

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16th September 2014



County Durham Road Casualty Reduction Forum

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Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Committee with information in advance of a presentation from Dave Wafer, Chair of the County Durham Road Casualty Reduction Forum on activity undertaken throughout 2014/15.

Background

2. At its meeting in June 2014, the Committee agreed its work programme that included an item on the County Durham Road Casualty Reduction forum. Information within the presentation contributes to the objective of 'Road Casualty Reduction' within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17 and quarterly performance reports received by the Committee that include the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions within County Durham.
3. The road casualty reduction forum reports to the Safe Durham Partnership and its membership includes representation from Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary, County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service and NHS organisations. In partnership, the forum undertake a range of activity that focus on education, engagement, engineering and enforcement and the Safe Durham Partnership Plan identifies the following key objectives:
 - a. Improve education and raise awareness of road safety;
 - b. Improve health and wellbeing of communities through casualty reduction, and
 - c. Develop a safer road environment.
4. The presentation to the Committee's meeting will provide Members with an update on current accident trends together with an overview of activity undertaken to deliver the above objectives and information on campaign activity throughout 2014/15.

Recommendation

5. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

None

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – None

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None