



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 25th April 2013

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Road Safety Strategy 2013 - 2020

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 Torbay Council will continue to improve the safety of all road users and as a priority those who are the most vulnerable i.e. pedestrians, cyclists, and powered two wheelers. This is reflected by the proposals contained within this Road Safety Strategy and one of Torbay Council's key priorities to 'Make Torbay a Safer Place'.

This will be achieved by the implementation of safety schemes, through education, training and publicity and working closely with our partners; the Police, Health Authority and other road user groups, including the voluntary and private sectors.

The journey to and from school will continue to feature heavily in a variety of awareness campaigns, as will training and engineering measures to further reduce child injury collisions.

2. Proposed Decision

- 2.1 It is recommended that members approve the proposals outlined under option 6.1 in this Issues Paper, to adopt and approve the publication of the Road Safety Strategy Report 2013-2020 .

3. Action Needed

- 3.1 That members adopt and approve the publication of the Road Safety Strategy Report 2013-2020.

4. Summary

- 4.1 Road Safety affects the whole community and our quality of life and it is through the involvement and actions of us all that we can achieve the targets set out in this Road Safety Strategy report.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 Torbay Council became a Unitary Authority in April 1998 and assumed responsibility as a Highway Authority, which also encompassed the provision of the road safety service.

Road Safety in Great Britain is a statutory responsibility for local Highway Authorities within section 39 of the 1988 Road Traffic Act.

Section 39 places a responsibility on Torbay Council to:-

- Carry out studies into collisions arising out of the use of vehicles on roads or parts of roads within their area.
- Take such measures, in the light of the results of those studies, as deemed appropriate to present such, including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of roads for which they are the Highway Authority and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads.
- Constructing new roads, taking such measures as appear to the Authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such collisions when the roads come into use.

- 5.2 The role of Road Safety forms an integral part of the Traffic and Development Team that operates within the Resident and Visitor Services unit.

Torbay Road Safety Team aims to maintain and improve Road Safety throughout Torbay through the structured delivery of focused programmes of Education, Training and Publicity and this Road Safety Strategy document, sets out the Council's response to national government policies and the needs of the local community.

- 5.3 The Road Safety Strategy identifies the means by which the Council intends to carry out its responsibilities. Road safety is a concern for the whole community and as such we are all responsible for the reduction of road traffic incidents.

Torbay Council through its elected representatives, its partnerships with other organisations and agencies plays a vital role in co-ordinating the activities of a wide range of groups within a shared set of aims and objectives.

6 Possibilities and Options

- 6.1 It is recommended that members adopt and approve for publication the Road Safety Strategy Report 2013-2020.

- 6.2 Do not approve the draft Road Safety Strategy Report 2011-2020.

7 Preferred Solution/Option

Members are recommended that the option in 6.1 above would be the most appropriate option.

8 Consultation

Following initial presentation to the Transport Working Party on 13th September 2013 further consultation with stakeholders including the Police, Fire Service and Community Safety has been undertaken and amendments made to the document.

9 Risks

Road Safety affects the whole community and our quality of life and it is through the involvement and actions of us all that we can achieve the targets set out in this Road Safety Strategy report. To not approve the Road Safety Strategy Report 2013 – 2020 for further consultation, may affect the safety of all residents within the bay area.

Appendices:

None

Additional Information:

None

Documents available in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Papers:

Governments strategic framework for Road Safety (May 2011).