



Title: **Road Safety Strategy 2011 - 2020**

Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **13th September 2012**

Key Decision: **No.** How soon does the decision need to be implemented **September 2012**

Change to Budget: **No** Change to Policy Framework: **No**

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1. What we are trying to achieve and the impact on our customers

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 the emerging Road Safety Strategy.

2. Recommendation(s) for decision

2.1 It is recommended that members consider the draft Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 and provide feedback before the document is published for consultation. Following further consultation with stakeholders, the report will be returned to the members for approval at a future meeting.

3. Key points and reasons for recommendations

3.1 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 emerging Road Safety Strategy.

For more detailed information on this proposal please refer to the supporting information attached.

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Supporting information

A1. Introduction and history

A1.1 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

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 focussed 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.

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.

A2. Risk assessment of preferred option

A2.1 Outline of significant key risks

A2.1.1 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. To not approve the Road Safety Strategy Report 2011 – 2020 for further consultation, may affect the safety of all residents

within the bay area.

A2.2 Remaining risks

A2.2.1 There are no other risks.

A3. Other Options

A3.1 Do not publish a road safety strategy.

A4. Summary of resource implications

A4.1 The processes within the Road Safety Strategy will be carried out by staff from within the Residents and Visitor Services Business Unit using existing resources.

A5. What impact will there be on equalities, environmental sustainability and crime and disorder?

A5.1 None

A6. Consultation and Customer Focus

A6.1 Further consultation with stakeholders will be undertaken prior to the Road Safety Strategy document being returned to the members for approval at a future meeting of the Transport Working Party.

A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?

A7.1 None.

A8. Appendices

None.

Documents available in members' rooms

None.

Background Papers:

Governments strategic framework for Road Safety (May 2011).