

# Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

22 September 2015

## County Durham Road Casualty Reduction Forum



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### Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

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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 and Acting Superintendent Alison Jackson, Durham Constabulary on activity undertaken throughout 2015/16.

#### Background

2. At its meeting in September 2014, the Committee received and responded to a presentation on work of the Road Casualty Reduction Forum during 2014/15. Within its response, the Committee noted positive initiatives that were taking place but raised concern to the number of people killed or seriously injured on the County's roads.
3. The Committee agreed its work programme in June 2015 and requested to include 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 2015-18 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 2015/16.

6. Members will also have the opportunity to see activity of the Forum's work being delivered at a 'Wisedrive' event for Year 11 pupils in October and 'Safety Carousel' for Year 5/6 pupils in November 2015.

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **Background Papers**

None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**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**