

REPORT TO PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 17 July 2009

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) FUNDING 2009/10

1. The Town Council has received a request from New Forest District Council to inform them if, in principle, the Council would be willing to:
 - i) Consider contributing to the installation of sleeves where there is no suitable concrete/steel street lighting column for the deployment of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) or Speed Limit Reminder (SLR);
 - ii) Fund SID deployments; and
 - iii) Fund SLR deployments.

2. This request is being made to avoid unnecessary correspondence in the future. Currently the District Council enters into correspondence with a parish or town council every time the Police request deployment of a SID or SLR. In rural areas particularly there is often a requirement to purchase a sleeve in order to install the SID or SLR. However, not all parish and town councils are prepared to fund these sleeves and it is hoped that, if this information is recorded, there will be a reduction in the amount of correspondence required in the future.

3. It is unlikely that sleeves will be required for future deployment of SIDs or SLRs in Ringwood. However, one sleeve has been required in the past for Northfield Road. The devices can only be installed on steel or concrete street lighting columns, and not on telegraph or electricity poles.

4. The District Council will normally fund the deployment of SIDs and SLRs in high priority areas, those being locations where one or more of the following applies:

There is a history of recorded personal injury accidents.
 Available traffic speed information indicates mean average traffic speed is in excess of the speed limit.
 Route used by vulnerable road users but does not have facilities such as footways, crossing points, cycle lanes.

However, they may look to parish and town councils to fund repeat deployments in high priority areas and any requests for deployment in low priority areas.

5. The approximate charges for installation and deployment are outlined below. These charges may increase if, for example, the contractor needs to cut back overgrown vegetation prior to installation. The costs increase for durations in excess of one week. The cost of a sleeve for a temporary pole for a SID or SLR is £425.00.

	INSTALL ON STEEL/ CONCRETE STREET LIGHTING COLUMN - 1 week in each direction	INSTALL ON STEEL/ CONCRETE STREET LIGHTING COLUMN - single week (face one direction only)	INSTALL ON TEMPORARY POLE – 1 week in each direction (+ £425 if sleeve required)	INSTALL ON TEMPORARY POLE - single week (face one direction only) (+ £425 if sleeve required)
SID	£315	£216	£337 + £425 = £762	£237 + £425 = £662
SLR	£257	£158	£278 + £425 = £703	£179 + £425 = £604

6. The majority of SID or SLR deployments in Ringwood have been requested by the Town Council. To date, the Town Council has not contributed towards the cost of these deployments. Based on the figures above, if the Council had been required to pay for previous deployments, the costs would have amounted to:

Financial Year	Cost Based on 09/10 figures	Deployments
2005/06	£662	Northfield Road (inc. cost of sleeve)
2006/07	£846	Gorley Road (2 locations in each direction) and B3347 Christchurch Road
2007/08	£531	Southampton Road (2 locations, one in both directions)
2008/09	£984	Southampton Road, Northfield Road, Parsonage Barn Lane (both directions) and B3347 Christchurch Road
2009/10 (to date)	£315	Southampton Road (both directions)

7. There is no funding available in the Town Council's budget for 2009/10 for deployment of SIDs and SLRs.
8. Members should consider whether it is appropriate for the Town Council to fund SID and SLR deployments. The District Council is responsible for traffic management, including the introduction of new speed limits, and the Police are responsible for enforcing speed limits. Both authorities are grant funded by Government.
9. It is RECOMMENDED that the District Council be informed that the Town Council has no funding available for the deployment of SIDs and SLRs or the purchase of sleeves in 2009/10. However, the Town Council would wish to be informed of any deployments that require funding and be given the opportunity to find the required funding if necessary.

Further information on SIDs and SLRs can be found on the District Council's website at <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=8008>.

For further information please contact:
 Jo Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk
 Tel: 01425 473883
 Email: jo.stannard@ringwood.gov.uk