. This will take approximately 3-6

months depending on the level of objections received.

### **3. Resource Implications**

3.1 The implementation of 20 mph speed limits in Inverness City Centre can be accommodated within the Streetscape budget.

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 The Committee is invited to endorse proposals to progress to public advertisement of 20 mph speed limit Orders for :

- i.** Union Street;
- ii.** Drummond Street;
- iii.** Baron Taylor's Street;
- iv.** Church Street;
- v.** Post Office Avenue;
- vi.** Fraser Street;
- vii.** Queensgate; and
- viii.** Ness Walk from Ness Bridge to the Cathedral

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