

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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County Durham Road Safety Partnership

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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 Safety Partnership on activity undertaken throughout 2017/18.

Background

2. The Committee agreed its work programme in June 2017 and requested to include an item on the County Durham Road Casualty Reduction Forum. Information within the presentation contributes to the objective of 'Develop a safer road environment' within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2016-19.
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. Road safety is a key objective for the Committee and receive quarterly performance reports. Members have also previously attended partnership events including WiseDrive and the Safety Carousel. Furthermore, the Committee took the lead for the overview and scrutiny review on implementation of 20 mph limits that was cited within the Council's submission that won a MJ (Municipal Journal) Award for Governance & Scrutiny in June 2016.
5. The presentation to the Committee's meeting will provide Members with detail on current accident trends together with an overview of activity undertaken to deliver the above objectives and information on campaign activity throughout 2017/18.

6. In addition, the presentation will also include an update from a Special meeting of the Committee held in December 2016 that focussed on partnership activity for 'Road Safety – Young Drivers and the Fatal Four'. The Committee was provided with an overview of current statistics, partnership activity including attitudes to driving and engagement with Area Action Partnerships. Within its response to the Partnership, the Committee made representation to aim for safer roads, the importance on focusing on this age group and in particular the accident causation factors of speeding, drink/drug driving and failing to look properly.

Recommendation

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

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