

13th July, 2021

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: SPEED LIMIT BYE LAWS 2017
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE REVIEW**

Dear Councillor,

Section 9 of The Road Traffic Act 2004 provides that the Minister of Transport may direct local authorities to adhere to these guidelines when setting speed limits. The "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" issued in 2015 details the process to be undertaken in order to review the speed limits within the area of responsibility for Local Authorities.

For Kilkenny County Council, the last review was commenced in 2015 and completed in 2017 and resulted in the Speed Limit Bye Laws becoming effective from 31st March 2017.

The guidelines include the following provision

- A. A requirement that the Local Authority's conduct a review of speed limits at least on a five yearly basis.
- B. Requires the TII to conduct a review of a speed limit at least a five yearly basis for consideration by Local Authority's. Local Authority's cannot make bye-laws relating to national roads without the written consent of the TII.
- C. Guidelines in the structure, management context and setting of speed limits (including temporary speed limit)

The 2017 Bye-Laws was a comprehensive review of speed limits and resulted in:

- changes to speed limits in some areas.
- Provision for 80kph on National Roads on sections not suitable for 100kph limits
- Implementation of 30kph speed limits for suitable housing estates.
- Implement of slow zones in housing estates
- Review of speed limits in areas where they have been queried

Members have been informed at Municipal District meetings of the commencement of the process, as have the Garda Commissioner and adjoining Local Authorities.

The review will commence in earnest in September 2021. The process and timelines will be considered by SPC 2 Transportation Policy, Mobility and Water Services in September, 2021.

We will revert to the members subsequent to this meeting with milestones and an exact timeline. It is envisaged that the entire process will take up to a year to complete with the expected date for adoption of the Bye Laws in Q3 2021.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Butler
Director of Services