

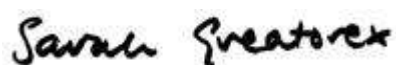
<b>Committee</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>9 November 2020</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>10</b>

### **To consider establishing a speedwatch scheme in Halstead**

Residents of Colchester Road in particular have requested the setting up of a speedwatch scheme in Halstead, to monitor the 4 entry roads to the town, where speeding often takes place. A resident has been identified to administer the scheme, and an appeal for volunteers will go out once the scheme is agreed. The administrator would need to ensure that log sheets are completed and then returned to the police for processing.

There would be a cost in buying the gun. Training would be given by the Fire Brigade. The scheme would need a minimum of 10 volunteers who would normally monitor in groups of 3.

**Recommendation:** that HTC considers the advertising of the speedwatch scheme in the Gazette, and the allocation of £2000 in the budget 21/22 to allow the speedwatch to be set up.



Sarah Greateorex Town Clerk

## Appendix – explanation from Essex Fire

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for your enquiry about starting up a speed watch group. We do have an extensive waiting list at the moment and unfortunately don't anticipate working with any new groups until 2021.

We have over 100 CSW groups across Essex with over 1,000 volunteers. Whilst we are always looking for new communities to work with, they must be able to commit to the following criteria:-

- Number of volunteers required : Minimum of ten, ideally more, as we recommend that monitoring takes place in groups of three.
- Commitment of volunteers : There are no restrictions and we ask volunteers to do whatever they feel comfortable with. Each group works their own rota depending on availability of volunteers.
- Coordinator : Each group will need a dedicated person to coordinate them. This person will be responsible for the equipment, the volunteers and ensuring log sheets are completed and returned to the police for processing.
- Sites : Ideally there should be a minimum of two sites within the community. These should be in a 30mph or 40mph zone. They must be evaluated and approved as being suitable for CSW activities. Sites must be visible, consideration must be given to the safety of volunteers and motorists when choosing sites. There must be a safe place to stand off the road which does not obstruct any pedestrian right of way. If there are no pavements you may be able to use a village green or wide verge. Access to that site must be safe, do not expect volunteers to walk along the road or put themselves at risk at any time. Where can volunteers park if they have to drive to the site? You don't want them parked in the line of vision? Signage needs to be placed approximately 100 meters in each direction and in a suitable location.
- Equipment : We can loan a device subject to funding where groups fulfil the criteria (we do however, currently have a waitlist). Hi-Vis jackets, signs and training will be provided.
- Monitoring : We would expect a minimum of two hours monitoring a week whenever possible. This can take place at any time during day light hours and subject to weather conditions. Volunteer safety is paramount and we ask you not to carry out monitoring during poor visibility or slippery road conditions.
- Objectives of CSW : To educate road users to speed restrictions and the effect that their speeding is having on local communities. All offenders recorded by CSW are processed by Essex Police and the car details are checked on the police system. A letter is sent for the first offence and second offence and on the third instance they are added to a tasking list to be dealt with by Essex Police Casualty Reduction department. Information provided may also be used for police intelligence.

If you wish to be added to the waiting list for new groups then please let me know.

Some groups choose to purchase their own speed monitoring devices. These are the prices:

**Unipar SL700 Laser**

Full List Price £2,225.00 - CSW price £2,100.00

**Genesis GHD Hand-held Radar**

Full List Price £1,050.00 – CSW price £999.00

Kind regards,

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