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## Highways Policy

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#### 1 Background

- 1.1 Highways are the responsibility of Kent County Council. The Community Council may draw issues to the County Council’s attention and propose actions.

#### 2 Framework

- 2.1 The Community Council will:
- 2.1.a draw up a Highways Improvement Plan and update it annually or when necessary more frequently;
  - 2.1.b support the activities of Kent Police and Speedwatch in the Council area;
  - 2.1.c encourage residents to report road maintenance issues to the County Council;
  - 2.1.d monitor traffic volumes and speeds at selected sites in conjunction with the County Council and also using calibrated equipment purchased for the purpose, provided that such equipment is deployed within any guidelines laid down by the County Council or Kent Police.
- 2.2 The Community Council will not purchase equipment incorporating number plate recognition technologies.

#### 3 Delegation

- 3.1 The Environment and Places Committee will keep under review the Highways Improvement Plan and prepare updates at least annually;
- 3.2 Council delegates to the Environment and Places Committee selection of sites within the Council area for traffic monitoring;
- 3.3 The Committee will report at least twice a year to Council on the use of equipment and sites planned for future monitoring;
- 3.4 Any councillor may ask the Committee to consider a proposal for a site for traffic monitoring;
- 3.5 The Clerk will draw to the attention of the Committee any residents' requests to investigate concerns about excessive vehicle speed, volume of traffic and road safety issues, especially near schools, having first established the basis for the request;
- 3.6 Council delegates to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Environment and Places Committee the timing of placing and removing the equipment at a given site;



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- 3.7 The Council will use its website and social media:
- 3.7.a to publicise the activities of Speedwatch from time to time;
  - 3.7.b to encourage residents to report to the County Council the locality of potholes.

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