

**Highway Services Division
Review of 20mph Scheme
on Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 3.30pm**

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	Attendees: <table> <tr> <td>Mr A Cannan, MHK, Chief Minister</td><td>AC</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr M Lewin, CEO IOMG</td><td>ML</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr T Crookall, MHK, Minister of DOI</td><td>TC</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mrs E Curphey, Chief Officer DOI</td><td>EC</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr J Robinson, Deputy Chief Officer DOI</td><td>JR</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mrs H Goldie, Head of Corporate Services and Programme Change</td><td>HG</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr G Saunders, Director of Highway Services</td><td>GS</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr K Almond, Network Planning Manager</td><td>KA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr K Podmore, Interim Head of Project Delivery</td><td>KP</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr B Acheson, Interim Head of Waste Management</td><td>BA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Hall (Notetaker)</td><td>JH</td></tr> </table> <i>(Mrs Curphey and Mrs Goldie attended the meeting via TEAMS).</i>	Mr A Cannan, MHK, Chief Minister	AC	Mr M Lewin, CEO IOMG	ML	Mr T Crookall, MHK, Minister of DOI	TC	Mrs E Curphey, Chief Officer DOI	EC	Mr J Robinson, Deputy Chief Officer DOI	JR	Mrs H Goldie, Head of Corporate Services and Programme Change	HG	Mr G Saunders, Director of Highway Services	GS	Mr K Almond, Network Planning Manager	KA	Mr K Podmore, Interim Head of Project Delivery	KP	Mr B Acheson, Interim Head of Waste Management	BA	Mrs J Hall (Notetaker)	JH
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1.	Apologies No apologies were received.																						
2.	Background A unanimous vote was recorded in Tynwald in October 2020 to introduce speed limits around schools and residential areas. A reaffirmation by Tynwald in February 2023 strengthening Tynwald's mandate that: • 20mph should be rolled out across residential zones • Priority must be given to areas around schools • Higher limits may apply only on key distributor roads An implementation plan was approved by Tynwald in May 2025.																						
3.	Current Status The meeting had been arranged to review the 20mph scheme. This followed confirmation by the Chief Minister that the DOI would revisit all plans for the new 20mph scheme after a change in ministerial leadership. Minister Crookall subsequently announced that he would immediately pause the rollout. Minister Crookall stated that 95% of the public who contacted him did not support the 20mph scheme. KA advised that he had received limited negative feedback.																						

4.	Discussion AC asked what the immediate next steps for the scheme included. AC was advised that implementation works have been carried out in Port St Mary. Works, due to have started on Monday 19th January 2026 in Douglas and Onchan, have been paused. Analysis of the consultation carried out in the North has just been received back from the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL). JR advised that it was not possible to rescind the published TRO as all streets identified for 20mph were contained within a single Order. If the Order was rescinded all speed limits would be invalid; they would not revert to previous Orders. It was noted that traffic signs would remain as they are until such time as a decision has been made regarding road speed, whether to reduce to 20mph or retain the existing 30mph, as opposed to applying the previous directive of reducing all schools and residential areas to 20mph. KP advised that assessing individual roads would have an impact on the number of signs required and may also see the removal of some sign poles. It was noted that new housing estates predominantly introduce a 20mph speed limit. JR suggested that outer sections of residential areas could be reviewed and reconsidered with a focus on establishing a natural radius around towns. Alexander Drive, Quarterbridge and Woodbourne Road in Douglas were mentioned along with Lezayre Road in Ramsey and Main Road in Laxey. AC requested that the focus for implementation should now shift towards schools and care facilities with a policy direction drafted supporting this. No definition was provided for care facilities or what facilities should be considered. KA advised that plans can be revised to show clearly what roads will be included in the 20mph rollout and which are to be excluded. It was noted that primary and junior schools are primarily within residential areas and are likely already within a 20mph zone. For secondary schools zonal signage can be installed. A question was raised as to whether school signage on main roads should be used during term time only. JR advised that there were no time restrictions around TRO's and no implementation time. KA advised that the Highways Division would return to the planning stage, after which an updated implementation programme would be prepared along with updated maps. AC requested that the request from Ms Ann Corlett MHK for speed signage around Ballakermeen High School and the immediate area be reviewed and implemented first- to note. KA suggested that planning and re-design would take around 2 to 3 weeks. HG asked that TC be provided with the initial feedback from Local Authorities. – Action.
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	EC asked that a clear communication exercise be undertaken – KA / RB The meeting closed at 16.10hrs.
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