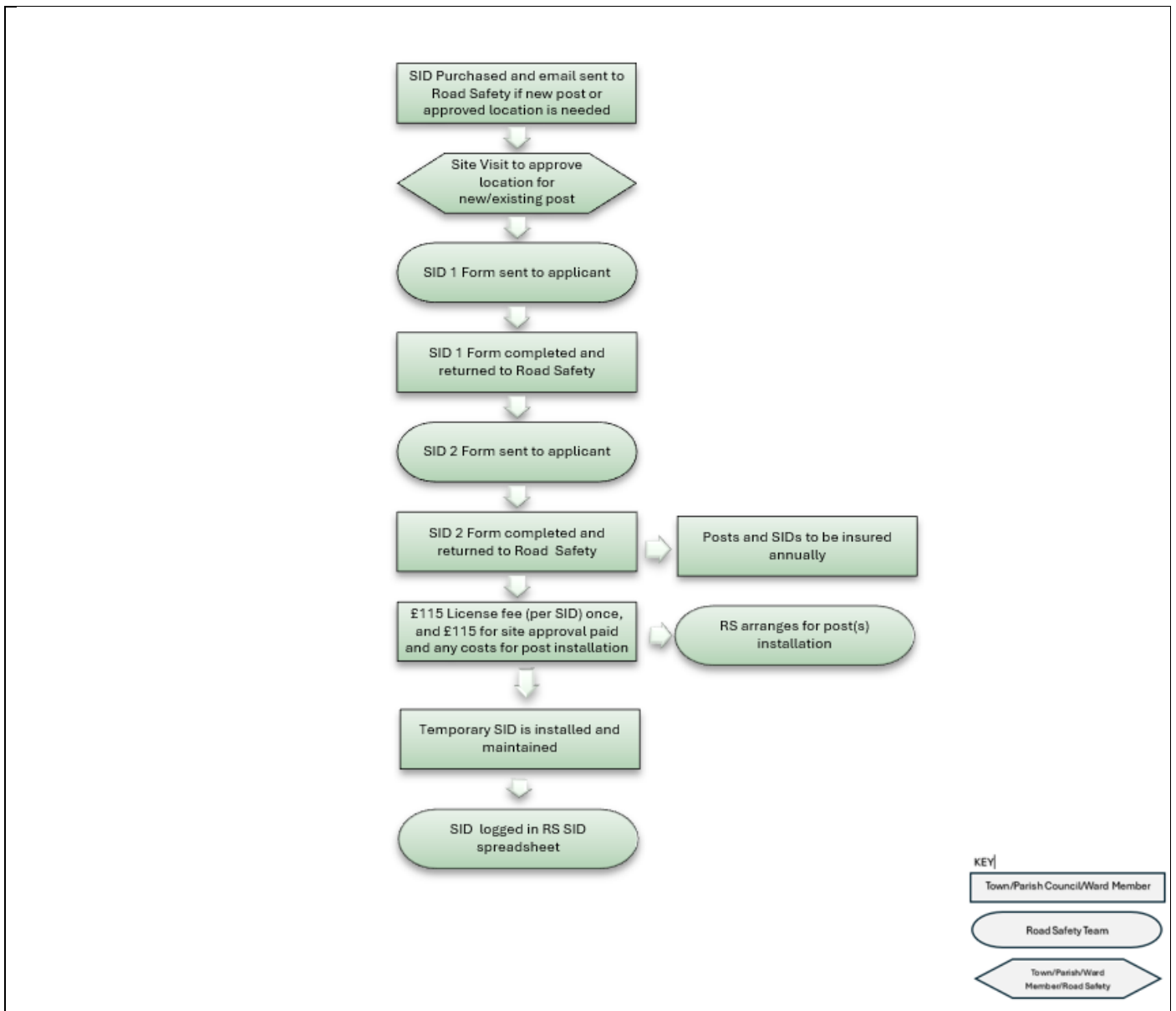


**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Community Committee		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	29 August 2024 7 pm	<b>LOCATION</b>	Congleton Town Hall
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	Jackie MacArthur – Communities and Marketing Manager and DCO		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>16 Speed Indication Device</b>		
<b>Summary</b>	<p>The Town Council has received several requests from people wanting Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) fitted on their roads. Although Road Safety is a Cheshire East function, and speeding is a criminal offence dealt with by the Police, the requests find their way to Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>The Town Council does not currently own any working Speed Indication Devices and those in existence in Congleton are owned by CEC (Park Lane, Padgbury Road, Biddulph Road, Leek Road, Sandbach Road).</p> <p>Speed Indication Devices are effective in warning drivers about their speed and usually result in drivers slowing down.</p> <p>The cost of purchasing a solar-operated device is around £3.5k. Gaining a suitable site with a power source is not practicable, which means that a solar-operated device is best. CEC Highways will charge £115 for a licence for the SID, and £115 for a consultation if the SID is to be relocated. CTC would be responsible for attaching the device and for insuring the device and the post. – see chart on the reverse of this paper.</p> <p>Road Safety is dealt with by this committee under the terms of reference and the purpose of this paper is to alert Councillors to the demand for SIDs and to seek guidance from the committee about whether the provision of SID cameras is something that they would like to see added to the business planning and budget setting. We do not currently have a budget for Speed Indication Devices. We have £1,000 in the Crime Prevention budget on top of the cost of paying for the CCTV cameras around the town to be monitored. Purchasing SIDs would be a capital expenditure, but this budget is also under pressure.</p>		
<b>Next Steps</b>	For Councillors to consider if we should be making budget provisions for adding Speed Indication Devices around Congleton.		
<b>Financial Implications</b>	Each camera is going to cost around £3.5k to purchase, with costs of around £500 assuming it is moved 4 times a year.		
<b>Environmental Implications</b>	The device would be solar-powered, but there will still be a carbon cost for the manufacturer and movement.		
<b>Equality and Diversity</b>	The product is aimed at reducing speeds, which has positive benefits for all sectors of our community, but especially for pedestrians and cyclists.		
<b>Decision Requested</b>	A view on whether Speed Indication Devices should be added to budget and business planning.		



Cheshire East Council’s flow chart for managing Speed Indication Devices. (April 2024)