

# ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016

## Carmarthenshire Road Safety Strategy

### To consider and comment on the following issues:

- The Scrutiny Committee is asked comment on and endorse the action measures outlined in the strategy which will make an overall positive contribution to road safety.

### Reasons:

- The Road Safety Framework for Wales, published in July 2013, sets new targets for casualty reduction to be achieved by 2020.
- The strategy is aimed at reducing the number of killed and serious injuries on Carmarthenshire's county roads in line with national casualty reduction targets.
- To formulate views for submission to the Executive Board for consideration.

**To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: YES**

**Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Hazel Evans (Technical Services )**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## Carmarthenshire Road Safety Strategy

### Introduction and Background

Carmarthenshire's second road safety strategy (2016 -2020) builds on the progress and understanding provided by the first strategy (2006 to 2010).

The strategy aims to help save lives and prevent serious injury by reducing the number and severity of road collisions on the county road network.

The road safety casualty reduction targets for 2020, by comparison to the average for 2004-2008, are: -

- 40% fewer people killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads
- 25% fewer motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads
- 40% fewer young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads.

The strategy will focus on the above targets to reduce death and serious injury on Carmarthenshire's county roads. The strategy will require a collaborative approach across a range of public safety agencies in Carmarthenshire. The County Council and its partners are committed to improving road safety for all users. The Road Safety Action Group (RSAG) brings together the partner agencies in Carmarthenshire and continues to deliver road safety engineering measures, education initiatives and enforcement action to reduce the risk to road users.

The partner agencies on the RSAG will promote and encourage good driver behaviour through educating road users and the re-engineering of the road scape and will penalise errant driving behaviour.

The road safety strategy aims to address key challenges over its life, namely: -

- Continue to reduce the number of road deaths and serious injuries,
- Rural road safety,
- Working to protect young persons and motorcyclists (road user groups at highest risk of sustaining injury),
- Reduce inappropriate and illegal road user behaviour including speeding, drink and drug driving, and careless and dangerous driving

- Protect pedestrians and cyclists,
- Improve our knowledge and understanding of casualty data to solve road safety problems,
- To implement the road safety strategy within existing resources

We will continue to invest in road safety through funding of road safety education, evaluation and engineering and continued support for enforcement action by the Police.

We will continue to engage in collaboration and partnership working to deliver road safety education initiatives and identify sites for enforcement and engineering intervention.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

**Signed:**            **Stephen G. Pilliner**            **Head of Transport & Engineering**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Road safety is one of the seven key priorities of the Carmarthenshire Community Safety Partnership.

## 2. Legal

The County Council has a statutory responsibility to improve road safety conditions by reducing collision rates on the county road network.

## 3. Finance

The road safety education and road safety engineering strategy components will be delivered within budgets available to the Transport & Engineering Division.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed:        Stephen G. Pilliner        Head of Transport & Engineering

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – Carmarthenshire Road Safety Action Group [Community Safety Partnership.
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:**

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire Integrated Community Strategy 2011-16	<a href="http://www.thecarmarthenshirepartnership.org.uk">www.thecarmarthenshirepartnership.org.uk</a>
Carmarthenshire’s Community Safety Plan	<a href="http://www.thecarmarthenshirepartnership.org.uk">www.thecarmarthenshirepartnership.org.uk</a>
Road Safety Framework for Wales	<p><b>Cymraeg</b>  <a href="http://gov.wales/docs/det/publications/130719delplan.cy.pdf">http://gov.wales/docs/det/publications/130719delplan.cy.pdf</a></p> <p><b>English</b>  <a href="http://wales.gov.uk/docs/det/publications/130719delplan.en.pdf">http://wales.gov.uk/docs/det/publications/130719delplan.en.pdf</a></p>