

**23 May 2019****Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****ROAD SAFETY****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Members' approval for the current approach taken to road safety
2. To seek Members' endorsement of the proposed developments in road safety for the future.

**Information**

3. Nottinghamshire County Council has worked in Partnership with Nottinghamshire Police since the 1970s to ensure our roads are as safe as possible. On behalf of the Police, the City Council and Highways England, NCC and their partners Via EM record and validate all road traffic accidents resulting in an injury to road users that are reported to the police and hold this information in a database that is consistent, regularly updated and available for everyone to use at a local and national level.
4. Nottinghamshire has a broad, multi-disciplinary approach to casualty reduction and has been successful in reducing the number of people killed or injured on our roads as a result of this. In addition to the highway engineering schemes, which are developed and delivered to address known injury accident hot spots, work is carried out in partnership with stakeholders such as the DfT, emergency services, and neighbouring authorities to develop programmes of road safety education and enforcement activities. The education, training and awareness raising programme is based on the concept of lifelong learning to ensure that it encompasses the issues faced by people of all ages at the appropriate time. This programme includes a range of evidence led road safety education and awareness raising activities to support national campaigns and to address identified local road safety and travel awareness issues. The camera enforcement activity is carried out through the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership, and targets locations which have a cluster of speed related collisions where someone was killed or seriously injured.
5. In 2000, central government set all highway authorities the task of reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured by 40% by 2010. A subset of this was to also reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured by 40%. This was achieved in Nottinghamshire. In 2010, central government cascaded responsibility for casualty reduction to a highway authority level and indicated local indicators should be set. NCC decided to retain the

previously set targets and go for a further 40% reduction in both categories by 2020, which we are currently on target to reach. These form part of the NCC strategic Key Performance Indicators which are reported to Committee.

6. To ensure injuries on our roads continue to fall, to complement the current suite of casualty reduction programmes a series of new activities are proposed. These will target:
  - 'Occupational road risk' and what can be achieved as an authority
  - Cycle training and further expansion of this service
  - Older road users and what can be done to assist our ageing population.
7. As 2020 approaches, it will be necessary to determine the casualty reduction vision for the authority beyond this date. A steer may be received from central government over the forthcoming year, or it may be a requirement of the local authority to set a goal and delivery action plan for the 10 year period from 2020 that will help meet the Council's strategic objectives relating to local transport, health, etc.
8. A presentation will be undertaken to include the Road Safety Outside Schools review. The presentation will provide further detail of information included in this report.

### **Other Options Considered**

9. Failure to target and address areas with known casualty problems through engineering, education or enforcement will result in more people being injured on Nottinghamshire's roads.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

10. The proposed programme of road safety work will further enhance the safety of road users in Nottinghamshire to meet the County Council's strategic objectives.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

12. Funding via income or external funding sources will enable the delivery of a larger programme of road safety education.

### **Public Sector Equality Duty implications**

13. All programmes detailed within this report comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty. An equality impact assessment was undertaken on the Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan 2011/12-2025/26 (which includes road safety strategy) in March 2011 to ensure that the strategy met the duty.

Equality impact assessment of individual programmes are also undertaken by project managers where necessary to ensure that they comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty, based on advice from the policy and equality officers. Such assessments include those undertaken on the Safer Roads Fund Bid (undertaken in April 2017).

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) It is recommended that Members consider the topics presented.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 09/04/2019)**

14. Communities and Place Review and Development Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report

### **Financial Comments (RWK 10/04/2019)**

15. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 12 of the report

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 'None' or start list here

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All