

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND</b>
<b>Meeting date: 29 January 2020</b>
<b>From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure</b>

## **ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**1.1** *The purpose of this Report is to raise awareness of the road safety management arrangements and activities that the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership currently has in place.*

### **2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

**2.1** *The proper management of road safety assists with the following aims:*

- *Customers: Putting our Customers at the heart of everything we do.*
- *Working Together: Working with partner organisations and communities to achieve shared aspirations.*
- *Enterprise and Efficiency: Exploring new ways to deliver services and maximise our resources.*
- *Prevention and Early Intervention: Acting early to achieve better Outcomes.*

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**3.1** *Members of the Local Committee are asked to note the information contained in this Report.*

### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

**4.1** The Cumbria Road Safety Partnership (the Partnership) has been in existence for more than a decade.

**4.2** The Partnership makes full use of information technology and has established a website which can be found at [www.crsp.co.uk](http://www.crsp.co.uk)

- 4.3 The home page of the CRSP website links to a *Useful Documents* page which contains the Annual Road Safety Plan 2019 to 2022 and other documents.
- 4.4 The Partnership operates mainly through its monthly tasking meeting referred to as CRASH (Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways).
- 4.5 The Agenda of the CRASH meetings and the CRSP Road Safety Plan 2019 to 2022 are attached to this report as appendices 1 and 2 respectively.
- 4.6 At the time of the production of this report the CRSP is considering new approaches which we hope will help to reduce road casualties. One of these is the possible adoption of Lancashire's *Safe Drive Stay Alive* initiative aimed at Young Drivers, which we recently piloted at the Rheged Centre. This initiative makes use of the experiences of those that have to deal with the aftermath of a road traffic collision e.g. a family liaison officer. It would compliment the road awareness training, (RAT) that we have provided for a number of years.
- 4.7 In addition to RAT, which we have recently reviewed and improved we also routinely provide those things which are detailed in the Road Safety Plan which includes efforts to promote these such as media releases and by the recommendations of local driving instructors.
- 4.8 The latest performance figures that we have available for the County are as below, which illustrates how this Local Committee compares with others.

<b>District</b>	<b>KSI</b>	<b>Slight</b>
Allerdale	73	270
Barrow	27	156
Carlisle	76	293
Copeland	41	181
Eden	57	186
South Lakes	70	252
<b>County Totals 2018</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1338</b>

## 5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the information contained in this Report.
- 5.2 Members may ask for more detailed information to be provided.

## **6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no direct resource or value for money implications arising from the recommendation to note this report.

## **7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The County Council is carrying out its statutory duty under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, as follows: -

The County Council must prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety, and may contribute towards the cost of measures for promoting road safety taken by other authorities or bodies.

The County Council must carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles on roads within their area.

The County Council must in the light of those studies, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents, 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 the maintenance of which they are responsible and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads, and

The County Council, in constructing new roads, must take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use.

## 8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report seeks to raise awareness of the current road safety management arrangements that the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership has in place.

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### APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - CRASH meeting Agenda  
Appendix 2 - CRSP Road Safety Plan 2019 to 2022

Electoral Divisions: All

Executive Decision 

	No
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Key Decision 

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan? 

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency? 

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained? 

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?  
If so, give details below. 

	No
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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken? 

	No	
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken? 

	No	
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***N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.***

### PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

No previous relevant decisions

## **CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers

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