



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 14th September 2017

Wards Affected: All Wards in Torbay

Report Title: Road Safety Strategy 2017-2020

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide members with a revised Road Safety Strategy for Torbay, which is proposed to replace the existing Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 to reflect changes to service provision with regard to the delivery of road safety education.

2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 Members are recommended to support the adoption and publication of the proposed Road Safety Strategy 2017-2020 in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Action Needed

- 3.1 Following the support of the Working Party, the revised Road Safety Strategy will be published on the Torbay Council Website to replace the existing Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 and the Strategy is then adopted for future Service Delivery with affected stakeholders informed.

4. Summary

- 4.1 The existing Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 was presented to and supported by the Working Party in April 2013 and adopted for implementation.
- 4.2 Recent budget reductions have resulted in the loss of the Road Safety Team from the Highways Management Group and this will mean that Road Safety Education will not be delivered in the traditional manner. A revised Road Safety Strategy is therefore required to reflect the changes in service delivery.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 Road Safety in the UK is a statutory responsibility for local highway authorities under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, however it is for the highway authority to determine how Road Safety is provided.

- 5.2 The current Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 was presented to this Working Party in April 2013 where members supported its adoption for Road Safety delivery. The strategy has been published on the Torbay Council Website and has provided the strategy for Road Safety delivery since that time.
- 5.3 Following the approval of budget reduction proposals for 2017/18, the Road Safety Education Service ceased to be provided by the Authority from 1st April 2017 due to the loss of the relevant officer posts. This has meant that the Road Safety Strategy in place can no longer be delivered in full and therefore needs to be revised to reflect these service changes.
- 5.4 Much of the current Strategy does however remain relevant; however elements of Road Safety Education Service and associated campaigns are now to be delivered by posted information on the Torbay Council Website. The analysis of collision data and associated site reviews will continue to form the basis of any future road safety target areas.
- 5.5 Members are recommended to support this revised Strategy to ensure the continuation of the current road safety provision and continuation of on-going partnership arrangements.

6. Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 That the revised Road Safety Strategy 2017-2020 is supported and adopted for publication and delivery.
- 6.2 That the revised Strategy is not adopted.

7. Preferred Solution/Option

- 7.1 It is recommended that the option in item 6.1 above is supported.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 The current Road Safety Strategy was subject to consultation with stakeholders including the Police, Fire Service and Community Safety. There is no requirement to consult further at this stage, as the amendments only relate to services that are no longer being delivered by the authority.

9. Risks

- 9.1 Road Safety affects the whole community and our quality of life. If the revised Road Safety Strategy 2017-2020 is not supported, then the Strategy in place would not be deliverable in full, due to the loss of the Road Safety Education Service, resulting in likely reputational damage to the authority.
- 9.2 There is a risk that the loss of the Road Safety Education Service may have a detrimental impact on road collisions in future years.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Draft Road Safety Strategy 2017-2020

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

Report of Transport Working Party April 2013

Report of Transport Working Party September 2012

Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020